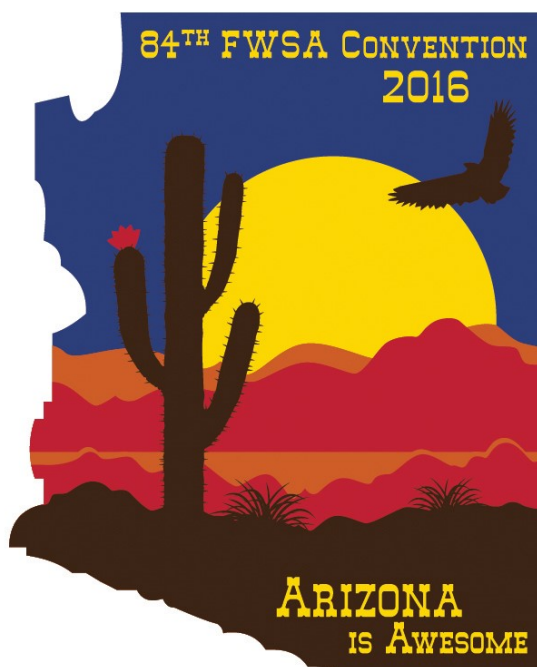




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“Arizona is Awesome” – Draft Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 9, 2016

8:00 am - 11:30 pm	Discover Old Town Scottsdale via Segway (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Brian Head Resort</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
8:45 am - 2:30 pm	Western Journey – Museum of the West & Fiesta Lunch (Optional Event)	Meet in Hotel Lobby
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration - Delegate Bags and Neck Wallets - <i>Sponsored by Nancy Greene's Cahilly Hotel & Suites</i> , Delegate Book - <i>Sponsored by Holiday Ski Tours</i>	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Scottsdale's Entertainment District Pub Crawl (Optional Event) <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.</i>	Meet-Grand Ballroom Foyer

Friday, June 10, 2016

5:45 am - 2:00 pm	10th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at McCormick Ranch Golf Club – Palm Course, Scottsdale (Optional Event), Shotgun Start at 7:00 am - <i>Sponsored by Atlantis Casino Resort Spa</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Silent Auction Set Up	Forum
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Spa Lamar Day (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company / Snowmass Tourism</i>	Spa Lamar
8:45 am - 2:30 pm	Experience Music of the World (MIM) & Kona Grill Lunch (Optional Event)	Meet in Hotel Lobby
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Pool Party - <i>Sponsored by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort & Hosted by Central Council Ski Clubs</i>	South Pool
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Registration and Set-Up	Forum
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only)	Four Peaks
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Industry Exhibitor Meeting	Forum
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only)	FWSA Suite #4115
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Convention 101 Meeting for New Convention Delegates	Chaparral
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Ski Club Happy Hour (No Host)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party - <i>Sponsored by Telluride Ski Resort</i> , Beer Service <i>Sponsored by Ski.Com</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Taos Ski Valley</i>	Forum
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	31st Annual Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show - Musical Entertainment by DJ Mikey Pro	Forum
10:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Exhibitor Booth Breakdown	Forum

Saturday, June 11, 2016

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area</i>	Forum
8:00 am - 8:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session	Forum
8:45 am - 10:25 am	Travel Expo - Grand Prize - Far West Ski Week - <i>Sponsored by FWSA</i>	Grand Ballroom
8:45 am - 12:15 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i>	Prescott
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations - 2018 FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Chaparral
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - “Who Are You, and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand”	Rattlers
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Bouchon
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation - Luncheon <i>Sponsored by Vail Resorts</i> , Wine <i>Hosted by Pillsbury Wine Company</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Big Sky Resort</i> , Beer Service <i>Sponsored by Sports America Tours</i> , Western Ski Heritage Award <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> , Safety Person of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Telluride & Mountain Lodge Telluride</i> ,	Forum
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Keynote Speaker - Jordan Romero, Youngest Mountain Climber to Reach the World's 7 Highest Peaks <i>Sponsored by Mt. Bachelor, DoubleTree by Hilton Bend and Riverhouse on the Deschutes</i>	Forum
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy – “Safe Travels on the Slope”	Rattlers
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Bid Presentations - 2018 FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Chaparral
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Bouchon
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus - LAC / Orange / Arizona BAC / Central / Sierra Intermountain / Northwest / San Diego / Direct Members	Bouchon Rattlers Chaparral
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	Forum
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance “Denim and Diamonds” – Wine Hosted by <i>Breckenridge Ski Resort and Aspen Skiing Company</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Boise Convention & Visitors Bureau and Boise Centre</i> , Councils' Man & Woman of the Year <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i> , Musical Entertainment by DJ Mikey Pro	Forum

Sunday, June 12, 2016

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener - <i>Sponsored by FWSA & Hosted by Arizona Ski Council</i>	FWSA Suite #4115
8:30 am - 10:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Elections	Forum
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch <i>Sponsored by Brundage Mountain Resort</i> - Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities Award, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway	Forum
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	FWSA General Meeting Continued	Forum
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	FWSA Board of Trustees and Board of Directors Meetings	Sonora/San Carlos

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

Panels / Snowsports Celebrities Multi-Media / Caucuses

Schedule Saturday June 11, 2016

	Travel Expo	Panel Sessions	Lunch	Panel Sessions	Council Caucuses
Room	8:45 am - 10:25 am	10:30 am - 12:15 pm	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	4:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Grand Ballroom	Travel Expo				
Forum Ballroom			Lunch & Keynote Speaker		
Bouchon		Public Affairs Panel		Public Affairs Panel	Los Angeles/Orange/Arizona
Rattlers		Snowsports Leadership Academy		Snowsports Leadership Academy	Bay Area/Central/Sierra
Chaparral		Ski Week Bid Presentations (closed session)		Ski Week Bid Presentations (closed session)	Northwest/San Diego/Intermountain/Direct Members
Prescott	Councils' Man & Woman Judging (closed session)	Councils' Man & Woman Judging (closed session)			

Please note that this is a preliminary list of invited guests, presenters/speakers, topics and rooms, which is subject to change.

10:30 am - 12:15 pm - Snowsports Leadership Academy and Public Affairs Panel Sessions

Snowsports Leadership Academy – “Who Are You, and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand” - Rattlers

Speaker: Todd Hood

Todd Hood has been a member of the Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena since 1991, and is currently the Vice President of Membership for the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs. He also serves as the Operations Improvement Chair of the Western Region of the National Brotherhood of Skiers. He is driven by continuous improvement and seeks opportunities to optimize processes. His career has included working for five Fortune 500 companies, responsible for change management and transformation leadership. Because those are his passions, Todd consistently takes up the banner to facilitate continuous improvement workshops. He is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Industrial Engineering, and earned his MBA in International Finance at the Marshall School of Business at USC.

Public Affairs Panel - Bouchon

Moderator: Mike Sanford, FWSA VP of Public Affairs

Scheduled Speakers include: Bob Salerno, World Champion Aerial Skier and filmmaker; Billy Kidd, 1964 Olympic Silver Medalist; Jimmie Nunn, Architect and volunteer involved in the early development of the Arizona Snowbowl; and Bob Wilbanks, Founder and Publisher, National Ski Club Newsletter. Topics may include ski resort development including environmental impacts, how snowsports enthusiasts can impact development issues, ski area trends, forest service trends, the effect of diversity and demographics on skier/boarder numbers, the impact of downturns, adaptive sports, and the role of FWSA.

1:30-2:30 PM - FWSA Keynote Speaker - Forum

Convention Keynote Speaker Jordan Romero, became the youngest person to summit Mount Everest, at 13 years old. At the age of 15 years, he climbed Vinson Massif, becoming the youngest climber in the world to complete the Seven Summits. Jordan attends college in Utah and works two jobs, while pursuing the sport of free-skiing. He has also taken on huge charity efforts with Water Missions, an international organization working to install sustainable water-treatment solutions around the world. His presentation is on “Leadership”. He carves time out to participate in several speaking and appearance events each year. Let’s all find our own Everest through Jordan’s inspiration and leadership.

2:40-4:00 PM - Snowsports Leadership Academy - “Safe Travels on the Slope” - Rattlers

Speaker: Richard Lubin & Barbara Razo

The Snowsports Leadership Academy afternoon session is “Safe Travels on the Slopes”. This high enthusiasm presentation will be presented by “The Snowboarding Chiropractor”, Richard Lubin, DC., FWSA Safety Chair, and Barbara Razo a 15-Year National Ski Patrol (NSP) volunteer at Snow Summit. Salient topics in safety will be discussed, and there will be ample audience participation. Per Richard, “Watch all sides - we expect few injuries.” Barbara will cover “In Case of Emergency” topics, such as preparation prior to ascending into altitude, muscle and joint protection, hard goods equipment check, first responder first aid, mountain trails vs war zone, and chair evacuation.

Public Affairs Panel – Bouchon

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4:15-5:30 PM - Council Caucuses

LAC / Orange / Arizona - Bouchon

BAC / Central / Sierra - Rattlers

Intermountain / Northwest / San Diego / Direct Members - Chaparral

Council delegates meet to hear from candidates running for the open FWSA offices. After the candidate presentations, the delegates will discuss the various candidates in preparation for voting on Sunday morning.

Snowsports Leadership Academy

The Snowsports Leadership Academy is a FWSA education program designed to provide FWSA members training and tools to enhance and expand ski clubs and be recognized industry wide as having a measure of standards and consistency. All attendees of the Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions receive a certificate of attendance. You do not want to miss these well presented, informative and timely sessions.

Snowsports Leadership Academy Sessions Modules include:

2008 – Module 1: “I’m Elected, Now What”
Module 2: “Now you Have Them, How do you Keep Them”

2009 – Module 3: “Travel Wise – Smart Tips for Trips”
Module 4: “Risky Business – A Slippery Slope”

2010 – Module 5: “Ethics – Doing the Right Thing”
Module 6: “Tech Works – Building Your Club Using the Social Media”

2011 – Module 7: “Skiing Equipment Design: Getting the Right Fit”
Module 8: “Building Membership Through Racing”
“Taking Office, Now What”?

2012 – Module 9: “The Future Is Now”
Module 10: “Marketing, Mentoring, Media”

2013 – Module 11: “Make Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done”
Module 12: “Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club”

2014 – Module 13: “Get the Latest on Snowsports Equipment”
Module 14: “Avalanche Safety – Are You Prepared?”

2015 – Module 15: “Improving Social Media Savvy”
Module 16: “Latest Technologies in Winter Equipment?”

2016 – Module 17: “Who Are You, and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand”
Module 18: Safe Travels on the Slope

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Saturday, June 11, 2016

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 AM Call to Order (Steve Coxen)

Introduction of Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, Council Presidents, FWSA Appointed Representatives and Special Guests.

Credentials Committee Report (Jane Gutierrez)

Nominations Committee Report (Sylvia Kearns)

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Report (Gene Fulkerson)

Industry Marketing & Sponsorships Report (Debbi Kor)

Silent Auction Report (Jeannine Davis)

Travel Expo Report (Fran Long)

RECESS FOR TRAVEL EXPO

8:45 AM – 10:25 AM Travel Expo (Fran Long)

Sunday, June 12, 2016

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

8:30 AM Call to Order (Steve Coxen)
Order and timeframe of Sunday session to be determined by the FWSA President

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM FWSA General Meeting and Election of Officers

Secretary's Report (Linda Foster)
Approval of Minutes from 2015 Annual Meeting

Credentials Committee Report (Jane Gutierrez)

Parliamentarian's Report (John Watson)

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Bylaws Report (George Kish)

Nominations of Candidates for Office and Elections (Linda Westlund)

Speeches by candidates
(2 minutes time limit each)

Election and voting for President, Trustees, and Officers

Resolutions (Randy Lew)

10:30 AM RECESS FOR BRUNCH
Club & Council Communication Awards
Charities Award & Club History Award

11:30 AM GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL SESSION
(Continued)

Treasurer's Report (Randy Lew)

Board of Trustees Report (Gloria Raminha)

Industry Sponsorship/Silent Auction
(Debbi Kor & Jeannine Davis)

FWSA Officers' Reports (FWSA VPs)

FWRA President Report (Bob Ellis)

FWSA 2017 Convention Report
(Jane Wyckoff & Michael Bouton)

Old Business (Steve Coxen)

New Business (Steve Coxen)

Introduction of Newly Elected Officers and Trustees (Steve Coxen)

Adjournment (FWSA President)

Welcome

Steve Coxen, President, Far West Ski Association

I am excited to welcome you to the 84th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention in “Awesome” Scottsdale, Arizona. We are hosted by Arizona Ski Council and our venue is the beautiful DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley. You will have the opportunity to have fun, see old friends and make new ones. You will learn new things at our Snowsports Leadership Academy, visit with our snowsports industry partners, meet snowsports celebrities and much more. Our FWSA Convention has something for everyone. Enjoy your weekend.

Please give a big thank you to our FWSA Convention Committee and all of the Arizona Ski Council volunteers who have worked many hours to make the 2016 Convention a success. I specifically want to thank Linda Westlund and Arleigh Meiners. Linda is the Host Council Convention Chairperson and Arleigh is the Arizona Ski Council President. Both Linda and Arleigh have worked very hard to assemble a wonderful group of volunteers. Review the list of Convention Volunteers and VIPs in the Delegate Book and thank them whenever you get the opportunity.

Jane Wyckoff, our FWSA Convention Chairperson, has been organizing our conventions for so many years that she makes it look easy. The keys to her success are her superb organization skills, her attention to detail, and the excellent team she has working with her. I would like to applaud Barbara Razo for coming back this year after a long absence to assist Jane. Barbara has been instrumental in securing our keynote speaker Jordan Romero.

Other kudos go to Debbi Kor, FWSA VP of Marketing, for her work securing sponsorships. Debbi's relationships in the snowsports industry are unparalleled. Jeannine Davis is back for a second year as Silent Auction Coordinator and Fran Long is new to leading our Travel Expo. Jo Simpson has stepped up again to edit the Convention Delegate Book. Catherine Ohl has done an excellent job as our FWSA Awards Chairperson, overseeing the awards nomination process and the voting. Catherine is also the creator and editor of our annual Convention Awards Book, creator of the media portion of our Awards presentation program, and designer of our Convention promotional materials and forms.

If this is your first FWSA Convention, make sure you plan to attend Convention 101 on Friday at 5:00pm. Jane Gutierrez, FWSA VP of Membership, will explain everything you need to know about our annual conventions. Jane is also in charge of our Snowsports Leadership Academy with two very interesting sessions on Saturday. The title of the morning session is “Who Are You, and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand”. Todd Hood, a dynamic speaker, will teach clubs how to market their best attributes. The title of the afternoon session is “Safe Travels on the Slopes”. Richard Lubin, DC, FWSA Safety Chair, and Barbara Razo, Snow Summit volunteer ski patroller, will discuss topics on snowsports safety and what to do in case of an emergency.

Mike Sanford, FWSA VP of Public Affairs, is host of our Public Affairs Forum on Saturday. Mike has assembled an excellent panel of speakers to discuss current issues affecting skiers, ski area operators, forest management, climate change and the FWSA Public Affairs Program.

Our keynote speaker is Jordan Romero, an American mountain climber who, on May 22, 2010, became the youngest person to summit Mount Everest. He was just 13. Jordan became the youngest person to complete the Seven Summits at the age of 15 in 2011. He is now attempting to climb the highest peak in each of the 50 states.

No convention is complete without our annual elections which will be held on Sunday. Our councils will caucus on Saturday afternoon and candidates for office will visit each caucus to discuss their qualifications and answer questions. You should attend your caucus to learn more about FWSA leadership. You might be motivated to run for a position yourself.

The annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening and the theme is “Denim and Diamonds” so be creative with your attire. We will have a wonderful dinner as we recognize special achievements in our snowsports community and the industry. This is our way of thanking all of the hard working individuals who contribute so much to improve our snowsports experience.

A big thanks to all of you for attending our 2016 Convention. I hope to see you on the slopes next season, on one of our adventure trips, and at the 2017 FWSA Convention in Boise, Idaho.



DOUGLAS A. DUCEY
GOVERNOR

STATE OF ARIZONA
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 2016

Welcome!

As Governor of the State of Arizona, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 Far West Ski Association Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Far West Ski Association is a non-profit organization established in 1930 and composed of Ski Councils throughout the Western United States, including Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii. The theme of this year's convention - "Arizona Is Awesome."

Arizona is a place of opportunity for all as you can see. People from all over the world come to see this amazing oasis in the desert and I hope while you are here you can enjoy all that Arizona has to offer. Our landscapes are incredible with the Grand Canyon, the saguaro forests, and the majestic red rocks of Sedona to name a few. Old West and Native American heritages contribute to a unique blend of contemporary and traditional cultures, celebrating Arizona's past and present that are world renowned by art enthusiasts.

Once again, welcome and enjoy your visit to the Grand Canyon State!

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
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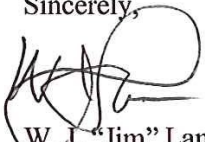
WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE

As the Mayor of the City of Scottsdale, I am pleased to welcome you to the Far West Ski Association 84th annual convention being held June 9-12, 2016, at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley – Scottsdale. We are pleased to share with you the beauty and vitality of the "West's Most Western Town." I wish you a productive and successful convention.

While you are here, I encourage you to experience all that Scottsdale has to offer. Take a hike through the natural desert landscapes of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, experience the Scottsdale Mall Civic Center, Fashion Square, Waterfront, Scottsdale's Museum of the West, and Old Town Scottsdale where you may visit our fine shops, art galleries and experience some of Scottsdale's excellent restaurants. Award-winning service, first-rate amenities, and Old West charm combined with New West sophistication await you in the welcoming oasis of our Southwestern city.

We look forward to helping make your 2016 conference a success and hope you will visit again soon.

Sincerely,



W.J. "Jim" Lane
Mayor



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84th Annual FWSA Convention

by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 84th 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 2016-2017.

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Since 2000, **Steamboat** has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, a tour and half day lesson.



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Since 2001, **Big White Ski Resort** has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging and lift tickets to the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year winners.



Grouse Mountain Lodge



Athletic Scholarships

Since 2004, funds for the scholarships are provided through contributions from **Whitefish, Grouse Mountain Lodge and Karbon**.



Safety Award

Telluride and Mountain Lodge are the sponsors of the Safety Award. They are offering a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, rentals, and 4-day lift tickets.

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Thursday Morning



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Thursday evening



Golf Tournament
Friday Morning



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Friday Morning



Spa Lamar
Friday Morning



Pool Party
Friday Afternoon



Silent Auction
Welcome Party
Friday Evening



Silent Auction
Beer Service
Friday Evening



Silent Auction
Wine Service
Friday Evening



Continental Breakfast
Saturday Morning



Luncheon
Saturday



Wine Donor
Saturday Lunch



Wine Service
Saturday Lunch



Beer Service
Saturday Lunch



Keynote Speaker
Saturday Afternoon



Keynote Speaker
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Keynote Speaker
Saturday Afternoon



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Saturday Evening



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Saturday Evening



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Saturday Evening



Eye Opener Host
Sunday Morning



Brunch
Sunday Morning

Silent Auction & Travel Expo 2016 Participants

by Jeannine Davis and Fran Long

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Deer Valley Resorts, UT
Destination Snowmass, CO
DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel
Paradise Valley, AZ
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Canada
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada
Girolibero Tours, Italy
Grand Targhee Resort, WY

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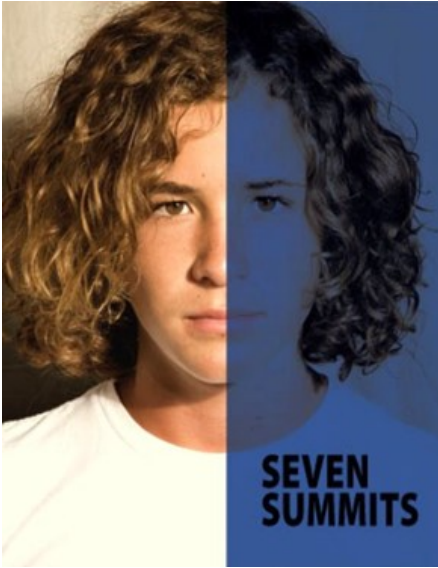
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The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT
The Transportation Network, UT
Turquoise Bay Dive & Beach Resort,
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Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Winter Park Resort, CO
Wyndham Vacation Rentals, CO

Convention Volunteer VIPs

Far West Ski Association President	Steve Coxen
FWSA Convention Chairperson	Jane Wyckoff
Host Council Convention Coordinator	Linda Westlund
Convention Sponsorship Chairperson	Debbi Kor
Silent Auction / Travel Expo	
Silent Auction Chairperson	Jeannine Davis
Travel Expo Chairperson	Fran Long
Silent Auction / Travel Expo Administrative Support	Barb Razo
Silent Auction Accounting	Cindy Krupp
Travel Expo Prize Donations	Debbi Kor
Silent Auction Bid Runners Coordinator	Robb Margrave
Host Council Silent Auction Volunteer Coordinator	Ron McCorkle
Auctioneer	Mike Bouton
FWSA Awards	
Service Awards Chairperson	Catherine Ohl
Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson	Crissymarie King
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition	
Chairperson	Gene Fulkerson
Reception Hostess	Candee Marsh Hull
Graphics and Design, Pins, Shirts	Catherine Ohl
Council Recorder & Order Coordinator	Lee Lambie
Council Volunteer Coordinator	Arleigh Meiners, Bonnie West
Registration	
Convention Delegate Registrar	Karen James
Registration Tote Bags	Karen Bonine
Delegate Registration Volunteer Coordinator	Bonnie West
Celebrity Guests and VIP Registration	Randy Lew
Celebrity Guests and VIP Hostess	Barbara Lee Blase
FWSA Convention Treasurer	Cindy Krupp
Snowsports Leadership Academy, Credentials Chairperson	Jane Gutierrez
Optional Events	
Western Journey Museum	Dodi Bailey
Scottsdale Tour via Segway	Wanda Himler
Scottsdale Pub Crawl	Arleigh Meiners
10 th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament	William Risk
World Music Experience	Carla Kramer, Marie Grillo
Spa Lamar Day	Judy Upton
Pool Party	Fran Long
Ski Club Welcome Party	William Risk
Transportation Coordinator	Arleigh Meiners
Social Events	Wanda Himler, Marge Fons
Publicity	Tim Avedovech
Convention Videos	George Stewart
Photographer's Assistant / Scribe	Maxine Hanlon
Entertainment and Awards Banquet Decorations Coordinator	Marge Fons
FWSA Event Signage Coordinator	Debbi Kor
Convention Website - Webmaster, Convention Multimedia Presentations	Catherine Ohl
Delegate Book Editor	Jo Simpson
Nominations	Sylvia Kearns
Elections	Linda Westlund, Tom Bundgard
Parliamentarian	John Watson
Resolutions	Randy Lew
Convention Photographer – <i>Azy's Photography</i>	Azy Scotten
Awards Banquet DJ – <i>Mikey Pro</i>	Michael Protocollo
Signage - <i>Starbright Creations</i>	Emilio Trampuz

Jordan Romero

Youngest Person to Climb Mount Everest



Jordan Romero was born July 12, 1996. He was raised in Big Bear, California which became his ultimate training grounds. On May 22, 2010, he became the youngest person to climb Mount Everest. He was 13 years old when he reached the summit.

Jordan was accompanied by his father Paul Romero, his step-mother Karen Lundren and three Sherpas, Ang Pasang, Lama Dawa and Lama Karma. The first thing he did was call his Mom, Leigh Anne Drake, and his little sister

Makaela from the top of the world.

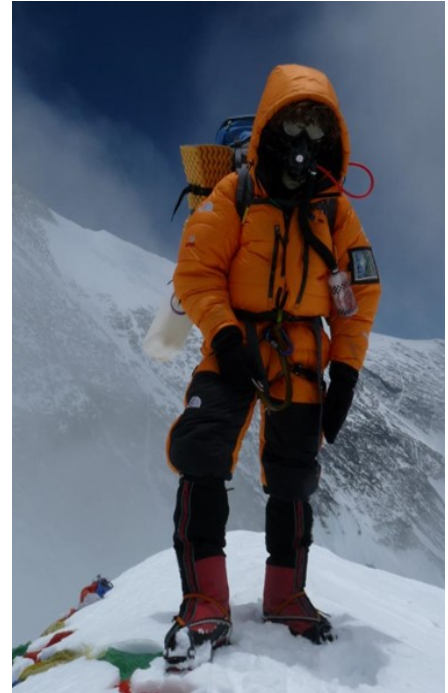
Jordan's inspiration was instilled when he was in elementary school and passed a wall mural in the hallway that had the seven continents' highest mountains. He told his Dad that he wanted to climb those mountains.

With hundreds, thousands of hours of training, preparation and crowdsource funding it was so that he became an American Mountain Climber. In December 2011, he climbed Vinson Massif, becoming the youngest climber in the world to complete the Seven Summits, at the age of 15 years, 5 months, 12 days.

Jordan's new home base is Utah where he is attending college and working two jobs, while pursuing the sport of free-skiing.

He has also taken on huge charity efforts with Water Missions, an international organization working to install sustainable water-treatment solutions around the world.

"This is an act to give back to the country with some of the most friendly, peaceful and hospitable people I've ever met in all my travels. Clean, safe water is a basic human right," says Jordan on a very personal level of his beloved country Nepal.



Jordan carves time out to participate in several speaking and appearance events each year. We are honored to have him as our Keynote Speaker and look forward to following his many life accomplishments for years to come . . .

Let's all find our own Everest through Jordan's inspiration and leadership.

Todd Hood

“Who Are You and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand”

Todd Hood has been a member of the Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena since 1991, and is currently the Vice President of Membership for the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.

He also serves as the Operations Improvement Chair of the Western Region of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, where he was recently elected to serve as Treasurer.

He is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Industrial Engineering, and received an MBA in International Finance at the Marshall School of Business at USC.

Todd describes his workshop as follows – “Perception is Everything, but whose perception counts? When you are a ski club/council leader, you are beholden to a lot of stakeholders. Your founders, past members, current mem-

bers, and prospective members all may have varying needs, and at some times, conflicting needs.

“But, members are not the only stakeholders for most clubs and councils. Community supporters, potential donors, civic leaders, the media and ski industry organizations may all be ‘looking’ at you at any time.

“Even those few detractors on the sidelines are watching. Who you ‘appear to be’ may sometimes count more than ‘who you are’. That said, due to social media and technology, you are not in total control of your brand.”

This insightful exchange will inform ski club and council leaders on how to manage the brand of their organization with the myriad of stakeholders that are watching. Although organization leaders do not have total control of their



brand, it is upon you to control what you can. Prepare to take notes and take charge.

Barbara Razo & Richard Lubin, D.C.

Safe Travels on the Slopes



The Snowsports Leadership Academy afternoon session “Save Travels on the Slopes” will be led by Barbara Razo and Richard Lubin, D.C., FWSA Safety Chair.

Born to a mother who was an accomplished alpine patroller, Barbara grew up in the skiing environment and early on gained a long standing love and respect for skiing and snowsports.

Barbara has dedicated the last 16 snow seasons to becoming a well trained and highly respected volunteer member of the Big Bear Valley National Ski Patrol for Snow Summit and Bear Mountain located in Big Bear, California.

She began serving as a Room Lead in the patrol’s aid room after only a few years on patrol, and she continues to do so, coordinating and facilitating the care of ill and injured guests, and effectively managing the flow of activity in the aid room.

Barbara mentors new patrollers in the aid room and assists with training new patrol candidates.

She was named the NSP SoCal Region Patroller of the Year in 2008 and 2016. In 2007, she raised more than \$160,000 for the construction of the Jay Otto Patrol Station at Snow Summit, and in 2008 was the 2nd Runner Up for National Patroller of the Year. Barbara is a certified EMT.

Richard Lubin, D.C. is the FWSA Safety Chair. In 2003 Dr. Lubin and

Mike Sanford wrote the charter for the Safety Committee. He was a two time safety award winner prior to his being named the Safety Chair. He has authored many novel safety articles in the *Far West Skiers Guide* and elsewhere.



Billy Kidd

1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist



When you think of legends in American skiing the name **Billy Kidd** is at the top of the list. He and teammate Jimmie Heuga became the first American men to win Olympic medals in alpine skiing — a silver for Kidd and a bronze for Heuga in the slalom at Innsbruck, Austria.

Although his racing is confined mainly

to the “Legends Races” now, he continues his involvement in the sport as Director of Skiing at Steamboat; TV commentator at the Olympics; Head Skiing Coach for Special Olympics as well as equipment design, books, videos and movies.

Kidd grew up in Stowe, Vermont and raced internationally for nine years on the U.S. Ski Team. While racing, he studied at the University of Colorado and graduated in 1969 with a degree in economics.

In the 1964 Olympics, Billy marked yet another “first” for American men by becoming the first person to win both Amateur and Pro World Championships in a single year-1970. Kidd went on to win the Amateur World Championship in Val Gardena, Italy. Then Billy turned pro and two weeks later won the World Pro Championships.

Billy has made his home Steamboat Springs, Colorado since 1970 and spends much of the winter as Director of Skiing at the Steamboat Ski Area and running his Billy Kidd Performance Center.

Billy also leads Steamboat’s Ute Future Olympian program, which brings Native American youngsters from Utah reservations to Steamboat, where they build self-confidence by learning to ski and snowboard. His efforts with Native American youth earned him the Texaco Star Regional Award.

Because his Olympic teammate and long-time friend Jimmie Heuga had MS, Kidd is also involved in fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis and is on the board of directors of the Jimmie Heuga Center for the Reanimation of the Physically Challenged, now known as Can Do MS.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Olympic Silver Medalist, Slalom, 1964
- World Champion, Amateur and Professional, 1970
- Far West Ski Association Hans Georg Award, 1970
- National Ski Hall of Fame Inductee, 1976
- Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, 1995
- Texaco Star Award Regional Finalist, 2000

- The Bertolucci/*Newsweek Magazine* - Spirit of Skiing Award, 2001
- The Jimmie Heuga Center Can-Do Award, 2003
- Far West Ski Association President’s Award, 2004
- CBS-TV Commentator
- Contributing Editor, *Skiing Magazine*
- Director of Skiing, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation
- Advisor, President’s Council on Physical Fitness & Sports

- Head Ski Coach, Special Olympics International.
- National spokesman, Donate-A-Ski/Donate-A-Board
- Author of three books, including: *Billy Kidd’s Ski Racing Book*, plus Billy Kidd’s Ski Racing Video.
- Rolex Junior Skiing Ambassador
- *Sports Illustrated* Cover Image: Dec. 2003, Feb. 1968, March 1965

Bob Salerno

World Champion Aerial Skier

Growing up in the 70’s when freestyle skiing was born, Bob Salerno was a household name. Arriving on the Pro Freestyle Circuit in 1974, he won such a high percentage of competitions that it was chronicled in the movie “Winter Equinox.”

Among his accomplishment he earned international acclaim as; World Super Hotdog Champion; Aerial World Champion; Professional Freestyle Champion; and two-time Mogul Enduro World Champion. Ski magazine featured Salerno as Hotdogger of the Year, and as a Legend of Freestyle. He was inducted in Utah’s Ski Hall of Fame in 2001 and the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in 2015.

His history is of freestyle greatness and pioneering spirit. From that point to today, Salerno has served as coach, mentor and trainer bringing thousands of people to the sport of skiing and snowboarding. Iconic national ads featured him including Bogner, McDonalds and Right Guard.

In 1978, inverted jumps were banned in the United States. Salerno responded with the development of a water ramp and an on-snow jump, pushing aerials beyond its limits and resulting in the first triple twisting triples at Nordic Valley, Utah.

As founder of Virtual Snow Ski & Snowboard Training in Los Angeles, he spent years writing, filming and developing a video system for training on simu-



lators. Virtual Snow now has locations nation-wide (and Canada) including Mountain High California Snowsports School. He has well over 10,000 hours teaching all ages on his system and on the snow.

Bill Berry Award—Hard News Linda McGavin, Editor "Northwest Snowsports Guide"



Linda McGavin has been Northwest Ski Club Council Director of Communications for many years. She is the founder and creator of the council's annual publication, *Northwest Skiers' Directory*.

Under the supervision of Linda as editor, the first Directory was published in 1984-1985. It is now in its 32nd season. Last season the name of the Directory was changed to *North-*

west Snowsports Guide, to embrace the multiple types of snowsports.

The Guide began as a resource for ski clubs, ski areas, and ski schools, for club members, as well as the general skiing public. Early guides were printed in black and white with listings of clubs, ski areas and schools.

As editor, Linda has brought the publication into the modern world as a robust guide. It is filled with interesting storytelling on many aspects of skiing and boarding. The Guide often features one or more articles by Linda.

In the early nineties, the format changed from just listings of clubs, ski areas and schools and historical information about NWSCC, to adding several human interest articles. Linda wrote a feature article, "*Heli-Skiing: The Ultimate Ski Trip*." A week in the Bugaboos with your ski club will do the trick—she really wanted to share that type of exhilarating skiing experience with everyone.

Over the past 20 years Linda has written feature articles each year. Topics included NWSCC programs such as

NW Snowsports Advocates, NW Ski Challenge, Champions of the NW, scholarships, safety, weather, equipment, skiing green, charity organizations and events, summer skiing on Mt. Hood, racing, the Olympics, and FWSA programs and conventions. The annual Ski Club Calendar of trips and events remains a popular article today.

The Guide is distributed to thousands, via council events, club meetings, council meetings, and two consumer ski shows, as well as using a professional media distributor for Oregon and Washington.

Linda manages the production of the Guide—from start to finish, writing articles herself, collaborating with other writers, managing layout with our graphic artist, and managing cost-effective printing and distribution of the Guide.

She is the consummate promoter of our sport and the benefits of club membership. This enthusiasm abounds with every Guide she produces!

Warren Miller Modern Media Award High Fives Foundation for BASICS 5 Video "Choices"

The High Fives Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Truckee, Calif., serving athletes living with life-altering injuries such as a spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury.

As a part of its B.A.S.I.C.S (Being Aware Safe In Critical Situations) educational video series, High Fives has released a new 25-minute documentary film titled Choices. Throughout the film, viewers will learn how to make smart decisions in order for them to enjoy a lifetime of activities in the mountains.

The content within provides a great reminder for all of us—the dangers of the sport are very real. We must take nothing for granted.

Topics covered throughout the film include:

Rider Awareness: Learn the trails carefully. Be mindful of snow conditions and obstacles like rocks, trees, ice, and cliffs. Take mental notes about the mountain every time you ski or ride.

Be Prepared: The best way to learn is from your friends, family and coaches. Be methodical about your training and preparations. The most elite athletes are the most prepared skiers and riders.

Chairlift Safety: Always put the bar down, no matter what age you are. Sit way back until you safely exit.

Know Your Mountain: Review and respect resort and ski patrol signage. It is there to help athletes make smart choices based on mountain conditions, abilities, dangerous obstacles, and other important information.

Choose Your Adventure: This is the introduction of the film. Skier JT Holmes says it best, "Every highly accomplished mountain man or woman bares the scar of a life-changing experience, it's a strong reminder that the choices we make have a lasting impact on our lives and everyone around us."

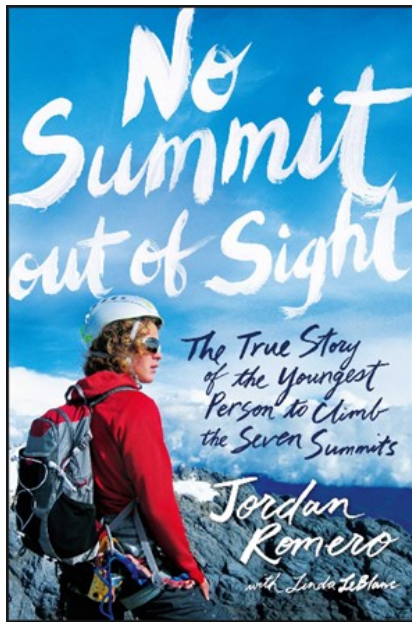
Passing The Torch: If you teach the lessons early, it will last forever. Sharing knowledge can promote smart decision making for years to come.



Bill Berry Award—Feature Article

Jordan Romero with Linda LeBlanc

"No Summit Out of Sight"



Inspired by a mural in his California school depicting the highest mountain on each continent, nine-year-old Jordan Romero vowed that he would reach those "Seven Summits." In *No Summit Out of Sight*, Jordan reveals how he

achieved this goal at a record-setting age, scaling each mountain under the guidance of his father and stepmother, professional athletes who compete in extreme adventure races.

Romero sets the scene for each climb—from Mount Kilimanjaro in 2006 to Antarctica's Mount Vinson in 2011—with notes on each region's culture, people, topography, climate, vegetation, wildlife, altitude, and atmospheric changes.

The book contains accounts of perilous climbing expeditions. In the most dramatic one, Romero describes being slammed by an avalanche on Mount Everest.

The emotional pitch of the story remains high as Romero contends with extreme weather, frustration, exhaustion, and homesickness to reach, with almost palpable exhilaration, each peak.

Jordan wrote the book with Linda LeBlanc. Born in Denver, Colorado at the foot of the Rockies, Linda's love affair with mountains began as a young child.

An adventure traveler to 40 countries on six continents, she first discovered the wonderful Nepalese people in 1986. Working with a group of Sherpas, she was a founder of the first lodge chain in Nepal and helped establish 18 lodges in the Everest region.

She began organizing and leading treks to the Everest Base Camp two years later. With a BA in literature and a Masters in Library Science, she combined her love of books, other cultures, and research skills to pen the first fiction written about Sherpas in *Beyond the Summit*.

Linda met Jordan in 2012 and was extremely impressed by not only his achievements but by the fine young man he is. He's solid to the core and has a warm and caring heart. She has the greatest admiration for him and was thrilled to have the opportunity to write his inspiring story.

Jordan is keynote speaker at the convention's Saturday lunch. Autographed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Safety Person of the Year

Sue Rimkeit

Northwest Ski Club Council

Sue Rimkeit is Vice President and Director of Community Service and Safety for the Northwest Ski Club Council.

In addition to writing monthly safety articles for the NWSCC newsletter and making monthly presentations at council meetings, Sue introduced a Whistle Program. At her request the council purchased whistles embossed with the NWSCC website address.

Club members are urged to carry the whistles on the slopes or while participating in other outdoor sports and in their cars.

The whistles were also handed out from the council's table at ski shows.

The idea is that the sound of a whistle carries better than the sound of your voice if you are in trouble and need

assistance, particularly when you are out of sight.

Having the whistle within reach in the car is helpful if your car goes over an embankment.

The council plans to order a new supply of whistles for the coming season.

Sue encouraged clubs to participate in the Oregon Adopt a Highway program, reminding them that a clean highway is a safer highway.

She also wrote a two-page article on safety for the council's yearly *Northwest Snowsports Guide* that is distributed at ski shows and ski shops.



FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award

Jane Jackson



Volunteerism is a key word in the history of Arizona Snowbowl. Volunteers from Flagstaff and Phoenix Ski Club built Agassiz Lodge and installed the first 2-seater Riblet chair lift. Volunteers used to foot pack trails in the morning to earn lift tickets.

The Forest Service has also played a major role in Snowbowl's development beginning with forester Ed Grosbeck who supervised Civilian Conservation Corps projects and set some of the first ski runs. Today, Forest Service volunteers provide interpretive talks at the top of the summer lift ride on

weekends.

In the summer of 2005, Jackson began volunteering in Flagstaff with the USFS/NPS Interpretive Partnership. Volunteer duties included talking to visitors at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl summer scenic lift ride.

After meeting Jimmie Nunn and visiting his Arizona Ski Museum, she prepared a program on the beginnings of Snowbowl looking at the involvement of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. The CCC constructed the road up to Snowbowl and built the original Hart Prairie Lodge.

Next came interviews with Jimmie and many other early skiers which eventually led to the production of *Echoes of the Peaks: An Early History of Skiing in Northern Arizona*.

Once again keeping it local and almost totally volunteer, businesses had fundraisers and the newspaper had an article about the research leading other locals to call with stories and pictures.

NAU student Gavin Boughner was director and editor, and an original music score was written and performed by NAU student, Jessie Bouvier.

Jackson continues to volunteer at Arizona Snowbowl in the summer and

to enjoy skiing in the winter.

"I started learning to ski in Virginia in 1974 but didn't do anything more until the 1990s at Flagstaff and then Sunrise," Jackson said.

"In 2002, I joined Sunrise Courtesy Patrol. Dispatch at that time was usually done on the top of Apache Mt. by old-timer Willie Lump who had been in the Phoenix Ski Club and skied Flagstaff from the 1950s. On slow dispatch days, he would sometimes entertain us with stories of the old days always including mention of Jimmie Nunn."

Career Highlights:

Courtesy patrol at Sunrise Park Ski Resort, 2000-2002

Auxiliary Patroller, Sunrise Park 2002-2009

Auxiliary Patroller of the Year, 2004-05
Region 9 Awards Advisor, 2005-2008
Volunteer, USFS/NPS Interpretive

Partnership, Flagstaff, 2005-present
Seasonal Park Ranger, Walnut Canyon National Monument, 2008-2011



Snowsports Builder Award

The FWSA Snowsports Builder Award is given to individuals who have made an indelible positive impact on snowsports. The builder honored may be for achievements in athletics, the press, publishers, historians, industry, humanitarian work, area development, or technology. In short, they honor those who have made significant contributions to snowsports.

Ronnie Lupe

by John Watson, History Chair

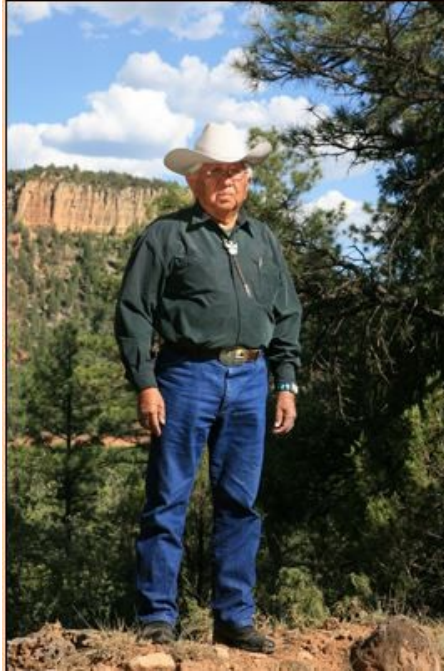
Sunrise Ski Park, the last of Arizona's ski areas to be developed, is the product of several visionaries. Owned and operated by the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) it sits on sacred Tribal Land in Eastern Arizona. Without the vision and political astuteness of Ronnie Lupe, skiing in Arizona would be much different.

Early on these lands were recognized as rich in recreational opportunity but were open only by invitation from the tribe. The first lifts started running in 1970, but the story behind this development is one of respect for heritage and the patient perseverance of one man – Ronald “Ronnie” Lupe.

Returning to his home as a young Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, Lupe was elected to the Tribal Council in 1964 at the youthful age of 34. In the following election of 1966, he was elected to the position of Tribal Chairman. He was the youngest ever elected to that post. Ronnie was a Councilman for a total of 10 years. For 52 years of his adult life, Chairman Lupe has served the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe as a member of the Governing Body.

These were years of great activity as the Tribe expanded on its tribal identity, defining its place in a changing society. The tribe needed to protect its sacred lands, assert its tribal rights, and protect and promote its heritage while fostering economic development to provide for the well being and prosperity of all tribal members.

Born in a Wickiup, Ronnie Lupe has guided the tribe's interests for over 50 years. He is also the man most responsible for the establishment of the unique



new tribal asset – Sunrise Ski Park.

The WMAT had received many requests from sportsmen and outdoorsmen, including skiers, to come onto the lands, but the tribal elders were wary of these strangers coming

onto their sacred lands in great numbers. Chairman Lupe envisioned a recreational ski area and led elders on visits to the proposed sites for lifts, runs and lodge. Ultimately, the objections were overcome and the council agreed to the desirability and feasibility of a ski resort.

Shortly thereafter, Chairman Lupe flew to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to finalize initial financing for equipment and infrastructure that would enable work to start. The result is an operating ski area that provides revenue to the Tribe, employment to Tribal members and economic benefit to the communities of Springerville-Eager, and Pinetop-Lakeside and ShowLow.

Named after the most important religious ceremony of the Apache, the first Sunrise lift began running in 1970. Architect Jimmie Nunn, another Arizona visionary, worked with Chairman Lupe to design the facility, the first lodge, runs and lift locations. Since those early days, Sunrise has grown into a three mountain area with 65 runs, eight chair lifts, two surface tows, three day lodges, a hotel and numerous summer recreational opportunities all within about a 4 ½ hour drive from three major metropolitan areas: Phoenix, Tucson and Albuquerque.

Without the vision, patience and perseverance of Chairman Lupe, Sunrise Ski Park would not exist and eastern Arizona would not be what it is today. Chairman Lupe, you are a Snowsports Builder! May you always stand in the rays of the sunrise.

Snowsports Builder Award

Jimmie Nunn

by John Watson, History Chair

Jimmie Nunn's footprint is on each of Arizona's ski areas. From his first days on skis in 1934, Nunn has been involved in the development of skiing throughout the state – Arizona Snowbowl, Sunrise Ski Park, Mt. Lemmon and Williams.

Receiving his first pair of skis Christmas of 1934, Jimmie taught himself to ski on unplowed city streets in Flagstaff and on any nearby hills. By 1938, locals were skiing on the San Francisco Peaks and soon Arizona Snowbowl was opened.

Jimmie was on the Flagstaff High School ski team, took Red Cross classes from high school teacher and ski coach Ralph Wheeler (future Flagstaff mayor), and joined the ski patrol in 1940. After serving in the Navy in 1946, he attended Arizona State Teachers College (now Northern Arizona University) and was on the college ski team. He transferred to the University of Colorado-Boulder, receiving a degree in architectural engineering.

In 1952 he returned to Arizona and began his architectural career with Haver, Nunn & Associates in Phoenix. In his 33 year career, he designed to strict standards tracts of homes, industrial buildings, schools and public buildings, and even part of Luke Air Force Base housing. But skiing was always a big part of Jimmie's life. He spent all the time he could in Flagstaff, a fact well noted by his colleagues in the Phoenix office.

The Phoenix Ski Club (PSC) was formed in 1948 and Jimmie joined in 1952. During the summer months he and other PSC members cut and groomed new ski trails with other club members. The original Hart Prairie lodge, built in the 1930s by the CCC, burned down in 1952. Agassiz Lodge was then built by volunteers from PSC and Jimmie was called on to draw up "as built" plans after enthusiastic owner Al Grasmoe had neglected to get plans and approval from the Forest Service before its construction.

In the early days of Snowbowl, much work was done by volunteers in return for lift privileges. But that had to change, even though Snowbowl's first two-seater Riblet chair lift, installed in 1962, was another volunteer project. Jimmie surveyed and determined the

location of the lift and, with other PSC members, spent the summer putting it in.

Jimmie was a first class downhill racer and participated in the annual Thunderbird races at Snowbowl. As a PSC member he was on Ski Patrol and received a National Appointment (#1599) in 1954. Jimmie also helped a new generation of skiers by transporting PSC junior race team members to races on weekends as far away as California, driving all night so the racers could be on the slopes by 9 a.m. Saturday.

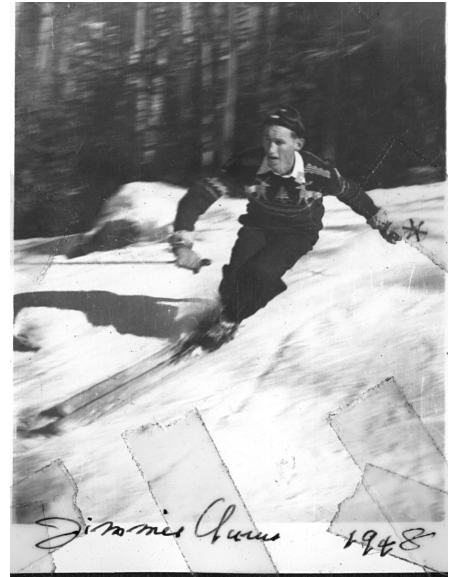
In 1960, Jimmie was on ski patrol at the Olympics in Squaw Valley, the first time the games were covered by a volunteer patrol. It was also here that he met his wife and ski patroller Jerry who was a member of the National Ski Hall of Fame for her achievement as the first female Forest Service Snow Ranger (National NSPS #121) and promoter of the Avalauncher, which uses air to launch explosive charges into avalanche-prone slopes.

In 1962, Tucson's Mt. Lemmon ski area was developed by Snowbowl's previous owner Al Grasmoe and Jimmie went down several times to discuss runs and rope tows with Al.

The beginning of Sunrise Ski Park was Jimmie's next major ski project. Together with White Mountain Apache Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe, Jimmie was involved in the earliest planning and construction of Arizona's last ski area.

He and Lupe met with council members and elders and helped convince them that a ski area was in the best interest of the tribe and that their sacred grounds would not be violated. He remembered, "A few buddies and I walked that entire Sunrise area. We rented an airplane, took pictures, and laid out the ski trails from those aerial pictures. Then I went to the EDA and got the money — \$29 million from two different grants. I also had to build a road to the ski area, which is about 12 miles long." He designed the master plan for the Sunrise Ski Lodge on Sunrise Mountain – and then did it again a year later after the original burned down. He also designed the nearby overnight Sunrise Lodge.

Jimmie still lives in the house he built



at the base of the San Francisco Peaks. Here also is the Arizona Ski Museum, one of only a few in the United States. It is a collection of ski memorabilia including hundreds of skis, boots and bindings from wooden planks used early in the last century to current days' modern equipment; photographs, posters and newspaper articles; trophies; even an early model of the avalauncher. Jimmie has preserved the history of skiing in Arizona for all to see in his museum.

Jimmie Nunn's years of dedication to snowsport in Arizona has made an impact to benefit all who ski here. His heart still patrols the runs at Arizona Snowbowl. Jimmie Nunn is a Snowsports Builder for Arizona and the nation.



Second year on skis, age 9

Snowsports Builder Award

by Randy Lew, FWSA Treasurer

Bob Wilbanks

Founder and Publisher, National Ski Club Newsletter

In 1986, the Oklahoma City Ski Club sent a letter to all the ski clubs in neighboring states that their ski club was being sued by the IRS who wanted to declare the club a for-profit tour operator. They were asking for legal defense funds because, if they were found guilty, all ski clubs could all be declared for-profit operations. At that time, Bob was the editor of Space City Ski Club's Sitzmark and when their board discussed the letter, he volunteered to find a list of ski club mailing addresses and mail-merge a letter to all the clubs they could find -- although no one knew how many clubs were out there, who they were or where they were located.

It turned out that Ski Group (an annual traveling trade show for clubs) had a list of 1,000 clubs -- but would not share the list for competitive reasons. NASTAR had a list of 1,000 clubs - but would not share it for competitive reasons -- and Steamboat had a mailing list of about 1,000 clubs - but would not share the list for competitive reasons. So it was assumed that there were 1,000 clubs out there -- but who and where were they?

Bob could find no other ski resorts that maintained a reasonable current ski club officers list because of the time and expense required to maintain that list of ski club officers due to annual elections and constantly changing addresses. The industry assumed that there were then 1,000 ski clubs in the U.S. that purchased 6% to 8% of the U.S. ski market - but most resorts, tour operators and lodges didn't know who or where they were until they walked into the 30± spring Ski Group shows each year.

What the ski industry saw as a difficult market, Bob saw as an opportunity to do something fun and to escape a boring job that he had been doing for 20 years.

He began to compile a list of ski clubs and their officers through ski councils, etc. and soon had a listing of the officers of 560 clubs. He then began publishing The National Ski Club Newsletter in 1987, claiming that it was sent to 56% of the ski club market - because it



was assumed that there were 1,000 clubs in the U.S. A few years later, he was mailing The National Ski Club Newsletter to the officers of almost 2,500 ski clubs and the assumptions about the U.S. ski club market size had been changed dramatically upward to well over one million members.

"When we discovered that there was no way for America's ski clubs to communicate with each other on a national basis nor for the ski and travel industries to communicate with the clubs -- except for 1,000 clubs at the spring ski shows, it was obvious that there was a communication gap in this market," said Bob.

"If a ski club in Georgia came up with an idea that helped ski clubs, why should it take 3 years for clubs in Oregon to figure out the same idea -- if ever? Initially we called the magazine an idea exchange system among America's ski clubs because if a concept worked in Texas, it should work in Alabama. So, if a concept worked somewhere, we told the other clubs about it and an idea could flourish quickly within this audience."

At this time, he published a bi-monthly black and white magazine of 12 to 16 pages that basically told America's ski club officers and the ski industry what the ski clubs in America were doing. The magazine also told those officers what some resorts were willing to do for the clubs on a national basis.

About 1998, Ski Europe's Richard Davidson organized the inaugural meeting in Houston, Texas, of what was to become the National Ski Council Federation. The attendees were Richard Davidson of Ski Europe, Bob Wilbanks, NSCN, featured speaker, David Ingemie, president of USIA -- then the umbrella organization of the ski industry, and representatives from the New Jersey Ski Council, Texas Ski Council, Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council, Far West Ski Association and the National Brotherhood of Skiers. Bob was present as an observer and, although he has never been a member of the National Ski Council Federation, he is the only person that has attended all of their annual meetings.

He set up the invitation lists for the first few Mountain Travel Symposium's Group Exchanges.

The monthly email Newsflash was begun in March 2008 and allowed ski clubs to receive information about the ski industry and other ski clubs in a more timely manner -- and during the summer as the print issue was published in Nov, Jan, March and May only.

More recently, The National Ski Club Newsletter has been reduced to 4 issues (Nov, Jan, Mar, and May) with about 32 full-color pages each issue -- plus a monthly emailed Newsflash as part of his efforts to become "a little more retired" while still keeping the magazine alive.

In January 2016, he announced his retirement once he had completed the May 2016 issue. In the March 2016 issue, he announced that the magazine was for sale and is now discussing its sale with a half-dozen or so prospective purchasers. The National Ski Club Newsletter is now being sent to the officers of some 1,500 clubs.

For thirty years, Bob Wilbanks has been filling a need and in the process, has shared best practices and ski industry information with 2,500 ski clubs in the US. This led to the growth of ski club membership in the 1980's and 1990's. He is truly a Snowsports Builder!

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Board of Trustees Report

By Gloria Raminha, Chair

The FWSA Board of Trustees oversees the financial health of the organization and has responsibility for long-range planning to support the goals of the Association. Trustees provide the experience and leadership to plan and implement new programs, guidance for operation of functional programs, and direct oversight of the Far West Ski Association's Annual Convention, the Athletic Scholarship Program, and the Awards Program. The Trustees also recommend changes to the organization's structure and Bylaws of the Association when appropriate.

Far West Ski Association's Annual Convention is a flagship program that provides the forum for our membership and industry partners to gather together for planning, learning and celebration of things related to snow sports. Thank you to Arleigh Miners, Arizona Council President, and Linda Westlund, Arizona Host Council Convention Chair, and Linda's committee of dedicated volunteers who have worked diligently over a year to make the 2016 Convention in Scottsdale a huge success.

Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chairperson, is currently and has been instrumental in convention planning for many years. Plans are well underway for 2017 and 2018. The Annual Convention is a critical part of the FWSA revenue stream to fund our programs, and long-range planning and financial control in this area is so important to our success. Thank you to VP of Marketing and Sponsorship, Debbi Kor, Silent Auction Chairperson Jeannine Davis, and Fran Long, Travel Expo Chairperson, for their industry relations activities.

The FWSA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs all play a role in fulfilling sponsorship commitments via the programs they run, as do members who participate in convention activities.

Another program that is critical to the financial success of the organization is the FWSA Travel Program. This past year, an Executive Travel Committee was formed to advise and assist the Travel VP's, Nancy Ellis, VP of North American Travel and Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel with decisions crucial to the Travel Program's continuing success. Additionally, I'd like to thank Nancy and Debbie for developing written policies for the Travel Program that were always known or implied, but never put in writing.

Randy Lew, FWSA Treasurer, has done an excellent job in providing the Association with detailed, timely, and accurate financial reporting and budget control. John Reinhardt, our Tax Advisor, prepares and files our corporate tax returns and ensures that we are in compliance with Federal and State regulations, with support and oversight from the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the Convention and Travel Program, there are many more programs and appointed committees to the FWSA that are necessary for the success of the organization which include: Athletic Scholarship, chaired by David Krupp; Bylaws Committee, chaired by George Kish; and Awards Program, chaired by Catherine Ohl. Catherine is also the Webmaster for the FWSA website.

There are many more committee chairs that I'm not going to mention, but I encourage everyone to read their convention reports in the delegate book and go to www.fwsa.org to check out who they are.

The FWSA Board of Directors consists of four Trustees; Jane Wyckoff, Harry Davis, Tom Bundgard and me as Trustee Chair; President, Steve Coxen; Secretary, Linda Foster; Treasurer, Randy Lew; VP Council Services, Jo Simpson; VP International Travel, Debbie Stewart; VP North American Travel, Nancy Ellis; VP Marketing, Debbi Kor; VP Public Affairs, Mike Sanford; VP Membership, Jane Gutierrez; VP Communications, Jim Nachbar; and VP Racing, Bob Ellis.

The 2015-2016 Board of Trustees has been a highly effective team. I'd like to recognize Steve Coxen for bringing back consistency to our organization, and thanks to all the Board of Directors, Committees, and Council and Club Volunteers for their continued outstanding efforts in making the Far West Ski Association "THE VOICE OF THE WESTERN SKIER". It's been an honor serving this past year as your FWSA Trustee Chair.

Far West Ski Foundation

by John Watson, President

You, the delegates, provide the Foundation with the resources to carry out its missions for the coming season. The Association provides display space for the Foundation's appeals for your support – whether it comes in raffles for the athletic scholarships or in silent auction bids for wine ensembles to support adaptive skiing or in ski pins to support women's ski jumping. The Foundation is the sister corporation to the Association for fund raising. Both are incorporated in California. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity to which contributions are deductible for income tax purposes. You, the dedicated skier or snowboarder, are the primary donors on whom the Foundation relies. Please visit the Foundation's display tables.

Contributions may be made through PayPal using Far West Ski Foundation as a gift recipient, through the website at farwestskifoundation.org or by going through one of the FWFSF Trustees or mailing contributions to John O Reinhardt, Treasurer FWFSF, 6105 SW Sheridan St, Portland OR 97225.

The Foundation was established in 1964 with the objective of supporting the training of Far West athletes in the Winter Olympics. It retains this international connection through its

support of women's ski jumping and specifically athlete development in the Fly Girls Program. Our grants for this purpose are designated from the Deedee Corradini fund. See Randy Lew or John Watson for information. Further missions include U-20 Alpine racer scholarships which enjoy continuing support from Far West clubs and councils and namesake awards such as the Vern Sprock scholarships. The Foundation processed 13 Alpine scholarships this past year. David Krupp is our lead Foundation Trustee on this mission.

The Foundation is firm in its mission to enable the disabled through on snow rehabilitation and adaptive. Funds may be directed to rehabilitation of wounded servicemen through the Fred Westlund Fund or through scholarships at selected adaptive snowsports schools. Grants have been made to the Vail Veterans Program and adaptive schools at Snowbasin, Whitefish and Crested Butte over the last three years. Gloria Raminha is leading Trustee on this mission, with wines generously donated by Gloria, Joe Harvis and others. The educational and research mission of the Foundation is aimed at support of museums as learning centers and for important work in developing snowsports histories. Alan Christian is leading Trustee on this mission.

Athletic Scholarship Program

by David Krupp, Chair



A.J. Hurt, recipient of the Frank App Scholarship through Sierra Council and FWSA, skis for the Squaw Valley Team and lives in Carnelian Bay, California.

The Far West Athletic Scholarship Program, now in its 12th year as a means of making a positive contribution to junior racing, has continued to garner more support each year. Since 2004, the FWSA has awarded 90 scholarships for a total of over \$100,000. In 2015, FWSA awarded 13 scholarships totaling \$11,500.

We express our thanks to our sponsors, Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Schure Sports, maker of the Karbon line of snowsports clothing, and the Far West Racing Association. We would also like to thank our partners, Skiyenti Ski Club, Mountain High Snow-

sports Club, Castro Valley Ski Club, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, Northwest Ski Club Council and Sierra League and Council. Finally, a special thanks to all the Far West members who have so generously contributed to the program.

United States Ski Association licensed junior racers in the U21, U19, and second year U16 classes in states represented by FWSA affiliated councils are eligible for a scholarship. This year, junior racers in California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming are eligible. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, competitive accomplishments, academics, and community service. National ranking in competitive skiing can cost well in excess of \$10,000 per season; a financial challenge for even upper middle class families. The need is great and we anticipate that the number of applications will continue to increase.

Convention attendees have the opportunity to support the Athletic Scholarship Program by participating in the auction of the three day ski and stay package donated by Whitefish Mountain Resort; the silent auction of three nights lodging, at the beautiful Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish; and finally, our raffle featuring an assortment of great prizes including apparel donated by the U.S. Ski Team.

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20. All funds for the scholarship program are deposited with The Far West Ski Foundation, an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, that was incorporated as a partner of FWSA to provide a means of accepting contributions. The foundation qualifies contributions to the scholarship program as income tax charitable deductions.

Treasurer's Report

by Randy Lew
Balance Sheet

	April 30, 2016	April 30, 2015	Per William S. April 30, 2015
ASSETS			
Checking/Savings			
General Account (B of A)	19,262	118,988	117,587
Convention Acct (B of A)	19,752	29,904	30,604
North American Travel Trust Acct. (B of A)	16,001	56,436	61,889
International Travel Trust Acct (B of A)	47,890	102,019	102,556
North American Travel Operating Acct. (B of A)	20,000		
International Travel Operating Acct (B of A)	19,970		
CD's (B of A)	175,000		
Total Checking/Saving	317,875	307,347	312,636
Accounts Receivable	3,022	800	800
Prepaid Expenses			
Convention	16,389	15,559	14,859
Skiers Guide	11,170	11,670	11,870
Other Prepaid Expense		176	176
Prepaid Travel Program Expenses			
Bonaire Dive Trip - Sept 2015		2,800	-
Mississippi Cruise - June 2015		21,862	-
Telluride - February 2016		2,059	2,059
Crested Butte - March 2016		1,000	-
London / Ireland Trip - Sept 2016	8,224	-	-
Fiji Dive Trip - Sept 2016	6,900	-	-
Breckenridge Ski Week - Feb 2017	6,100	-	-
St Anton - Mar 2017	10,000	-	-
Total Prepaid Expenses	58,783	55,126	28,964
Total Current Assets	379,680	363,273	342,400
Fixed Assets			
Office Equipment	5,818	5,684	5,359
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,343)	(4,343)	(2,022)
Total Fixed Assets	1,475	1,341	3,337
TOTAL ASSETS	381,155	364,614	345,737
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	1,080	4,637	177
Other Current Liabilities			
Suspense		531	
Prepaid Convention Revenue	6,775	15,112	15,112
Prepaid Athletic Scholarship Revenue	5,983	7,718	6,983
Prepaid Trips			
Bonaire Dive Trip - Sept 2016	-	5,316	5,316
Mississippi Cruise - June 2015	-	17,864	-
Telluride Ski Week - Feb 2017	-	14,300	7,470
London / Ireland - Sept 2016	47,902	-	-
Breckenridge Ski Week - Feb 2017	9,000	-	-
Total Prepaid (Deferred) Revenue	69,660	60,841	34,881
Total Current Liabilities	70,740	65,478	35,058
Long Term Liabilities			
Public Lands Research Fund	1,120	1,120	1,120
Total Liabilities	71,860	66,598	36,178
Equity			
Retained Earnings	298,016	271,324	272,746
Net Income	11,279	26,692	36,813
Total Equity	309,295	298,016	309,559
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	381,155	364,614	345,737

Fiscal Year April 30, 2016 is estimated. Depreciation will be calculated and booked when tax return is prepared.

Fiscal Year April 30, 2015 has been corrected and presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP)

Fiscal Year April 30, 2015 as was presented by the previous Treasurer in last years Delegate Book is also shown since it was approved by the membership and there were material differences to the final. The final was used to prepare the income tax filings with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of California.

Treasurer's Report

Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement

	April 30 2016	April 30 2015	Per William S. April 30, 2015
REVENUE			
Membership Dues	1,930	1,700	1,700
Travel			
Beaver Creek Ski Week 2014	-	4,711	2,421
South Africa Trip 2014	-	230,129	230,129
Cozumel Dive Trip 2014	-	21,404	21,404
Val d'Isere Ski Trip 2015	-	295,717	295,717
Whistler Ski Week 2015	-	512,123	515,370
Whitefish Mini Trip 2015	-	14,646	14,516
Mississippi River Cruise 2015	21,930	-	17,864
Bonaire Dive Trip 2016	53,426	-	-
Telluride Ski Week 2016	572,687	-	6,950
Crested Butte Mini Trip 2016	15,989	-	-
Cortina Ski Trip 2016	289,846	-	-
Total Travel	953,878	1,078,730	1,104,371
Convention	119,686	102,254	102,254
Councils Man/Woman of Year	420	560	490
Athletic Scholarship Program	11,425	12,300	1,735
Interest	21	54	54
Total Revenue	1,087,360	1,195,598	1,210,604
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Travel			
Beaver Creek Ski Week 2014	-	18	18
South Africa Trip 2014	-	223,843	223,843
Cozumel Dive Trip 2014	-	20,946	20,946
Val d'Isere Ski Trip 2015	-	268,423	268,423
Whistler Ski Week 2015	197	491,620	488,067
Whitefish Mini Trip 2015	-	13,216	9,618
Mississippi River Cruise 2015	21,862	-	21,862
Bonaire Dive Trip 2015	50,061	-	2,800
Telluride Ski Week 2016	549,334	-	-
Crested Butte Mini Trip 2016	14,678	-	-
Cortina Ski Trip 2016	259,101	-	400
Site Inspections - Telluride 2016	(60)	4,954	5,074
Site Inspections - Cortina 2016		400	-
Site Inspections - Breckenridge 2017	2,482	-	-
Site Inspections - St Anton 2017	2,704	-	-
Site Inspections - France 2018	2,000	-	-
Total Travel Expenses	902,359	1,023,420	1,041,051
Convention	92,718	72,497	72,496
Councils Man/Woman of Year	286	482	422
Athletic Scholarship Program	11,882	13,198	1,898
Total Cost of Revenue	1,007,245	1,109,597	1,115,867
Net Revenue	80,115	86,001	94,737
EXPENSES			
President	2,161	968	969
Board of Directors Meetings	38,497	32,343	32,343
Secretary	204	156	155
Treasurer	3,850	4,961	2,533
Trustees	3,759	1,976	5,282
Communications	7,988	8,272	8,413
Council Services	1,104	1,162	1,504
Marketing	702	340	340
Membership	473	178	178
Public Affairs	2,284	294	295
North American Travel	1,054	3,094	3,076
International Travel	2,298	1,814	1,399
FWRA Racing	3,662	3,751	3,751
Unclassified-Misc	800		(2,314)
Total Expenses	68,836	59,309	57,924
NET INCOME(LOSS)	11,279	26,692	36,813

Fiscal Year April 30, 2016 is estimated. Depreciation will be calculated and booked when tax return is prepared.

Fiscal Year April 30, 2015 has been corrected and presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP)

Treasurer's Report

Preliminary Detailed Expense by Class

Cost Center	Awards	Copies BusCard Printing Badges	Licenses Taxes & Insurance	Phone Internet	Postage Shipping	Promotion Donations	Supplies	Travel	Other	Total
President	68				22			1,194	877	2,161
Board of Director Meetings								38,497		38,497
Secretary		204								204
Treasurer			3,262		59		328	101	100	3,850
Past President										-
Communications				502			26			528
Councilman					293					293
Skiers Guide					5,500					5,500
Web Site				1,667						1,667
Council Services										-
Charity Program	550						30			580
Communication Awards	140									140
Membership Cards		384								384
Outreach Program										-
FWRA Racing	162		2,500						1,000	3,662
Marketing					133		16	553		702
Membership					42		177		254	473
Database Services										-
Public Affairs									500	500
Environmental Program	1,157									1,157
History Program	372						255			627
Safety Program										-
North American Travel			200	180	39		158	600		1,054
International Travel			200	1,040	10		394	675		2,298
Trustee					20					20
Awards Program	3,739									3,739
Miscellaneous-Other									800	800
TOTAL	6,188	588	6,162	3,389	6,118	-	1,384	41,620	3,387	68,836

2015 Annual Convention Meeting Minutes

June 4-7, 2015 Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, CA
by Wanda Ross, Secretary

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015

The 83rd Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

GENERAL SESSION

President Linda Scott called the meeting to order on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 8:02am and welcomed everyone to the 83rd Annual Convention. She thanked Laura Kennedy and Steven Remillard of Mammoth Mountain for their sponsorship of the breakfast today. They showed a brief video of Mammoth Mountain and gave out Mammoth ski hats.

Linda introduced the current 2014-2015 Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs, Council Presidents, and FWSA Appointed Representatives and thanked them for their service.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

VP of Membership Jane Gutierrez listed the number of delegates per club and stated that we have 209 voting delegates. She requested that people let her know of any discrepancies and stated the importance of attending the caucuses.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominations Chair Harry Davis stated we will be conducting elections tomorrow. We have at least one declared candidate for each position and will entertain nominations. Anyone can self-nominate for positions. Harry announced those running for office.

The elected offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be for one-year terms.

President	Steve Coxen and Dennis Heffley
Secretary	Linda Foster
Treasurer	William Shadbolt and Randy Lew

Trustees shall be elected to two-year terms and the elections for the Trustees shall be staggered so that two Trustees are elected each year.

Trustee #1 and #2:

Jane Wyckoff (incumbent) and Gene Fulkerson

The remaining offices shall be for two-year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered.

VP, Council Services	Jo Simpson (incumbent)
VP, Public Affairs	Joe Harvis
VP, No. American Travel	Nancy Ellis (incumbent)

Harry noted that anyone can nominate for office right up to the election and encouraged people interested in running to see him. #76 Paula Hazzard nominated herself for VP, North American Travel.

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS REPORT

Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Chair Gene Fulkerson announced the process for the Man and Woman of the Year nominations.

INDUSTRY MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP REPORT

VP of Marketing Debbi Kor thanked all the wonderful sponsors for supporting our organization, especially Big White for sponsoring the Man and Woman of the Year Awards and Mammoth Mountain for sponsoring today's breakfast. Both have been sponsors for many years.

SILENT AUCTION and TRAVEL EXPO REPORT

Silent Auction Chair Jeannine Davis thanked everyone for bidding and bidding high yesterday at the Silent Auction. She outlined the timing and process for the Travel Expo. To be eligible for the grand prize, each person needs to have attended 2 regional and 4 individual presentations and turn in their passport card.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bylaws Chair Robb Margrave announced that we have one proposed amendment to consider tomorrow. The vote will be before the elections. Bylaws Amendment 2015-1 states how we decide ties at an election: after two tie votes, the Election Chair will flip a coin. A complete copy of the text of the proposed amendment is on page 42 of the Delegate Book. Robb asked everyone to review the proposed amendment and vote.

TRAVEL EXPO REPORT

Debbi Kor stated that the Travel Expo, which starts immediately after this session, will begin with five group regional sessions followed by individual sessions. Ensure you get your passport signed or stamped for the Travel Expo raffle. One person will be selected to win a free lodging and amenities package for the FWSA Ski Week 2016 to Telluride, CO. To be eligible for the drawing, place your passport in the drum.

President Linda Scott declared the meeting recessed at 8:33am until tomorrow.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

The 83rd Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President Linda Scott at 8:45am.

CLUB AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

VP of Council Services Jo Simpson announced for Crissymarie King the following award winners:

Communications Award Results

Tollakson Outstanding Club Award Winners:

Advanced

1st - Idaho Falls Ski Club – Peggy Hinman, President

Masters

1st - Pacific Rim Alliance – Catherine Ohl, President

2nd - Reno Ski and Recreation Club – Dianne Hilliard, President

3rd - Mountain High Snowsport Club – Debbi Kor,
President

Wentworth Outstanding Publications Award Winners

Novice

1st - Rusty Bindings Ski Club – Tim Peterson, Editor
2nd - Castro Valley Ski Club – Dennie Warren, Editor

Advanced

1st - Idaho Falls Ski Club – Debbie Rasch, Editor
2nd - Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club – Nancy Swan,
Editor

3rd - Snowchasers Ski Club – Lionel Digal, Editor

Masters

1st - Pacific Rim Alliance – Catherine Ohl, Editor
2nd - The Unrecables – Gordon Cardona, Editor
3rd - Mountain High Snowsports Club – Emilio
Trampuz, Editor

Council

1st - Bay Area Snow Sports Council – Dennie
Warren, Editor
2nd - Sierra League & Council – Beth Perryman,
Editor

Outstanding Website Award:

Novice

1st - Reno Ski & Recreation Club – Kats Cannell,
Webmaster
2nd - Conejo Ski & Sports Club – Ken Walker,
Webmaster

Advanced

1st - Snowchasers Ski Club – Steve Rhodes,
Webmaster
2nd - Rusty Bindings Ski Club – Tony Baker,
Webmaster
3rd - Single Ski Club of Los Angeles – Danielle Battut,
Webmaster

Masters

1st - Pacific Rim Alliance – Catherine Ohl, Webmaster
2nd - The Unrecables – Bonnie West, Webmaster
3rd - Mountain High Snowsports Club – Emilio
Trampuz, Webmaster

Council

1st - Intermountain Ski Council – Lennia Machen,
Webmaster
2nd - Bay Area Snow Sports Council – Debi Phelps,
Webmaster
3rd - Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs – Bonnie West,
Webmaster

CHARITIES AND OUR COMMUNITY

Charities/Our Community Chair Sigrid Noack encouraged every club to be involved in at least one charity. She thanked the clubs that are heavily involved with charities and asked people to view their displays. The categories were changed; now we have Novice and Master categories. The winner gets \$200 for a favorite charity and the runner up gets \$50 for a favorite charity. Sigrid recognized Rusty Bindings Ski Club and Wailers Ski Club for applying then announced the following Charity and Community Awards.

Charity and Community Awards

Novice

1st - Pacific Rim Alliance, Los Angeles and San Diego Councils – President Catherine Ohl, donating to Can Do MS

2nd - 4 Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club, Los Angeles Council – President Jane Guterrez, donating to Jenesse Center, women's domestic violence center

Masters

1st - Skiyente Ski Club, Northwest Council – Julie Rasmussen & President Sandi Shaub –donating to the Far West Ski Foundation

Council

1st - Bay Area Snow Sports Council – President Dennis Heffley donating to Disabled Sports USA Far West Division

ATHLETIC SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

Trustee Harry Davis announced that Brant Gionetti of Whitefish donated another package for the Athletic Scholarship Program. The package includes 5 nights lodging plus 5 days lift tickets for 2 people to Whitefish Mountain Resort. All the money goes to the Athletic Sponsorship Program. Junior racers have expenses of \$10,000 per year. He conducted the auction; the package sold for \$1000.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wanda Ross announced that last year's Convention minutes could be found on pages 35-41 of the Delegate Book.

MSC

Motion by Delegate #185 Wanda Ross to approve the minutes as submitted.

Seconded by Delegate #44 Joe Harvis
Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

VP of Membership Jane Gutierrez announced changes in the number of delegates after registration closed yesterday. There are 204 voting delegates.

BYLAWS REPORT

Trustee Harry Davis referred everyone to page 42 of the Delegate Book for the text of the proposed Bylaws Amendment. Approval of the proposed Bylaws Amendment requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the registered delegates at the meeting, a total of 136 votes. A quorum of voting delegates was met.

Amendment 2015-1 amends Article 5.6 to read "When electing Association officers, should two candidates receive an equal number of votes a second vote will be taken. If that vote remains a tie, that tie will be broken by a flip of a standard US coin. The "Heads" side will represent one candidate and the "Tails" side the other candidate. The Elections Chair will conduct the coin flip."

MSC

Motion by Delegate #85 Norbert Knapp to approve the Proposed Bylaws Amendment 2015-1, the text of which is published on the Far West website and on page 42 of the Delegate Book

Seconded by Delegate #44 Joe Harvis
Motion carried

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT

Board of Trustees Chairman Robb Margrave stated that elections will be held this morning. The positions up for election are listed on page 42 of the Delegate Book.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election Officer Harry Davis stated that nominations will be accepted from the floor; nominations do not need to be seconded. Candidates and/or their representatives may speak from the floor. Speeches are limited to 2 minutes in length with no Q&A. For the contested races, there will be 5 minutes to caucus. For uncontested races there will be a call for acclimation.

PRESIDENT - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Steve Coxen and Dennis Heffley and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #162 Tom Bundgard moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #189 Norm Azevedo seconded the motion.

Delegate #121 Steve Coxen addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote.

Delegate #155 Dennis Heffley addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote.

The Councils convened for a 5-minute caucus.

The delegates voted.

Results: Steve Coxen was elected as President

SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Linda Foster and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #2 Randy Lew moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #183 Sheri Parshall seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Harry Davis announced a ballot of acclamation for Linda Foster.

Group broke for brunch at 10:30am. Group resumed meeting at 11:30am.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the names of William Shadbolt and Randy Lew and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #162 Tom Bundgard moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #180 Debbie Stewart seconded the motion.

Delegate #2 Randy Lew addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote.

Delegate #205 William Shadbolt addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote.

Delegate #58 Tom Fagan recognized everyone for taking the time to vote.

The Councils convened for a 5-minute caucus.

The delegates voted.

Results: Randy Lew was elected as Treasurer.

Harry Davis stated that we have two Trustee positions open

for 2-year terms. He stated that we have 3 candidates for the two Trustee positions: Jane Wyckoff (incumbent), Gene Fulkerson and Tom Bundgard.

TRUSTEE #1 - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Jane Wyckoff (incumbent), Gene Fulkerson and Tom Bundgard and asked for any other nominations for Trustee #1.

Delegate #140 Cheryl Riess moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #34 Michael Bouton seconded the motion.

Delegate #3 Jane Wyckoff addressed the delegation about her candidacy and asked for your vote.

Delegate #146 Gene Fulkerson addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote.

Delegate #162 Tom Bundgard addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote. He stated that he will defer and will not run for the #1 Trustee position.

The Councils convened for a 5-minute caucus.

The delegates voted.

Results: Jane Wyckoff was elected as Trustee #1.

TRUSTEE #2 - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Gene Fulkerson and Tom Bundgard and asked for any other nominations for Trustee #2.

Delegate #2 Randy Lew moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #192 Jeannine Davis seconded the motion.

The Councils convened for a 5-minute caucus.

The delegates voted.

Results: Tom Bundgard was elected as Trustee #2.

VP of COUNCIL SERVICES - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Jo Simpson and asked for nominations from the floor. Jo spoke briefly and asked for your vote.

Delegate #155 Dennis Heffley moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #192 Jeannine Davis seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Harry Davis announced a ballot of acclamation for Jo Simpson.

VP of NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Nancy Ellis and Paula Hazard and asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Delegate #162 Tom Bundgard moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #196 Sigrid Noack seconded the motion.

Delegate #42 Nancy Ellis addressed the delegation about her candidacy and asked for your vote.

Delegate #76 Paula Hazard addressed the delegation about her candidacy and asked for your vote.

The Councils convened for a 5-minute caucus.

The delegates voted.

Results: Nancy Ellis was elected as VP of North American Travel.

VP of PUBLIC AFFAIRS - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Mike Sanford and Joe Harvis and asked

for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #155 Dennis Heffley moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #180 Debbie Stewart seconded the motion.

Delegate #142 Mike Sanford addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote.

Delegate #44 Joe Harvis addressed the delegation about his candidacy and asked for your vote.

The Councils convened for a 5-minute caucus.

The delegates voted.

Results: Mike Sanford was elected as VP of Public Affairs.

The elections were concluded. Harry Davis and President Linda Scott congratulated the winners.

Robb Margrave recognized Linda Scott for her success as President for the past 2 years.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

David Krupp noted that they raised ~\$6,000 for the Athletic Scholarship Program. He then conducted the raffle and handed out the prizes. A Travel Expo exhibitor donated snorkel and fins that was raffled.

SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS

Board of Trustees Chair Robb Margrave moderated the substantive resolutions.

MSC

Motion by Delegate #2 Randy Lew
Seconded by Delegates #142 Mike Sanford, #190 Harry Davis, #45 John Reinhardt and #21 Gloria Raminha

WHEREAS, preserving Western ski legacy is a prime purpose of FWSA and, whereas, the Western America SkiSport Museum is the principal repository of California ski history and, whereas, the Squaw Valley Ski Museum will house the Western America SkiSport Museum material and, whereas, the new museum will be the public face of Far West ski legacy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT FWSA and its 50,000 members enthusiastically support the development effort.
Action: Presentation to the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Linda Scott expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as President for the past two years. She recognized the outgoing Board Members and highlighted her accomplishments over the past year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer William Shadbolt announced that a preliminary

detailed Treasurer's Report is on pages 30-34 of the Delegate Handbook and referred to the draft of the financials. The total assets as of the end of the fiscal year April 30, 2015 are \$345,736.79. The net income stated is \$36,812.58.

MSC

Motion by Delegate # William Shadbolt to approve the Treasurer's preliminary report as submitted

Seconded by Delegate #191 Karen Davis
Motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Robb Margrave named and thanked all members of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees for their work. He stated that the Board of Trustees's Report is in the Delegate Book on page 21.

Roll of Remembrance:

Deedee Corradini President, Women's Ski Jumping USA

Col. Fraser West Former Executive Director, Far West Ski Association

Ronnie Berlack US Ski Team

Bryce Astle US Ski Team

Mark "Sully" Sullivan Squaw Valley Ski Team
Patriarch (uncle to US Ski Team Downhiller Marco Sullivan)

Earl Clark 10th Mountain Division

Fulton Raymond 4 Seasons West

David Kidd 4 Seasons West Past President (1999-2011)

Gus Pannell 4 Seasons West Past President (1977-1982)

Stephanie Thompson Radar River Rats

Franco Antonicelli Torrey Pines and Pacific Rim Alliance

Bob Berg Grindelwald Ski Club and Pacific Rim Alliance

Barry Goldman Grindelwald Ski Club

Dee Swift Grindelwald Ski Club

Rodger Magee Don Diego Ski Club

David Garber Connie Smith's husband

Andreas Fransson Big-mountain skier

J.P. Auclair Big-mountain skier

Dave Rosenbarger Big-mountain skier

Steven Breitbart Orange Council Ski Club

Treasurer and Membership Chair

Judy Strejc Bergfreunde Ski Club

Loren Nutter Bergfreunde Ski Club

Flora Novarra Bergfreunde Ski Club

Richard Sites Sno*Flakes Ski Club

Sue Bermingham Phoenix Ski Club

Dale Duggins Phoenix Ski Club

Dick Powers Mountain and ski photographer, served in 10th Mountain Division

Marsha Cosgrove Mountain High, EdgeSet, Plaza & Bergfreunde Ski Club

Joe Pollack EdgeSet

Harry "Bud" England Schnee Vogeli Ski Club
1987 King Winter

Gary Smith Son and brother of long time
 Skiyyente members
 Janet Tate Wright Skiyyente Ski Club Past President
 Joe Englesby 1968 King Winter
 Jim Wisenbaker Fountain Valley Ski Club
 Beverly Chow Luedke
 Fountain Valley Ski Club
 Gisela Boxer Fountain Valley Ski Club

2016 CONVENTION REPORT

Annual Convention Chair Jane Wyckoff thanked the San Diego Council for all their hard work and dedication to this convention. She thanked Eileen Sanford for her leadership and help during the convention. Jane also thanked Debbie Kor who raised nearly \$19,000 in cash sponsorships; without those sponsorships, the Convention registration fee would be much higher. She thanked Jeannine Davis for a great job with the Silent Auction, Cindy Krupp for a tremendous job as Convention Treasurer, Randy Lew for his work with the registration databases, Jim Nachbar for online registration, Barbara Blase for help with celebrity guests and Debbie Shroeder for transportation, Karen James for registration and Jo Simpson, editor of the Delegate Book.

Jane recognized Catherine Ohl for the huge amount of work she did for the Convention including all the design, layout, Convention website, graphics, logo, PowerPoint presentation for the industry and awards booklet.

Contracts have been executed for the 2016 and 2017 Conventions. The contract is delayed for the 2018 Convention to determine how many participants we can expect. It will be held in Orange County. The specific site is to be determined. The Convention Chair is Judy Thurman.

The 2017 Convention will be in Boise, Idaho. The Convention Chair is Michael Bouton. The theme is Boise Is; Boise is many things. One is inexpensive so there will be many free or inexpensive activities.

Next year's Convention, hosted by the Arizona Council, will be June 9-12, 2016 at the Doubletree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ. Convention Chair Linda Westlund and a group from the Arizona Council showed a video and did a song routine emphasizing the theme of Arizona is Awesome. The room rate is \$99 with free wifi, free parking and no resort fees.

Future Conventions:

2016 June 9-12 Arizona Council will host at the
 Doubletree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ.
 Linda Westlund is Convention
 Coordinator.

2017 June 7-11 Bogus Basin Ski Club will host at the
 Grove Hotel in Boise, ID.

2018 June 6-10 Orange Council of Ski Clubs will host; site
 visits are scheduled.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #44 Joe Harvis

Seconded by - Delegate #152 Jo Simpson and
 #178 Linda Westlund

WHEREAS, we would like to thank Linda Scott, Wanda Ross and William Shadbolt for their time and service in the betterment of the Far West Ski Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT FWSA appreciates the hard work, ideas and results produced by our volunteer leaders.

Resolution #2 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #188 Mary
 Azevedo and #189 Norm Azevedo

Seconded by – Delegate #82 Norm Glickman,
 #173 Igor Goulaevsky and #191 Karen Davis

WHEREAS, Dennis Heffley has been a dedicated member of FWSA and Bay Area Council and, whereas, he is an innovator and, whereas, he has established support for charity with the A's game and Sharks' game raising money for disabled sports and, whereas, he started annual expos for Bay Area ski clubs, and whereas, he put an extraordinary part of time and energy to his positions in BAC and Far West and, whereas, he bakes awesome cookies

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we give Dennis Heffley a standing ovation.

Resolution #3 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – #183 Sheri Parshall

Seconded by - #175 Dale Parshall

WHEREAS, Northwest Ski Club Council appreciates finally having the convention back in beautiful San Diego and, whereas, NWSCC really appreciates San Diego Council of Ski Clubs' efforts to keep the June gloom under control (although it should be noted that it was warmer in the Pacific Northwest this weekend) and, whereas, because the convention was in San Diego, Dale and Sheri Parshall were able to walk into the Nautical Antiques Museum and Store and rescue the 150-year-old oil painting of Mt. Hood that some naughty Californian has absconded with

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parshalls will proudly display said painting in their home and bequeath it to NWSCC member Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum so it will remain in Oregon where it belongs.

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #175 Dale Parshall

Seconded by - Delegate #183 Sheri Parshall

WHEREAS, they say it's my birthday and, whereas, I'm going to have a good time and, whereas, I'm glad it's my birthday. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT happy birthday to me.

Old Business

FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION REPORT

President, Far West Ski Foundation John Watson welcomed Norbert Knapp as a Foundation Trustee. Donations over \$4,500 have been made to the Deedee Corradini Fly Girls

and \$500 to the Oregon Adaptive skiers. Norbert thanked Joe Harvis for donating the wine for the Foundation's fundraiser. The full report is on pages 28-29 in Delegate Book.

Harry Davis facilitated live donations for the Athletic Scholarship Fund. Delegate #17 Paul Vlasvled donated \$400 from the Bay Area Snow Sports Council plus a \$500 personal donation, delegate #98 David Baird donated \$500 from In-skiers, delegate #44 Joe Harvis contributed \$100, delegate #183 Sheri Parshall donated \$1,200 from Skiyenti, delegate #191 Karen Davis donated \$300 from Snowchasers and \$100 from delegate #190 Harry Davis. In addition, delegate #66 Cindy Krupp donated \$20 to the General Fund, delegate #43 Bob Ellis donated \$1,000 from Snowchasers plus donations from several individual racers for Far West Racing. In total, this activity raised \$4,120 for the Foundation.

LIVE AUCTION

Harry Davis held a live auction for two remaining auction items.

2 night stay at Sun Peaks hotel plus 2 lift tickets for 2 people sold for \$300.

3 nights lodging at Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, and 12 lift tickets for 4 people sold for \$500.

New Business

Linda Scott asked for the newly elected 2015-2016 Officers and Trustees to come forward. Self-introductions were made.

A brief Board of Directors meeting will start at 1:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

The General Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Ross, Secretary
Far West Ski Association

FWSA Elections

Elections to be held Sunday, June 12, 2016

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustee (1)

Trustee (2)

VP Communications

VP International Travel

VP Marketing

VP Membership

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one-year terms. Trustees and Vice Presidents are elected for two-year terms. In 2017 the two-year term elective positions will be VP Council Services, VP North American Travel, VP Public Affairs and two Trustee positions.



2016 Roll of Remembrance



*As we celebrate the lives of our "family members"
we shall continue to hold their memory in our hearts
for eternity.*

Nelson Bennett	10th Mountain Division, worked at Sun Valley and White Pass in Yakima, WA, serviced as USSA & FIS course chair.	Evelyn Lowis Schiess	Grindelwald (LAC)
Bill Johnson	1984 Downhill Gold Olympian Medalist & FWSA President's Award Recipient	Dee Swift	Grindelwald (LAC)
Stein Ericksen	Olympian, Founder Deer Valley, Icon	Ray Wilmont	Intermountain Ski Council
Dick Bass	Snowbird Co-Founder, Partner & Chairman	George Medek	Intermountain Ski Council
Alex Morley	Jackson Hole Co-Founder	Bing Sheldon	Mt. Hood Museum (NWSCC)
Gerald Groszold	Champion Ski Jumper, helped cut trails at Winter Park and helped develop Fraser Valley	Hayami "Hi" Fujii	Nisei (BAC) Founding Father
Carson May	Sugar Bowl Instructor	Noel Jordan	Phoenix (AZ)
Hansi Brenninger	Aspen Ski Instructor	Sheila Evans	Phoenix (AZ)
Wally Dobbs	Ski Instructor Red River	Sharon Engeldinger Tourville	Reno Ski Club (Sierra)
Michel Arpin	Mentor to Jean-Claude Killy	Nancy Barber	San Diego Ski Club (SDC)
Erik Roner	Tahoe City, professional skier	Cameron Bangs	Schnee Vogeli (NWSCC)
Sam Jackenthal	Freeskier	Henry Bendenelli	Mt. Hood Skikats (NWSCC)
Leona Sanford	Mike Sanford's Mother	King McGuire	Schnee Vogeli (NWSCC)
John R. Ellis	Bob Ellis' Dad	Dale Crockatt	Schnee Vogeli (NWSCC)
Joe Schuberg	Cascade (NWSCC) Beloved Lodge Manager	Charlie Kies	Schnee Vogeli (NWSCC)
"Andy" Andreas Vogel	Century City (LAC), 2003 FWSA Man of Year	Dick Pooley	Schnee Vogeli (NWSCC)
Bill Strickland	Edelweiss (LAC)	Kelsey Hewitt	Schnee Vogeli (NWSCC)
Norma Prupis	Edelweiss (LAC)	Charlie Kies	Schnee Vogeli (NWSCC)
Ray Rubenstein	Edelweiss (LAC)	Rick "Oz" Oswald	Mt. Bailey Snowcat Ski Guide (NWSCC)
Tony Morgan	Fire & Ice (BAC)	Constance Pulliam	Snow Busters Ski Club (LAC)
Ken Gill	Fountain Valley (Orange) Past Treas.	William A. Zschaler	Southbay (BAC)
Barry Goldman	Grindelwald (LAC)	John Funtsch	Westwood (LAC)
Tony Hartenstein	Grindelwald (LAC)	Herb Lippman	Westwood (LAC)
Laura "Lory" Hartenstein	Grindelwald (LAC)	Wes Harvey	Past President
		John Kramer	Balboa (Orange) Past News letter Editor, Tennis Director
		Bob Santee	Balboa (Orange)
		Betty Stinson	Past President
			Balboa (Orange)
			Past President & Treasurer
			Balboa (Orange)



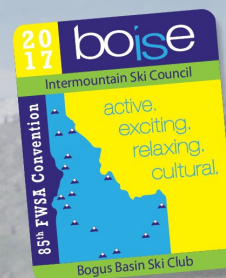
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- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention
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TRANSPORTATION

- Air Transportation is via Boise Airport (BOI), located 10 minutes from Boise Centre.
- Rental cars and shuttle services are available at the airport.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Wednesday**
 - "A Taste of Idaho"
(Hot Springs & Dutch Oven Dinner)
- **Thursday**
 - White Water Rafting Payette River
 - Boise River Green Belt Bike Tour
 - Albertson Stadium & MK Nature Center Tour
 - Downtown Boise Pub Crawls
- **Friday**
 - 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - Day at Bogus Basin Mountain
 - Fountain Party (Grove Plaza)

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Committee Report

Awards Program

by Catherine Ohl, Chair

In a volunteer organization such as Far West Ski Association nothing happens without individuals contributing their time and talent to produce programs. These dedicated people 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 one of the broadest programs of any regional ski association in the country and there are many opportunities for aspiring individuals, clubs and councils to gain recognition.

The modern day Awards Program was initiated in 1966 and has witnessed a series of expansions and changes over the years. For 2007, optional electronic submissions and voting has been added to the Far West Service awards. The Charity and Community Service Recognition Award for Clubs and Councils was added in 2007. Historical recognition for clubs and councils was added in 2008. In 2008, under the direction of John Watson, the Snowsports Builder Award was initiated. The Environment Award was added in 2015.

There have been a number of changes to the Club and Council Recognition Awards in 2015. The intention is to bring awareness to our programs and make the awards easier to apply for. This year all application forms were standardized and fillable electronically. The Communications Awards continue to be done through online submittals.

The Far West Awards Program is divided into the following distinct areas. Award details, photos and past winners can be found at <http://fwsa.org/Awards/awards.html> (case sensitive).

1. **Far West Service Awards** for association volunteers and/or ski industry and their employees
 - Hans Georg** for Individual Long-Term Contribution
 - Elizabeth 'Schatzi' Wood** for Individual Two-year Contribution
 - J. Stanley Mullin** for Individual Two-year Contribution
 - Jordan-Reily** for Individual Public Affairs Contribution
 - Jimmie Heuga** for Individual Humanitarian Contribution
 - Bill Mackey** for Individual Ski Industry Employee Contribution
 - Tommi Tyndall** for Ski Resort Contribution
 - Terry Smith** for Individual Racer Contribution
2. **Snowsports Builder Award** directed by John Watson
3. **Industry Media Awards** directed by Catherine Ohl
 - Bill Berry Award for Hard News**
 - Bill Berry Award for Featured News**
 - Warren Miller Multi Media Award**
4. **Club and Council Communication Recognition Awards** directed by Crissymarie King
 - Tollakson Award** for Outstanding Club
 - Wentworth Award** for Outstanding Club and Council Publications
 - Award for **Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites**
5. **Club and Council Recognition Awards** for Individuals, Clubs and Councils
 - Councils' Man & Woman of the Year**
 - Safety Person of the Year Award**
 - Western Ski Heritage Award**
 - Environment Award** (new in 2015)
 - Club and Council Legacy Recognition Program** (new in 2008)
 - Charity / Community Service Recognition Awards** for Clubs and Councils (new in 2007)
 - President's Awards** for Individual Contributions
6. **Snowsports Awards** for Individuals, Clubs, Councils, Leagues
 - Joe Ross Memorial Trophy** for Club
 - Lake Louise Trophy** for Council
 - Ski Week Trophies** for Male and Female Racers of Ski Week
 - Far West Championships Trophy** awarded by FWRA
 - Roma McCoy Trophy** awarded by FWRA
7. **Industry**
 - Ski Industry Recognition Certificates** for sponsorship and Silent Auction participation

I. Far West Service Awards

The Far West Service awards, sometimes referred to as “The Great Eight” are administered by Catherine Ohl, Awards Chair, with a committee consisting of Jane Wyckoff, Arleigh Meiners and Steve Coxen. Use of the Internet continues to be the popular and a most efficient means of submitting nominations and voting. Voting was permitted using the Internet, email or by the traditional snail mail. This and past year’s nominee citations can be viewed at <http://fwsa.org/awards/Awards.html> (case sensitive).

These awards are given to individuals or a team within the Far West Ski Association or Ski Industry. All accepted citations are archived at the Western SkiSport Museum in Boreal, California as a living history of volunteerism in the Far West Region. In addition to commemorative plaques and medallions, a permanent display of past recipients is showcased at the Museum. The Museum is administered by the Auburn Ski Club (<http://www.auburnskiclub.org/>), one of the founding ski clubs of the Far West Ski Association.

Hans Georg Award (1966 - present)

The Hans George Award is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to snowsports. This award is given to an individual or individuals who have contributed significant achievements to snowsports, not necessarily organized snowsports. It reflects a long term contribution and is the highest award of the Far West Ski Association. This award may only be received once and is based on a ten-year minimum service in the Far West region.

Previous awardees include *Linda Westlund, Gloria Raminha, Lynnell Calkins, Georgene Bihlman, Sigrid Noack, Donn Bryant, Mike Sanford, Ken Calkins, Nancy Kelly, Steve Coxen, Tucker Hoffmann, Gene Fulkerson, Harry Davis, George Eachus, Randy Lew, Norm Cullen, Fay Mumbauer, Woody Hogan, Fred Andrews, Dennis Agee, Pat Nangle, Mike Favia, Martha Perez, Mary Lou Bearden, Sutter Kunkel, Janie Hansen, Alan Christian, Dick Goetzman, Jimmie Heuga, Ed Gehle, John James, Bill Berry, Joe Harris, Bruce Bell, Jane Wyckoff, Don Simpson, Chuck Morse, John Watson, Fraser West, Russ Read, Wayne Poulsen, Dave McCoy, J. Stanley Mullin, Willy Schaeffler, Charles Fink, Bill Kidd, William Nagle, Ben Cole, Walt Disney, W.S. Slim Davis.*

Elizabeth 'Schatzi' Wood Award (1966 - present)

The Elizabeth Schatzi Wood Award is given 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 snowsports during either the past year or in a prior year. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service) in the Far West region. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *Jo Simpson, Debbie Stewart, Eileen Sanford, Gloria Raminha, Barbara Bryant, Mary Olhansen, Fran Long, Debbi Kor, Helen Harris, Marilyn Sigler, Linda Westlund, Nancy Kelly, Nancy Sanford, Lynnell Calkins, Bonnie West, Karen Davis, Connie Smith, Maxine Hanlon, Kathy Hoffmann, Susie Vetter, Karen Kimball, Pat Nangle, Lauren Nagle, Fay Mumbauer, Margo Thomas, Karyn Tablada, Sallie Pritchard, Janie Hansen, Anita Omsby, Jessica Freeman, Billy Loy Wilson, Madeline Hunter, Jan Wright, Nancy Ingalsbee, Marlene Steinmeyer, Kathy Downer, Gloria Slate, Jane Wyckoff, Judy Fjeld, Thelma West, Sally Neidlinger Hudson, Gladys Poulsen, Mary Lou Bearden, Madeline Walton.*

J. Stanley Mullin Award (1966 - present)

The J. Stanley Mullin Award is given to the man, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to snowsports during either the past year or in a prior year. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service) in the Far West region. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *George Kish, Emilio Trampuz, David Krupp, Dennis Heffley, Richard Lubin, Dick Shawkey, Arleigh Meiners, Ray Craig, Robb Margrave, Donn Bryant, Michael German, Joe Loader, Steve Coxen, Ken Calkins, Jim Ortiz, Tucker Hoffmann, Mike Sanford, Sutter Kunkel, Ron Anderson, Gene Fulkerson, Randy Lew, Norm Cullen, Louis Buhler, Woody Hogan, Paul Arrigo, Chuck Morse, John James, Howard Wickersham, Cloyd Howard, Alan Christian, John Rosendranz, Bob Clinco, Ed McArthur, Ed Gehle, Dick Croft, Bruce Bell, Russ Read, Rolf Fromm, Edgar Gar Bering, Carl Grover, Russ Tiffany, John Watson, Dick Goetzman, Stan Walton, Bryon Nishkian.*

Jordan-Reily Award (1991 - present)

The Jordan-Reily Award recognizes a one or two year activity and achievement in the Associations Public Affairs programs—area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation and transportation. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service). This award may also be given to an individual in government or the ski industry.

Previous awardees include *Jeremy Jones, Kayla Walker, Robert Redford, Christina Thomure, John Wentworth, Auden Schendler, Rich Marriott, Geraldine Link, Scott Kaden, Mark Udall, Ethan Chickering, Steve Coxen, Denny Bschor, Steve Reneker, Mike Sanford, Linda McGavin, Wayne Poulsen, Karen Kimball, Steve Reneker, Ron Anderson, John Watson.*

Jimmie Heuga Award (1987 - present)

The Jimmie Heuga Award is given to the individual who, like Jimmie, has made a significant contribution to disabled snowsports and/or has overcome a physical disability and has been an inspiration to others. This award may only be received once.

Previous awardees include *David Briery, Lee Perry, Jr, Chris Waddell, Dianna Digian Domenico, Linda Whittle, Will Niccolis, Ed Bronsdon, Tom Peirce, Larry "Chad" Chadwick, Sigrid Noack, Muffy Davis, Ben Velasquez, Chris Klug, Gordon Cardona, Billy Kidd, Mike Wellman, Norm Cox, Candace Cable, Rick Van Aken, Jim Ortiz, Sara Tully, Kelle Malkewitz, Hal O'Leary, Linda Fryback, Sallie Pritchard, Doug Pringle, Lynne Haile, Steve Kanaly, James Stacey.*

Tommi Tyndall Award (1966 - present)

The Tommi Tyndall Award is given to the ski area, ski area operator; tourism bureau, or the ski area association who has made a distinguished contribution to snowsports and/or the Far West Ski Association in the past year or in prior years. This award may be received more than once but not in consecutive years. This award is based on one or two year contribution. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *Whitefish Mtn. Resort, Mt. Hood Meadows, Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mountain, Big Sky, Vail Resorts, Aspen Snowmass, Big White, Breckenridge, Ogden Weber CVB, Big Mountain, Salt Lake CVB, Silver Star, Park City, Ski New Mexico, Lake Louise, Boreal, Northstar, Mammoth Race Department, Bear Mountain, Mt. Bachelor, Steamboat, Crested Butte, Mt. Reba / Bear Valley, Snow Forest, Mountain High, Mt. Rose, Boreal Ridge, Snow Summit, Heavenly Valley, Kirkwood, Yosemite.*

Bill Mackey Award (1972 - present)

The Bill Mackey Award is given for outstanding service to the snowsports public by a ski industry or ski area employee. This award may be received more than once but not in consecutive years. Recipients must be full-time employee in the ski industry or related industry and can not be a FWSA board member; trustee or appointed chairperson.

Previous awardees include *Ann Cook (Mt. Bachelor), Jason Forrest (Whitefish), Bob Bourquard (Mt. Bachelor), Bob Salerno (Virtual Snow), Brian Flickinger (Vail), Mary Manning (Aspen), Cyd Heatherly (Snowbasin), Patrick Rothe (ski.com), Kris McKinnon (Aspen), Mark Thoreson (Sun Valley), Karen Schneider (Steamboat), Tammie Anstedt (Vail), Jim Loyd (Big White), John Frasca (Central Holidays), Don Beaulieu (Sunshine), Jean Louis Villot (Mammoth) Sandy Best (Lake Louise), Mary Evans (Aspen), Joe Pettit (Northstar), Steve Orchin (CP Hotels), Brent Boblitt (Northstar), Brad Wilson (Bear), Julie Maurer & Mike Blind (Northstar), Elise Waddell (Mammoth), Jerry Simon (Ski Group), Jim Mott (Squaw), Marilyn Branch (Coonskin Inn), Mark Phillips (Mt. Reba), John Armstrong (Mammoth), Bob Settineri & Ron Roesch (Mogel Mogul Mike Sierra Productions), Randy Fahrback (Purgatory), Nick Hudson (Heavenly), Chuck Morse (Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program), Jim Catlin (Mammoth), Ueli Luthi (Mammoth), Mitch Vlad (Canadian Office of Tourism), Hary Leonard (Ski Show), Bob Bergstrom (Sports), Chuck Morse (Mtn. High), Jim Hardy (Tahoe Hyatt), Bill Boardman (Squaw), Dick Parent (Hig Sierra Reservations), Knut Waarli (Cal-Nordic Institute), Peter Brinkman (Mt. Reba), Jim Garner (Mammoth).*

Terry Smith Award (1976 - present)

Awarded to outstanding an individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of recreational ski racing. This award may only be received once. Only elected officers of Far West Racing Association, including race league chairpersons and past Terry Smith Award recipients, are allowed to nominate and vote.

Previous awardees include *Nancy Ellis, Brent Forsythe, Maxine Hanlon, Jo Simpson, Scott Peer, Craig Fittel, Beat Hupfer, Jim Sommer, Barbara Bryant, Dan Jeffrey, Dick Shawkey, Joe Loader, Dotti Gallagher, Robb Margrave, Mark Hanlon, Marty Purmort, Lynnell Calkins, Bob Bernard, Ken Calkins, Bob & Debbie Warzynski, Herb Schraibman, Bob Ellis, Carol Weaver, Ralph Lehotsky, John Ulrich, John Armstrong, George Eachus, John Catozzi, Alan Christian, Ellen Loe, Jessica Freeman, Dennis Agee, Karyn Tablada, Ueli Lufhi, Joe Harris, John Rosenkranz, John James, Bruce Bell.*

2. Snowsports Builder

John Watson, History Chair, along with the Far West Board of Trustees, administers the Snowsports Builder award. In 2008 Far West added this award to expand its suite of awards. The award recognizes an individual, teams or an organization that has made a contribution to benefit the sport, a contribution that has made an indelible impact on the sport and that may not have been fully recognized.

Such contributions may not be limited to any particular sector of industry, society, or the sport. Their background could include manufacturing, athletics, travel, journalism, electronic or print media, government, academia, teaching and safety. The Builders Award is intended to be for those outside Far West's traditional service awards and may be made annually by the Trustees.

Previous awardees include Ben Finley, Art Clay, Hensley Family, Chuck Morse, Cliff Blann, Greg Thompson, Bill Marolt, Dave McCoy, Norbert Olberz, Martha Perez, Doug Pfeiffer, Deedee Corradini, Jerry Simon, Harry Leonard.

3. Industry Media Awards

The Industry Media awards are administered by Catherine Ohl with a committee consisting of Mike Sanford, VP of Public Affairs, Randy Lew, FWSA Treasurer and Past President, and Steve Coxen, FWSA President.

Billy Berry Award for Hard News (1966 - present)

Awarded for outstanding service to snowsports by writers for the printed media of an outstanding article, book, blog, etc. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees for Hard News include Jane Wyckoff, Ben Jacklet, Tom Stienstra, Bob Wilbanks, April Darrow, Walter Roessing Brian Clark, Katherine Cole, Bob Cox, Rodney Angove, Sam Bauman, Al Auger, Diane Slezak Scholfeld, Garry Niver, Susan Vreeland, Luanne Pfeifer, Bob Lochner, Burt Sims.

Billy Berry Award for Feature Article (1991 - present)

Awarded for outstanding service to snowsports by writers for the printed media in a featured article. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees for Feature Article include Chris Santella, Christopher Van Tilburg MD, Jon Tullis, Wendolyn Holland, Makay Jenkins, Jennifer Woodlief, Chris Davenport, Charles J. Sanders, April Darrow, Jimmy Petterson, Richard Kun, Leigh Gieringer, Christopher Solomon, Chaco Mohler, Leigh Gieringer, Gregory Dennis, Ken Castle, Luanne Pfeifer, Diane Slezak Scholfeld, Glen Putman, Robert Frohlich.

Warren Miller Modern Media Award (was the Bill Berry Modern Media Award from 1982 to 2004)

Awarded for outstanding service to snowsports by the film, television, radio, and electronic media. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees include Red Bull Media House, Match Stick Productions, Seve Bellamy, Daron Talbot, Robert Frohlich, Jimmy Peterson, Ari Heinila, Abbie Kealy, Steve Porino, Joe Jay Jalbert, Tammie Thompson, Josh Murphy, AJ Kitt, Al Noraker, Russ Cameron, Jerry Hoffmann, Don Fontana, John Jay, Chaco Mohler, Kurt Miller, Peter Speck, Warren Miller, Bob Beattie, Suzy Chaffee, Cecil Charles, John Hamilton Ken Nelson.

4. Club & Council Achievement Recognition Awards

Tollakson Award for Outstanding Club

The Tollakson Award is administered by Crissymarie King, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each club is asked to submit up to a 10-page bio detailing their contributions to snowsports. Results from their Newsletter and Web site scores are included in this competition. In addition, each club is required to submit a judge to help with the judging.

Wentworth Award for Outstanding Club and Council Publications

The Wentworth Award is administered by Crissymarie King, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each club and council is asked to submit two newsletters for judging. In addition, each club and council is required to submit a judge to help with the judging.

Award for Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites

The Award for Outstanding Web Site is administered by Crissymarie King, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each club and council is asked to submit their web site for judging. In addition, each club and council is required to submit a judge to help with the judging.

Club awards for the Tollakson, Wentworth and Outstanding Web Site are presented to clubs based on their performance over the past four years that can vary slightly from year to year. A club may fall into a different class in each of the three categories.

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| Masters: | Any club that has received a 1st place Advanced award or a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place Masters award for their club for outstanding club, publication or website within the last four years. |
| Expert: | Any club that has received a 1st place Novice or a 2nd or 3rd place Advanced award for their club for outstanding club, publication or website within the last four years. |
| Novice: | Club who has not won an award in the past 4 years |
| Council: | Open to all councils |

5. Recognition Awards

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year

The Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Competition is administered by Gene Fulkerson, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each council is requested to submit a man and/or woman candidate who best represents their council. In addition, each council is required to submit one judge to help with the judging.

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 snowsports; club, council, regional and national activities; and knowledge and enthusiasm for the snowsports. Candidates should have awareness of Far West programs and, in particular, its public affairs involvement. Emphasis has been shifted to Club leadership over the past ten years.

The Councils' Man and Woman of the Year is sponsored by Big White Ski Resort, BC, Canada since 2001.

Safety Person of the Year Award

This award is administered by Richard Lubin, Safety Chair, under the leadership of Mike Sanford, VP Public Affairs. This award honors the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe snowsports and safety programs at the club and/or council level. Individuals are judged 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. The Safety Award is sponsored by Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain Lodge Telluride since 2015.

Western Ski Heritage Prize

This award is administered by John Watson, History Chair, under the leadership of Mike Sanford, VP Public Affairs, and recognizes an 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. This award also recognizes interest in Far West's history through collection, preservation and protection of appropriate articles and material. This award acknowledges the utilization of all types of media and is not limited to FWSA members. This award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. since its inception in 2000.

Environment Award

This award is administered by Mike Sanford, VP Public Affairs, and is designed to encourage good stewardship of our environment. We want to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made a difference. This award is sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company, The Gant and Crestwood Condominiums since 2015.

Club and Council History Recognition Program

FWSA has inaugurated a program to collect club, league and council histories. These will go to make up a historic collection available to researchers—and who knows? — maybe a book of histories from the standpoint of organized snowsports. Your submission must be on CD/DVD with 5 copies and one hard copy. Notify John Watson, FWSA Historian at geospace@pacbell.net.

Charity and Community Service Recognition Award

The charity award was new in 2007 and is administered by Sigrid Noack, Charity and Community Chair under the leadership of Jo Simpson, VP Councils. There are 3 categories this year.

Double Diamond: A club that has won a 1st place in the past.

Diamond: A club that has not won a 1st place in the past

Council: A class of its own.

The winning clubs receives a \$200 donation to the charity of their choice. Second place club winners will receive a \$50 donation to the charity of their choice. First place council each receive \$100 donation to the charity of choice. The Charity and Community Service Recognition Award is sponsored by Far West Ski Association since 2007.

President's Award

The President of FWSA 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 snowsports experience of the "Western Skier."

6. Snowsports Awards

Joe Ross Memorial Trophy

This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff and is presented to the club with the highest total points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at the FWSA North American Ski Week.

Lake Louise Trophy

This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff and is presented to the council with the highest total points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at the FWSA North American Ski Week. The trophy, donated by the Canadian Tourism Office in 1997, is on permanent display at the Western SkiSport Museum (<http://auburnskiclub.com/ski-museum/>) in Boreal, California.

Council Challenge

The first Council Challenge was held in Mt. Bachelor when the Bay Area Council challenged the Northwest Council (then known as Portland Area Ski Club Council) to a duel race. Teams consisted of the best 6 racers from each council. In Steamboat the Challenge was opened up to all councils. In a surprise move, Arizona beat out Northwest, Bay Area and Los Angeles. Today teams consist of 8 racers from each council and must be a mix of men and women. And if you can't beat them on the course, your team can compete for the best costume.

Racer of the Week

Awarded to the female and male racer who earns the most points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at the FWSA North American Ski Week. This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff.

Far West Championships

Awarded to the Far West race league that earns the most points overall at the Far West Championships. The Far West Racing Association administers this award.

Roma McCoy Trophy

Awarded to the Far West race league that earns the most points per racer start at the Far West Championships. The Far West Racing Association administers this award.

7. Industry**Ski Industry Recognition Certificates**

Long-term ski industry supporters and sponsors of Far West and the FWSA annual convention are recognized with certificates of appreciation. This award is administered by Debbi Kor, VP Marketing and Sponsorship.

Convention Program

by Jane Wyckoff, Convention Chair,

Convention 2016 - On behalf of the Far West Ski Association, I would like to extend a hearty thank you to the entire Arizona Ski Council Convention Steering Committee and its many volunteers for an outstanding job in hosting the 84th Annual FWSA Convention. We would especially like to recognize Linda Westlund, Host Council Convention Coordinator, and Arleigh Meiners, Arizona Ski Council President for all their dedication and hard work. Please take a moment to refer to the Volunteer VIPs list in the beginning of the Delegate Book for all the ASC and FWSA volunteers who made this Convention such a success. One of the great aspects of being an FWSA Convention Chairperson is having the opportunity to work with volunteers in a host council each year, and hope they find the experience fun, educational and rewarding!

A special thank you to Catherine Ohl, not only for our fabulous website at www.fwsa.org which includes the Convention site, but for all her work on designing Convention forms and publicity materials (delegates and industry) for the past five years. Also, a special mention and thank you goes to Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing and Sponsorships, for bringing in over \$22,000 in cash sponsorships from the industry to help keep our Convention Registration fees low. Jeannine Davis is in her second year as Silent Auction Chairperson and Fran Long came on board this year as Travel Expo Chairperson. We are thrilled to have her join us. Cindy Krupp does an amazing job as Convention Treasurer. And, we wouldn't have on-line registration without Jim Nachbar! Randy Lew combined the mail-in and on-line databases to generate reports and coordinated and managed registrations for all our VIP's and special guests. Your valuable assistance year after year is appreciated. These are some very time consuming roles. It is certainly a team effort!

2015 Convention Survey – Again in 2015, we distributed a Convention Survey and we are very appreciative of the 146 Convention attendees who completed the survey. We derived statistical data and great feedback on things you like about an FWSA Convention, and things you would like to see changed. We received feedback regarding the length of the Luncheon and the Awards Banquet. We cut an hour off the Awards Banquet program the past several years, and we worked on shortening the program more this year, while still providing time to recognize our volunteers and industry leaders. We received significant feedback to improve the elections process and many changes/improvements were made for this Convention.

Future Conventions - By booking our Conventions at least two to three years in advance, we are able to obtain hotel properties at much better rates. Negotiations are completed and contracts executed for Convention 2017. Our challenge now is with decreased Convention attendance, and our contractual obligations.

I am currently looking for interested volunteers with contract management and event planning experience to contact me to be mentored for future roles in leading FWSA Conventions. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact me with questions and availability.

References below are for your future planning!

Convention 2017 – June 7-11, 2017 – The Grove Hotel, Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho - Hosted by Bogus Basin Ski Club/Intermountain Ski Council, with Michael Bouton as Host Council Convention Chairperson. Just a few years after hosting its first ever FWSA Convention in 2012 in Ogden, Utah, the Intermountain Ski Council offered an opportunity to host a first ever Convention in Boise, Idaho. The Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau worked closely with us to secure a contract for this site.

Consistently ranked high as one of the most outdoor-oriented cities in the United States, the city's Boise River, foothills and bike paths offer many opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast. Besides being home to the blue turf football field of Boise State University, Boise has an active arts community and a lively downtown filled with shops, restaurants and night spots. Lodging will be at The Grove Hotel, located just 10 minutes from the Boise International Airport. The Grove Hotel offers an intimate retreat with a more casual level of luxury, with over 60 restaurants and shopping options within walking distance. The hotel is connected to the beautiful state-of-the-art Boise Centre. From the airy, glass enclosed lobby, to the open and spacious meeting rooms, attendees will enjoy the modern and spacious surroundings for our meetings and events.

The following is from Mike Bouton, Host Council Convention Coordinator:

"Boise IS" many things and I am hoping you will want to discover all of the "IS" next year. Boise IS booming with its downtown growth and building. The Centre on the Grove is being enlarged and the plaza will be remodeled in time for the "Fountain Party" Friday of the Convention. The Grove Hotel has just gone through a renovation of all its guest rooms and will be the hub of activity during your stay in Boise.

“Boise IS” vibrant and you will be enjoying all the night life and shopping. The plan is to have two different Pub Crawls, one a wine walking tour in the downtown and the other a bus Brews Cruise of a few of our terrific Brew Pubs and tasting rooms.

“Boise IS” exciting and you’ll get to feel the excitement of the white water rafting adventure on the Payette River we have planned for you. You’ll have a full day with a beach lunch or a half day with a swim and a snack.

“Boise IS” relaxing as well. You can enjoy a leisure bike ride along the Boise River on our 30 miles of Green Belt. You’ll get to see the famous Blue Turf at Albertson Stadium and a tour of the MK Nature Center. The Idaho Historical Museum will be reopened after 3 years of renovations. The Boise Art Museum (BAM) is next door in our beautiful Julia Davis Park. A trip to the Boise Zoo is always fun. All of these activities are within walking distance from The Grove Hotel.

“BOISE IS” waiting and anxious to have you her June 7-11, 2017. Come early or stay after. There is plenty of things to see and so.

Convention 2018 – June 6-10, 2018 – Casino Resort Spa Casino, Reno, Nevada

Surrounded by breathtaking views of the Sierras, Atlantis is Reno’s premier AAA Four Diamond resort – a distinction held by only the most exceptional hotels in the world. Featuring distinctive décor, contemporary furnishings, and seamless in-room technology, Atlantis offers unmatched amenities for the perfect getaway. The stunningly designed rooms, award-winning restaurants, Forbes Four-Star luxury spa and casino entertainment are truly second to none. The Atlantis Spa has 15 treatment rooms, Salon, Cardio Theater and Fitness Center. In addition to the Casino are 10 restaurants and use of the indoor and outdoor pools and whirlpool spa.

Located just 3.5 miles from Reno International Airport, it is on the strip of the heart of Reno’s restaurant, shopping and entertainment district. There are NO Resort Fees, free parking and complimentary wireless internet in the guest rooms and meeting rooms.

Watch for the “2016-2017 Far West Skier’s Guide” for complete details regarding our upcoming FWSA Conventions.

Director Report
Industry Marketing
by Debbi Kor, VP Marketing &
Jeannine Davis, Silent Auction Chair

Responsibilities for the Industry Marketing Program include: producing the Silent Auction and Travel Expo, sponsorship development, serving on the Convention Committee, and promoting advertising sales for the Far West Skier's Guide. Debbi Kor, FWSA Vice President of Marketing, is responsible for the membership benefits program and product sponsorship development. Jeannine Davis is Chairman of the annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo. Leigh Gieringer is Editor of the Far West Skier's Guide. The ski industry invested over \$146,000 this year in Association industry programs.

Silent Auction

In 2016, we are celebrating, not only the 84th Annual Convention, but the 31st Silent Auction. FWSA sincerely values the working relationship our Association has developed with the ski and sports industries. Countless hours have been spent by dedicated ski club, council and FWSA volunteers, who assist with conducting a successful Silent Auction each and 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 Council of Ski Clubs. The Travel Carousel became the Travel Expo, and Passports replaced the Lift Tickets. Convention delegates now schedule appointments with industry representatives, meeting one-on-one in a timed sequence. Each year we look forward to seeing our industry friends at our Annual Convention, some of whom have attended for thirty years, and others who are brand 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. The Silent Auction and Travel Expo would not be possible without the assistance of many special people – many thanks goes to this year's Host Council, Arizona Ski Council, and all the many volunteers who do all the behind-the-scenes work and setup. The "Convention Team", tasked with production of the Silent Auction and Travel Expo includes Jane Wyckoff, Convention Chair, Jeannine Davis, Silent Auction Chair, Fran Long, Travel Expo Coordinator, and Debbi Kor, V.P. of Marketing and Sponsorship and registrar for all industry partners. The team puts in countless hours to bring you an outstanding event for both club members and the industry. Our gratitude is extended to all the workers from the Arizona Ski Council, the FWSA Board Members, and friends and volunteers from other councils that assist with last minute preparations prior to the Silent Auction and Travel Expo.

Convention Sponsorships

The Convention sponsorship program reduces the amount of money needed to be taken from Silent Auction proceeds to offset Convention costs. Sponsorships are extremely important to the financial success of our event. We offer annual sponsorships for the various activities and events that are part of the convention, such as the annual Pub Crawl on Thursday evening, the Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, the Pool Party, the Welcome Party on Friday Night, along with beverage sponsors, luncheon and dinner sponsors and many others. We currently have multi-year Program sponsorships with Big White Ski Resort as the sponsor of the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Program. Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish Mountain Resort, and Karbon are sponsors of the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program; Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation sponsors the Western Ski Heritage Award; Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain Lodge Telluride sponsors the Safety Person of the Year Award; and Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant, and Crestwood Condominiums sponsors the Environment Award. We are pleased to know 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, as well as mention in both The Councilman and the Far West Skier's Guide.

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. The "Guide" was first published for the 1988-1989 ski season. The current edition is the 28th Annual edition. Extensive industry special sections and editorial coverage makes the publication ever popular in industry marketing efforts. Potential sponsors find promotion in the Far West Skier's Guide especially attractive. Leigh Gieringer is to be commended for her outstanding efforts in professional journalism and her dedication to the production of this publication. The Digital Edition of the Far

West Skier's Guide not only expands the readership within the far west region, but makes it available to snowsport enthusiasts throughout the country and internationally. The 2015-2016 digital edition (the fifth annual DE) also contains an additional 28 page insert. If you haven't visited the digital version, please check it out. The link can be found at several locations: www.fwsa.org, www.farwestskiersguide.com, <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2015-16/>, www.skifederation.org/, <http://boundforsnow.com/far-west-skiers-guide-2013-2014/> plus FWSA council websites and many of the individual FWSA affiliated ski club sites.

To be included in the 29th Annual (2016-2017) Far West Skier's Guide, please contact Leigh at 480.600.6099 or fwsg@cox.net.

85th Annual Convention - 2017

We are looking forward to another terrific convention hosted by Intermountain Ski Council. We will be at The Grove Hotel, Boise Centre, in Boise, Idaho, June 7-11, 2017 - holding our 32nd Silent Auction and 15th Travel Expo! Please plan to join us, where you will find that "Boise Is....!!

A Final Reminder

Our ski industry programs will continue to grow as long as the ski clubs and councils support them. Please show your support for the companies that participate in the Convention, provide sponsorships and member benefits, and advertise in the Far West Skier's Guide by including them in your travel and ski/sports equipment purchase plans.

Director Report

Communications

by Jim Nachbar, Vice President

For the past three years, it has been my pleasure to be your VP of Communications. During that time, we have made some significant strides in the FWSA Communications Program.

In January 2014, FWSA launched FWSA-Connect, which recently moved to its new home at <https://connect.fwsa.org>. During that time, we have been continually adding functionality to FWSA-Connect. Current features include the ability to upload your photos and videos to FWSA, to register for Convention and for certain FWSA Trips, and to pay online for Convention and Trips, including progress payments on International Trips that are too complex for online registration.

In December 2015, FWSA-Connect added the FWSA Trip Calendar. Now, Clubs and Councils can share information about trips and events they are running that they want to make available to other Councils, Clubs, and the Snowsports Community in general.

The majority of Convention registrations for 2014 and 2015 have been online, so you probably have used FWSA-Connect, but if not, you can go to <https://connect.fwsa.org> and create your account. You will then get an email, and once you click the link to confirm your email address, your FWSA-Connect account will be active. If you ever forget your password, you can click "Forgot your password?" to be emailed a link to reset it.

Even before you create your account, you can browse and search for trips and events. If you would like to post your own Council's or Club's events, first create and confirm your account, and then email us at fwsa-comm-connect@plastic.org, and we will enable your account for posting trips. You will also be able to edit the trips you have posted.

All payments on FWSA-Connect are made through PayPal, which means you can use your credit cards as well as any bank accounts you have linked to your PayPal account. You can use your credit card in confidence, knowing that your information is protected by PayPal, and is never accessed by FWSA. While you do not need a PayPal account to use your credit card on FWSA-Connect, I would encourage you to get a free PayPal account. A PayPal account will let you purchase products all over the web without having to share your credit card information with companies you may not know, may not be in the USA and thus not subject to our laws, and may not be large enough to have a security staff as extensive as PayPal's.

FWSA-Connect is a custom Ruby on Rails application, backed by a MongoDB NoSQL database. Please let us know what you think of FWSA-Connect, and we look forward to your suggestions for additional functionality.

The main FWSA website, <http://fwsa.org>, is maintained by Catherine Ohl. This year, Catherine has moved the website to its new home at Dreamhost, which was a big job, but will allow additional features which would have been difficult with our previous ISP. In addition to our website, Catherine designs many of the other FWSA materials you see.

The FWSA Communication Program also includes the Councilman, published by Connie Burdett, the Far West Skiers Guide, published by Leigh Gieringer, and the monthly FWSA News Flash, published by Debbi Kor. If you want to get a monthly reminder of everything FWSA is doing, be sure to sign up for the News Flash, on our website. George Stewart has been publishing a steady stream of videos – take a look at the FWSA Channel on YouTube.

We also have been posting to Facebook and Twitter, and we are looking for volunteers who use Facebook and would like to contribute to our Social Media.

I again want to thank you for allowing me to be your VP of Communications these past three years, and I look forward to contributing to Far West for many years to come.

Director Report

Far West Skier's Guide

by Leigh Gieringer, Editor

The current issue - 2015-2016 - of the Far West Skier's Guide is the 28th Annual. The publication was started in 1988. An issue has been published each year since. As the editor and publisher, I wish to thank members of the Far West Ski Association who contributed throughout the years; and especially the ski industry for their sponsorship to make these issues possible. I look forward to working with all again in 2016 on the 29th Annual.

The last six issues have also been uploaded into a digital format which has been well received by our members and beyond. The 28th Annual Digital Edition, currently online, also features an additional 22 page insert to encourage readers to access the DE. If you have not viewed it yet, please view it at the link below or go to www.fwsa.org and click on the animated cover located on the left hand side of the homepage.

As a western regional publication, we distribute to ski clubs, ski shops and ski shows in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Copies are also sent to Direct Members of the FWSA some of which are located in many other states. The digital edition has reached a far wider audience including snowsport enthusiasts throughout North America and internationally, thus it appears that we are developing a following around the world. Here is the link to the current digital edition of the 2015-2016 Far West Skier's Guide: <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2015-16/>. Keep it in your favorites and pass it along to others.

The 29th Annual Far West Skier's Guide - the 2016-2017 - issue has been started. Rate cards have been sent to past advertisers. We welcome the ski industry to be a part of it. Please contact me at 480.600.6099 for further information. Look for the printed edition in late October and the digital edition in mid November.

Director Report

Council Services

by Jo Simpson, Vice President

Council Services supports FWSA clubs by working through the presidents of the nine member councils. It has been my honor to serve as Vice President Council **Services for** the past three years. We have a talented and involved group of council presidents and program chairs who ably represent the interest of their member clubs. This past year we welcomed four new council presidents. It is exciting to have new faces in our meetings.

There are several great programs that Council Services oversees: Club and Council Communication and Outstanding Club Awards, Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Recognition, Charities and Our Community, and Family and Youth Involvement.

Sadly, our efforts to increase submissions from clubs for the newsletter, website and outstanding club competitions were unsuccessful. We will be evaluating these programs at our July meeting and decide how to move forward. Our Club/Council Communications Awards Chair, Crissymarie King, has worked tirelessly to streamline the submission and judging process.

Savvy Snake, the wildly successful mascot of the FWSA Skin Cancer Program, chaired by Fran Long as part of the Family and Youth Involvement Program, has retired. The stickers and brochure with a kid's game were a big hit with kids at ski shows for several years, but the program has run its course. See Fran's report regarding initiatives she is taking to encourage greater family and youth involvement in our clubs.

Sigrid Nowak, our Charities & Our Community Chair, continues to champion this program. This year was the second year for having two levels of competition—Diamond for clubs who previously have won the award and Double Diamond for those who have entered and not won or who are first time submitters. The considerable charity and community work of FWSA clubs is further detailed by Sigrid on in her report.

Gene Fulkerson, chair of the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year, is in his second year as chair. We are honoring 13 Man and Woman of the Year candidates from eight councils this year and will be announcing the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year at the convention banquet Saturday evening. Gene's changes last year in the interview format were well received. He also revised the point value of some of the scoring categories to give more weight to club level work.

Most of us joined a ski club to meet and socialize with active people who like to ski and to take advantage of group ski trips to interesting resorts. The mission of Council Services is to provide our hundreds of FWSA ski clubs with tools to enhance their success. We welcome ideas and feedback from club members and club and council leaders.

Director Report

Family and Youth Involvement

by Fran Long, Chair

We all know that continued growth and vibrancy in our ski clubs and councils is dependent upon "new blood" coming into our organizations. Our young people are our best source of that new blood. Sharing our love of snow sports and looking for ways to continually develop organized snow sports activities that will attract our young families is what youth and family involvement is all about.

Far West Ski Association embraces and encourages youth and family involvement in most FWSA trips and activities. Many FWSA clubs and councils support youth and family involvement as well. Those clubs and councils with comprehensive race programs encourage junior racers to participate. Many clubs hold one or two annual events that encourage youth and family involvement. The Far West Ski Association website now has a venue for our various clubs and councils to list their ski trips and activities. Clubs and councils are encouraged to post their events, and identify those that are youth and family friendly.

FWSA encourages youth and family participation on both North American and International ski week trips. We continue to have a few children of varying ages attend FWSA events, and it is always a pleasure to have them included.

As a youth and family involvement committee, we continue to encourage our clubs and councils to evaluate the types of activities, trips, and involvement being offered, as well as the timing of some trips, in order to optimize the possibility of involvement on youth and family trips.

Director Report

Charities & Our Community

by Sigrid Noack, Chair

"The Far West Ski Association and its nine 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."

FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition

The FWSA is again officially recognizing clubs and councils, who so enthusiastically support their favorite charities. The tenth annual "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" awards will be presented on Sunday to the FWSA Clubs and Councils, which during the past year have shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations. Because we have so many clubs and councils that actively support a huge variety of charities, FWSA is presenting two separate awards to clubs, the Diamond and Double Diamond class. The Double Diamond applicants are clubs who have won this recognition in past years, while Diamond applicants are clubs that have maybe applied before, or not, but they are still hoping to win this prestigious recognition. We are excited to be recognizing all the amazing efforts of our FWSA family by presenting these awards to our most outstanding clubs and council. By bringing these selfless activities out into the open, recognizing them annually at our convention, we also hope to encourage others to become more involved with charitable activities.

We are happy, that our FWSA clubs and councils have shown an interest in this FWSA recognition program by filling out an application and agreeing to share their photos and charity activity descriptions at convention. We will again have photos displayed on several picture boards this weekend to show how our FWSA clubs and councils have chosen to be involved with charities and community work.

This year we had four applicants, two Diamond and two Double Diamond ski clubs. Thank you and congratulations to the following groups, who made the effort and took the time to apply for this 2016 FWSA Recognition. **Diamond Class: Castro Valley Ski Club (BAC) and Torrey Pines Ski Club (SDC); Double Diamond Class: Skiyente Ski Club (NWSCC) and Pac Rim Alliance (LAC/SDC).** These wonderfully caring clubs have been doing outstanding work with their community organizations. The top ski clubs, selected by a panel of judges, are displaying their charity activities on picture boards this weekend. Please take a look at their displays and give them the recognition they all deserve. On Sunday the top charity supporting groups will receive special recognition with checks from FWSA to support their favorite charity. \$200 for the winning club in each class, \$50 for each runner-up club. No councils applied this year. All winnings will be donated to each group's favorite charity. All these clubs are winners! Congratulations!

This "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" is an annual award for clubs and councils' charity and community support efforts. Please check <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-community.html>, the FWSA Charity & Community Service site, to see updates on how to get involved with this special recognition next year. And please keep up the phenomenally wonderful charity work you have been doing.

Community Service Awareness Program 2015-2016

Five years ago we started this FWSA program, which we are continuing this year and hopefully in future years as well. The nine council presidents are working towards having every one of the clubs in their council be involved with at least ONE charitable activity. Congratulations to all our councils and clubs for putting forth this great effort in supporting their community organizations.

Community Involvement Updates

Although our clubs and councils are involved with a huge number of different charity organization, some of FWSA's favorite charity groups have been athletic groups for the mentally and physically challenged. Four of the most popular charities for our nine FWSA councils and approximately 150 snow sports clubs are the **Far West Ski Foundation, Disabled Sports USA, Special Olympics, and Can Do Multiple Sclerosis**, formerly known as the **Jimmie Heuga Center for MS**. Please check the Community Service page on the FWSA website for more information on how to become involved with these charities.

The **FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION** is the fund raising sister organization to the Far West Ski Association. FWSF was established in 1964 as a 501c3 organization to support training for Alpine racing in the 1964 Winter Olympics. It expanded on that mission in 2009 to raise funds and offer grants in four mission areas. These include scholarships for under-20 Alpine racers, scholarships and wounded veteran support to enable the disabled to enjoy adaptive snowsports, support to women's ski jumping, especially scholarships for the development training of its Fly Girls, and support for the preservation in museums and historical snowsports, research for education regarding the contributions of snowsports to the cultur-

al and sports history of the nation. Contributions are tax deductible and may be made to any FWSF Trustee or through PayPal, identifying your gift as directed to the Far West Ski Foundation. Please see our big, beautiful website at <http://www.farwestskifoundation.org>.

Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA), with the motto “If I Can Do This, I Can Do Anything”, 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. **Warfighter Sports**, formerly known as the **Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project**, is a part of DS/USA and offers sports rehabilitation programs in military hospitals and communities across the US through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters. Programs take place at sites throughout the US, offering returning Warfighters the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communities. Huge numbers of Warfighters have been returning home to our FWSA communities. Several of our councils and clubs have been involved with helping our disabled Veterans, who lost so much in Iraq or Afghanistan. FWSA clubs and councils have a long term relationship with several California Chapters of Disabled Sports USA: The Achieve Tahoe Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows, the US Adaptive Recreation Center at Big Bear (USARC), The Unrecables Ski Club in Los Angeles, and Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra at Mammoth Lakes (DSES). For more information to get involved check out <http://www.disabledsportsusa.org>.

Special Olympics relies on dedicated volunteers to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with mental retardation. With 220 offices world-wide, the Special Olympics global community includes athletes, volunteers, coaches, family members and sponsors/supporters. 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. Every one of our nine FWSA Councils has Special Olympics events happening in their communities. For more information to get involved, check out <http://www.specialolympics.org>.

CAN DO MS helps people with multiple sclerosis gain health and hope. One in 750 people has multiple sclerosis, a devastating, neurological disease in which a person’s immune system attacks the brain and spinal cord. There is no known cause or cure for MS. The Can Do Multiple Sclerosis Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people and families living with MS through its interactive, educational programs unique to any in the world. All of the Center’s programs are based on the philosophy that you can have a chronic condition AND have your health. By drawing on a wide range of medical professionals and focusing on all aspects of health - exercise, nutrition, social support and disease management - The Center helps people with MS learn how to live healthier, happier, more active lives. The Center’s motto is “Be More Than Your MS”. To honor their founder’s positive spirit and legacy, Can Do MS has declared Jimmie Heuga’s birthday, September 22nd, as CAN DO DAY. A wonderful way to help raise funds for the Can Do Multiple Sclerosis Center is participation with the Vertical Express for CAN DO MS. Please check the dates and other opportunities to become involved with this phenomenal organization on their website <http://www.mscando.org>

FWSA Supports These Charities

by Sigrid Noack, Charities & Our Community Chair

Organizations that volunteer time and/or money has been donated by FWSA councils & clubs.

10th Mountain Division Scholarship Fund
2009 World Games – Idaho
Achieve Tahoe-Disabled Sports USA
Adopt-A-Classroom Program - Long Beach Aquarium
Adopt-A-Family Program
Adopt-A-Highway Program
Adopt-An-Olympian
African-American Community Services Agency
AIDS Life Cycle Ride
Alameda County Community Food Bank
Alliance on Aging-Monterey
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
ALS Ski-A-Thon and Walk
ALS Ski-To-Defeat ALS
Alternatives To Violence Project
Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk
Alzheimer's Association-San Diego
American Cancer Society Relay for Life
American Cancer Society Hope On The Slopes/Ski& Ride for a Cure
American Heart Association
American Red Cross
American Stroke Association-Walks & Runs
Assistance League-San Luis Obispo
Arizona Humane Society
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament
Autism Society & Association Walk
Barks of Love
Beach Clean-Up
Bear Valley Ski Patrol for Oxygen Unit
Becky's House, YWCA Battered Women's Shelter
Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Bowl-a-Thon
Big Sur Marathon Foot Race
Book Drive & "Bookman" for Senior Centers
Booty For Boobies - Quest For A Cure
Brain Injury Recovery
Breast Cancer Walk
Brighten a Life, a Home Start Agency
Building Peaceful Families
Cabrillo Festival
California Foundation for Children for Underprivileged and At-Risk
California International Air Show, Monterey County
Can Do MS (formerly The Heuga Center For MS)
Cedar House Life Change Center - Abused Mothers & Children
Central California Adaptive Sports Center, China Peak
Chamber of Commerce
Cheyenne Friday Food Bag Program
Chris Klug Foundation for Organ Donations
Christmas in April for the Needy
Christmas in the Adobes
Christmas Toy Drive for Women/Children Shelters
Clothing to the Homeless
Clothing & Equipment for Skiers with Disabilities

COMEA House – Homeless Shelter
Compton Homeless Education Project
Concourse d'Elegance - Antique Car Show at Pebble Beach/Pebble Beach Company Foundation
Disabled Sports USA, Eastern Sierra
Disabled Sports USA, Mother Lode Chapter
Disadvantaged Youth Mentoring
Disadvantaged Youth Recreational Skiing & Boarding
DIVEHEART
Downtown Association Youth Services Summer Camp
Dress for Success
Eastside K-9, Mammoth Lakes, California
Empty Bowls – Food for the Hungry
Eppie's Great Race for Disabled Sports – Sacramento
Far West Ski Foundation
FWSA Junior Racer Scholarship Program
Feed the Homeless program
Food Drives / Food Finders
Free Wheelchair Mission
Fresno Shriners Children's Hospital
Great Basin Outdoor School
Habitat for Humanity
Help A Hero-Palmisano Care Package Project
High School Ceramics Program
Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic
Home for the Holidays with the Marines
Hope On The Slopes
Humane Society-San Luis Obispo
Idaho Elks Rehab Center
Idaho Falls Ski Training Facility
Idaho Falls School District 91 Ski Scholarship Program
Idaho State Univ. C.W. Hogg, Ski Swap Handicapped Sports Program
IHN Homelessness-April Showers
Jenesse Center, Inc. - Domestic Violence Intervention
Jimmie Heuga Center Endowment
John Tracy Clinic for Deaf Children
Kathy Avery Fund
Kelly Canyon Nordic Trail Systems
Kidney Donation
Kids' Ski Program
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Long Beach Rescue Mission & Women's Shelter
Long Beach Veterans Hospital
Los Angeles November Flood Catastrophe
Make a Hero
Make-a-Wish Foundation
Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation
Mammoth Mnt Lakes Foundation-Cerro Coso College
Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol Memorial Fund
Marine Core Community Service-Miramar Food Locker
Marine Expeditionary Unit
Meadows Race Team
Meals On Wheels
Military Outreach Ministries (MOM)-San Diego
Miramar Food Locker
Mitey Mite Junior Ski Racers on Mt.Hood

Molly's Mutts & Meows
 Monterey County Film Commission
 Monterey Food Bank
 Monterey Sea Otter Classic
 Montrose Search & Rescue
 MotoGT Super Bike - motorcycle races
 Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation
 Mt. Hood Academy
 Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
 Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation
 Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
 Muscular Dystrophy
 Navy League
 National Brotherhood Skiers
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walks &
 Bike Rides
 NCAA Ski/Race Program
 Northwest Harvest, Hunger Relief Agency
 Northwest Cancer Resource Fund
 Ocean Conservancy
 Operation Christmas Cheer – Monterey Herald
 Oregon Adaptive Sports
 Oregon Cancer Ski Out
 Oregon Food Bank
 Outdoors For All Foundation
 Pacific Burn Institute, Code 3 Races
 Parkinson's Resources of Oregon (PRO)
 Parkside Economic Development Corp.
 Empowering Youth
 Paso Robles Earthquake Relief Fund
 Peace House
 Pebble Creek Race Team
 Pierce College Disabled Ski Program
 Polinsky Children's Center
 Portland Area High School League
 Putnam Clubhouse – Mental Illness Recovery
 Raphael House of Portland - for Homeless Women
 Revlon Run/Walk for Women – Fight Women's
 Cancer
 Ronald McDonald House for the Homeless
 Salvation Army of Monterey
 Salvation Army – A Family Christmas
 San Diego "Cedar" Fire Victims
 Santa Clara County Foster Children's Program
 Santa Clara County Shelters
 Sarajevo Olympic Site, Reforestation
 Scholar Dollar Program - for Kids to Ski
 Scoutreach – Cascade Pacific Council
 Sea Otter Bike Classic
 Shelter Outreach Plus for Abused Women – Monterey

Shoebox Ministries for the Homeless
 Shoes That Fit
 Sierra Madre Search & Rescue
 SkiDUCK (Skiing/snowboarding for
 Disabled/Underprivileged Children)
 Ski Patrol, Sponsor a Rescue Sled
 Ski Swap for NCAA Ski/Race Program at
 U. of Nevada
 Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Education Foundation
 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 Soles4Souls – Shoes for the Needy
 Special Olympics, Arizona Ski Patrol
 Special Olympics, Celebrity Winterfest at Heavenly
 Special Olympics, AZ, CA, OR
 Stop-Gap for Schools, Hospitals, Cancer Patients &
 Abused Women
 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
 Sun Peak's Health Association
 Sunshine Kids with Cancer Program
 Support our Troops with Phone Cards
 Susan G. Komen Foundation
 Swim With Mike at USC – Physically Challenged
 Scholarship Fund
 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
 Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP)
 The Bookman- Books for Needy Children & Adults
 The Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic
 The United Way
 The Unrecables Ski Club, Disabled Sports, USA
 Thomas J. Pappas School for Homeless Children
 Thousand Oaks Women's Shelter for Battered Women
 Toys for Tots
 Treats for Troops
 Tree People Organization
 Two Classrooms in a Box
 UCLA Black Alumni Association
 UNICEF Tsunami Relief Fund
 Unity Shoppe of Santa Barbara
 U of Nevada Ski Team Winter Sports Club-Reno
 University of Wyoming Alpine & Nordic Teams
 US Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC)
 US Armed Forces in Afghanistan
 US Ski Team
 United Service Organizations (USO)
 Valley View Vaulters for Disabled Children
 Welches Lion's Club
 Women's Ski Jumping USA
 Wounded Warrior Project
 Youth Sports Mentoring Program
 Youth Winter Sports Alliance-YWSA

Director Report

International Travel

by Debbie Stewart, Vice President

International travel is among the most exciting and rewarding experiences in life! Travel opens the mind and changes lives. We are proud to offer members of FWSA such opportunities.

We have worked very hard this year to evaluate, review and revamp several areas of the Int'l Travel Program. Creation of new areas, new travel adventure concepts and advancing our trip schedule destinations now through 2018. We strive to blend the snow sports enthusiast's expectations with the cultural experiences and the dramatic must-see attractions. We'll handle your trip details while you revel in the adventure.

We have been very successful with our new online payment method. Register for your trip by completing the hard copy registration documents, include your initial payment by check and copy of your passport. Now you have options to continue paying by check or making subsequent payments using our online PayPal payment system by using your PayPal account or by credit card. Progress continues!

We are receiving raving reviews about our FWSA Travel videos which highlight and feature the values and benefits of traveling with FWSA. We now have several travel videos including South Africa, Zermatt/Spain, Val d'Isere & Provence, Cortina & Florence/Rome and our annual Dive Trips. To view the videos go to: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc/videos>.

LET'S TALK TRAVEL...

FWSA 2016 Int'l Ski Week to Cortina de Ampezzo and extension trip to Florence & Rome, Italy:

Well, dancing to the Snow Gods worked! Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy was blessed with fresh snow as we arrived and we were informed that this was their biggest storm in 20 years. 76 FWSA participants enjoyed fantastic skiing. Cortina has 3 primary ski areas: Socrepes with wide open trails, Faloria with more challenging terrain, and Tofana with more narrow, tree-lined runs. Trams to the top of Faloria and Tofana provided good skiing, amazing views and excellent restaurants. Some of the participants also skied the Cinque Torri (Five Towers) Super 8 ski tour, a self-guided tour also with outstanding scenery.

Midweek, 43 members took a day trip to Venice. Returning with smiles on their faces, they told of an excellent tour that included the Doges Palace, St. Mark's Cathedral, St. Mark's Square and gondola rides around the old city. Venice is perhaps the most favorite canal city in the world. Not only is it extremely picturesque, it is a world heritage site, uniquely designed and constructed on over 100 small islands on a marshy lagoon. This tour was just a teaser since you can spend many days in Venice and not experience it all. We all agreed that we need to return!

On Thursday, the sun came out in full force while 50 FWSA members participated in the guided Sella Ronda ski tour, skiing 40km through 4 mountain villages including Val Gardena. The scenery was impressive, not surprising as the Dolomites are considered to be the most scenic mountains in Europe.

To cap off the end of a fabulous ski week, we all took the Faloria tram to the lodge restaurant at the top of the mountain for our private farewell party which included delicious food and beverages, our own DJ for dancing and incredible views of the night lights of the city of Cortina. What a way to end a fabulous ski week in Cortina d'Ampezzo!

Now off to our next adventure...Florence. Sixty-two people including ten who flew from the US to join the group participated in the extension trip. During our guided walking tour we enjoyed the beautiful architecture of Florence and tour of the Uffizi Gallery built in 1516, which is one of the most revered art museums in the world. We learned about the Medici family's wealth and power as they commissioned many artists including Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo creating statues, tapestries and ceiling frescos. After our tour ended several of us went to the Academia museum to see the majestic yet impressive statue of David by Michelangelo. What a treat to see it and be amazed by its beauty and grace. We experienced just a small part of what Florence has to offer while realizing art is the closest thing to a time capsule.

On another day we went to the medieval town of Siena with its large plaza, the grand cathedral built in the 1200s and a web of narrow, hilly streets. Then we went to the smaller, yet very charming walled medieval town of San Gimignano overlooking the green hills of Tuscany. This medieval city is known for both art and cooking where saffron was the gold of the city.

We left Florence and traveled to Rome, which is the 4th most populous city in the European Union, yet a remarkably attractive city with over 900 churches. We started our city tour with the Colosseum, imagining what it must have been like with a full crowd of Romans enjoying an event in the largest amphitheater ever built. With its 75,000 seats it took 8 years to build and is still considered one of the greatest works of architecture. Then we admired the nearby Roman Forum and surrounding ancient Roman buildings. The Vatican Museum is one of the largest art museums in the smallest country in the world. An immense collection of art built up by popes beginning in the 16th century, the museum has 54 galleries including the Sistine Chapel's ceiling painted by Michelangelo. After all this sightseeing, we had two days to explore on our own while enjoying yummy gelato and scrumptious food which highlighted our time in Rome and left us yearning to return.

FWSA 2015 5th Annual Dive Trip to Bonaire:

Our scuba dive trips are becoming more popular for both the scuba diver and the non-divers who want to have an exceptional vacation experience. The Beach Plaza Resort in Bonaire had all the resort amenities and was the perfect loca-

tion for the getaway one was looking for. We were excited to provide our participants 2 new options. We provided group air transportation from LAX to Bonaire at an unbelievable price and we now offer another payment option using our PayPal online payment program. Under the leadership of dive trip leader, Randy Lew and our dive tour operator Roatan Charter, 32 members enjoyed an incredible vacation experience in a beautiful all-inclusive beach resort. Our next dive trip plans are currently in progress, so mark your calendars for Fiji in 2016!

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

FWSA 2016 Int'l Adventure trip to London, English Countryside and Ireland

We are still accepting registrations for our adventure trip September 12-22, 2016 with an optional bicycling tour September 22-26, 2016. Changing of the Guard, Westminster Abby, Big Ben, St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square and Tower of London are just some of the major attractions that we will be experiencing while in London. Not only will we be enjoying the big city, we'll be traveling to the beautiful English countryside while visiting Bath, Stonehenge, the Cotswolds and staying overnight in Stratford upon Avon. After England, we'll push the boundaries even further as we travel by ferry to Ireland. We'll celebrate the art of living Irish style. We be visiting several unique must-see destinations including Waterford Crystal, Guinness Storehouse and Cliffs of Moher. While in Dublin we'll have a guided day tour with free time to explore. Yes, this is exactly what you've been dreaming of - the relaxed Irish way of life, the finest seasonal cuisine and the essence of an unforgettable holiday. An optional bicycling tour will offer a unique way of experiencing Ireland while on two wheels.

FWSA's 7th Annual Scuba Dive trip to Fiji

We are offering various options for the 2016 Fiji dive trip. Week 1 will be September 24 – October 1, 2016 at the Beqa Lagoon Resort. Week 2 will be October 1-8, 2016 as an extension or a "Stand Alone" trip. Can't make **Week 1**... We'll fly you from the US on Sept. 29th to join the group for the **Week 2** Dive Trip! Enjoy 2 beautiful resorts, experience Fijian culture and entertainment, create new memories with new and old friends and much more.

2017 International Ski Week to St. Anton am Arlberg Region with extension to Vienna & Budapest

St. Anton am Arlberg Region is considered one of the world's top quality "Best of the Alps" ski resorts & après-ski destinations and we'll be there March 11-19, 2017. Our members will enjoy the stunning country of Austria, offering an amazing array of sights, sounds and tastes that are sure to please a wide variety of skiers and non-skiers alike. We will ALL be staying at the 4 Star Schwarzer Adler Hotel which offers a full service luxury property complete with hot tubs, pool and spa services. It is located in the charming pedestrian zone and offers convenient ski storage at the base of the gondola. You may use your ski pass at multiple resorts including: St. Anton, St. Christoph, Stuben, Lech and Zurs. Sign up today!

FWSA 2017 Int'l Ski/Adventure Summer trip to Chile

We are excited to be planning a summer ski trip to Valle Nevado and adventure extension. Details will be available soon so keep checking the website or contact me directly for information.

FWSA 2018 Int'l Ski Week to Les Trois Vallees, France

In our efforts to forecast and announce our international ski trips further in advance, we are in the planning stages for our trip to Brides les Bains/Meribel - Les Trois Vallees, France. This is the largest ski area in the world offering exceptional ski terrain for every skier's ability. Trip details to follow.

Our Int'l Travel Team and Travel Committee continues to reach out to our members garnering their feedback regarding desires and how to meet their international travel needs for the future. Our commitment to capturing the imagination of our members, create adventuresome travel experiences with lasting friendships and memories continues to evolve. We strive to provide you the trip that you deserve - **One that is hassle free and lets you leave your worries at home. To you, it's peace of mind. To us, it's integrity!**

"Enrich your life and indulge yourself with adventures to be discovered with FWSA's International Travel Program."

Director Report

Marketing and Sponsorship

by Debbi Kor, Vice President

It's been a busy year, full of fun ski shows, travel shows, new Benefits Partners, and the annual SIA (Snow Sports Industries America) show in Denver. This incredible show, the largest trade show for skiers and snowboarders in North America, is attended each year by hundreds of manufacturers, sales representatives, and members of the media. Held in the Denver Convention Center, I spent two days meeting with vendors to check out next years' fashions, gear and accessories. Several of the new vendors expressed interest in contributing items to the Convention to be used for door prizes and have done so. They will be on the prize table on Sunday morning during our business meeting and elections.

The SIA show conflicted with the Far West Ski Week this year, so it kept me from making the trip over to Telluride with all of the rest of you. I was able, however, to connect with a number of local businesses in Telluride to arrange for donations for the Welcome Party, so that some of our attendees could go home with a remembrance of their great week of skiing, boarding and being with friends. Some of those winners received one of the many gift certificates at the local restaurants and were able to make use of those throughout their week in town.

My time spent as VP of Marketing typically starts in the fall, which is when I begin contacting our many Benefits Partners to renew for another year, or by making new contacts. Once I've received confirmations from our partners, I get the information passed on to Catherine Ohl to update our Benefits Page on the website. However, I am adding on new Partners throughout the entire season, so it's wise to always check those pages when you begin making plans for your annual trip or trips, to see if you can take advantage of some of the benefits provided to our members.

In mid-October, I send out our first "Save the Date" letter for our annual event in June, to advise our industry partners of where we'll be going, the dates, and to expect further communications from me or Jeannine, regarding Silent Auction, Travel Expo and all the activities that will be happening during our next Convention. This is also the time to get them thinking about possible sponsorship opportunities that they may want to attach their name to.

Along with garnering the sponsorships, I also handle the registration of all of our industry partners, which typically begins as soon as we send the registration materials out, right up to the day that Convention begins each June. It is a fun and exciting position that I have, and I wouldn't give up the incredible relationships that I have built along the way for anything!

SPONSORSHIP

Karbon, Grouse Mountain Lodge and **Whitefish Mountain Resort** continue as our *Athletic Scholarship* sponsors again this year, donating some wonderful packages and items to be auctioned off during live and silent auctions, as well as a great raffle that the Scholarship Committee has planned. David Krupp sold raffle tickets during Ski Week, with the winner receiving a great Karbon ski outfit of their choosing for next ski season. During Convention, he will be selling tickets for a number of donated items to be given away on Sunday morning.

I am thrilled with the continued outpouring of support we have had from our Industry partners this year, as we have in all the previous years of holding this convention. I am astounded at the generosity that we see from them year after year. Our total cash sponsorship dollars received for 2016 is \$22,500. Along with the cash sponsors, I'd like to mention our long-time Program sponsors, who annually provide trips for two to **Big White Mountain Resort** for the *Council's Man and Woman of the Year*, the trip for two to **Aspen/Snowmass** for the new *Environment Award*, the trip for two to **Telluride**, for the *Safety Person of the Year Award*, and the annual trip for two to **Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation** for the winner of our *Western Ski Heritage Award*, as well as our Athletic Scholarship sponsors above. These packages are valued at approximately \$17,000.

This year, as we celebrate Far West's 84th convention, we have 1 Industry Partner who will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary—**Grouse Mountain Lodge**, and 3 participants of the Silent Auction who will be receiving their 30-year awards – **Crested Butte Mountain Resort** and **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area**. It will be my honor to present Silver Certificates to all of these long-time Silent Auction participants.

Have a good meeting, everyone. Our hosts, *Arizona Ski Council* guarantees that you will have an "**AWESOME**" time in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona. And, YES, I do plan to run for VP of Marketing again for the next 2 years. Even after 14 years on the job, I'm still having way too much fun to give it up!

Director Report

Membership

by Jane Gutierrez, Vice President

The 2015-2016 fiscal year has been a period of many changes for Far West Ski Association with a goal of providing the best quality possible for our participants. As a team member, my role has been tantamount in this arena. I'm proud to say that we currently have 62 direct members on our roster which is a third more than last year, and I would like to thank Debbie Stewart and Nancy Ellis for their wonderful planning and execution of our travel events! Thank you, Jim Stewart for collaborating with me on a database that we can all use as a team. Most of our direct members join because they do not want to miss out on our Ski Weeks, nor our exotic international travel destinations. Some of our members also join because of the variety of discounts that the Far West membership card provides, courtesy of Debbie Kor's hard work! The rest of our direct membership is comprised of loyal customers who believe in Far West. Thank you so much for being a part of "the movement".

I have continued to reach out to our direct membership with a welcome letter, their membership card, and encouragement to join a club if they desire with my assistance. I have also attached links to the various notification links that Far West provides, including the annual Skier's Guide. I am currently in the process of working with Jim Nachbar to develop a PayPal link for direct membership payments so joining can be less effortless, especially for our international clients. I continue to participate in LA Council where my club is linked, providing feedback as needed. Our Facebook page is more active than ever, and our You-tube site has "kicked it up a notch". All in the name of teamwork!

Succession in all of our organizations continue to be a challenge. As clubs become smaller, there are fewer volunteers and less help. As the millennial population outgrows our baby boomer and veteran populations, there is less willingness to become involved. As a President of my own individual club, I can identify directly with this issue and continue to find ways to help my organization and pass it on to you. One of my small successes was getting the National Brotherhood of Skiers more involved. I continue to speak highly of Far West, and what I have been doing as a board member. I continue to promote our activities to the Presidents of the NBS. Secondly, I am learning that millennials come into organizations with baby steps. Identification of their individual interest is key. This future volunteer can be found in our personal families, in our fellow board members' families, in our club members' family, or our personal friends. Start these individuals small, then build! If you build them, they will bring more of their friends.

If you are attending the convention for the first time, be sure to attend Convention 101 on Friday evening. This session is geared for those who are attending for the first time or need an overview of the schedule. I personally will guide you via PowerPoint format and answer any questions that you might have.

On Saturday, be sure to attend the Snowsports Leadership Academy, with one session in the morning and one in the afternoon. I have expert and knowledgeable speakers to present to you that you are sure to enjoy! The morning session will be led by Todd Hood, a facilitator in change management and the new treasurer of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region. Todd's topic is "Who Are You and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand". Bring your pens and paper because this IS an interactive session!

The afternoon session's topic is "Safe Travels on the Slopes", which is near and dear to my heart as a medical professional. Many of us are unprepared physically when we perform strenuous physical activity during ski season. Many of us run into emergencies while we are skiing and don't know what to do! Richard Lubin, FWSA Safety Chair, and former snowboarding Chiropractor, will shed light on some of these issues. We also have Barbara Razo, a ski patroller at Snow Summit and an EMT, who will talk about some of the emergency situations she encounters on the mountain and what we can do personally as a responder. These sessions are exciting and not to be missed.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone this weekend, and please don't hesitate to talk and give suggestions!

Director Report

North American Travel

by Nancy Ellis, Vice President

NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL PROGRAM UPDATES

A Travel Reimbursement Policy was written and approved by the FWSA Board of Directors.

A Ski Week Site Inspection Policy was written and approved by the FWSA Board of Directors.

A Ski Week Trip Leader Compensation Plan was written and approved by the FWSA Board of Directors and will be implemented for the first time with the 2017 Breckenridge Ski Week.

PayPal credit card payments were used with the Crested Butte Mini Trip this year and will be available to travelers going on our mini ski trips and adventure trips.

Facebook continues to be used to post group photos from our trips and to recognize our industry partners and the resorts that we traveled to this year.

The FWSA Board of Directors added a Travel Executive Committee comprised of the President, two Trustees, the Treasurer, and the VP's of both International and North American Travel. This committee focuses on policies and procedures relating to the travel programs.

The Travel Breakout Committee is taking steps to set up a centralized marketing database to support and improve the marketing of all FWSA trips to the membership. They are working on a job description for the person to manage this database.

Debbie Stewart, VP International Travel, and I have drafted new **Travel Goals and Objectives** and will have them ready for review and approval by the Travel Breakout Committee at the July Board of Directors' Meeting.

Goal 1: "To Market FWSA Trips to our Membership and Potential Members".

Goal 2: "Improve and Standardize Travel Program Management and Operations".

NORTH AMERICAN TRIPS

January 30—February 6, 2016 Telluride Ski Week

400 people went on the trip representing 8 councils/groups: BAC; Central/LAC; Northwest; Orange; San Diego; Sitzmarkers, and Sierra.

Participants reported that the parties were great, they enjoyed racing, and had a great time skiing. 24" of snow fell soon after our arrival and made for great powder skiing the rest of the week.

"Wild, Wild, West" was the theme for the week. Cowboys, sheriffs, and dance hall girls were everywhere. Elvis was even spotted "Cruising the Blues" down the slopes of the Council Challenge.

Thanks to the following Telluride merchants for their generous donations to our Welcome Party drawing:

Spa at the Peaks	Aroma Spa & Salon
Boot Doctors	Fairmont Hotel Spa
Himmel Pool & Spa	Brown Dog Pizza
Esperanza's	Floradora Saloon
La Piazza del Villaggio	New Sheridan Chop House
O'Banon's Irish Pub	Last Dollar Saloon

March 21—26, 2016 CRESTED BUTTE MINI TRIP

22 people participated in this trip.

We enjoyed a week of great skiing—it snowed several days during the trip.

Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, hosted the group for a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to raise funds for the Far West Ski Foundation Adaptive Program. \$150 was raised and a motion will be made at the July Board of Directors meeting to augment this with \$200 from the trip profits to make a total donation of \$350 to the Foundation Adaptive Program.

April 6-10, 2016 MOUNTAIN TRAVEL SYMPOSIUM (MTS)

Debbie Stewart, VP International Travel and I met with travel suppliers, tour operators, and trip leaders from other ski councils and ski clubs to share ideas and find out travel destinations that might be of interest to FWSA members.

It was a great learning experience and an opportunity to touch base with the tour operators and resorts where we will have ski week and mini trips in the coming year.

January 28—February 4, 2017 BRECKENRIDGE SKI WEEK

FWSA council representatives and ski week staff travelled to Breckenridge January 7—10 to review lodging and event venues for our 2017 ski week. This will be a great location for our ski week with the many things to do on the mountain and in town which is a short distance from the mountain.

Councils have selected Beaver Run Resort, The Double Tree Hotel, The Village at Breckenridge, Thunder Mountain Lodge, and Saddlewood for our lodging. All our lodging is close to the mountain and a short walk to town where there are many outstanding restaurants and great night life.

We plan to have a Welcome Party, Picnic, Banquet and Dance, and Après Party. We are also planning to have a day trip to Vail Ski Resort.

There will be several lift ticket options for 5 or 6 days, and participants can renew or purchase the Vail Resorts Epic Pass for 2016-2017 and get a \$50 discount on their lodging package.

Councils plan to send out their trip flyers soon to announce the trip. It's a great trip for skiers and non-skiers alike as there are many local tours and activities to keep one busy, as well as a fun scavenger hunt during the Pub Crawl.

We will be selling a Breckenridge shirt similar to the one we had at Beaver Creek. Ordering information will be available soon.

March 21—26, 2017 CAHILTY LODGE AT SUNPEAKS RESORT MINI TRIP

Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge at Sun Peaks Resort is the location of our 2017 mini ski trip. It's the second largest ski resort in Canada and we will be staying in a ski-in ski out village. The resort boasts champagne powder, 133 runs spread over 3 mountains, and virtually no lift lines!

Gloria Raminha will be the Trip Leader and we will start taking signups for this trip this summer so watch for trip information at this year's Convention and on the FWSA website.

February 25—March 4, 2018 IDITAROD/ALYESKA RESORT TRIP

I'm pleased to announce that Lisa Morgan of Ski.com will be our Tour Operator for our 2018 Iditarod/Alyeska Trip.

Hotel Alyeska: We will spend 5 nights at this hotel which is slopeside. There are eight restaurants in the area, a spa and fitness center, a scenic aerial tram, and mountain, glacier, wildlife, and water views. Activities include cross country skiing; heli-skiing accessible from the hotel; flight seeing, glacier and wildlife cruises, snowshoeing, ice skating, and dog sledding. Rooms offer high speed internet, mini-refrigerators, coffee makers, heated towel racks, robes, slippers, and hair dryers.

We will be staying at the **Hotel Captain Cook** in Anchorage. We will watch the ceremonial start of the Iditarod, the "Running with the Reindeer" event, and provide many optional events for our participants.

2018 SKI WEEK BID PRESENTATIONS AT SCOTTSDALE FWSA CONVENTION

Bid presentations will be held during the convention on Saturday. Each council has two representatives at the "Invitation Only" event. Council representatives will take home their materials and ask for their council boards to review the information and submit their council's choices for the 2018 ski week.

North American Travel has had a busy year and we have another exciting year ahead of us. I welcome your suggestions for our program, ski trip locations, and adventure trips. Send your suggestions to: Nancy Ellis, fwsatravel-nancy@sbcglobal.net.

Director Report

Public Affairs

by Mike Sanford, Vice President

The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) recently released its 15th Sustainable Slopes Annual Report detailing the ski industry's progress in implementing the principles of its Environmental Charter during the 2014/15 season. The report highlights the result of the industry's Climate Challenge Program, a voluntary program for resorts to inventory, target, and execute environmental improvements.

Overall, resorts reported a total of 191,400 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) emissions across all resorts in the 2015 reporting year. In 2015, resorts implemented on-site projects that reduced emissions 1,700 MTCO₂e while purchasing Renewable Energy Credits or carbon offsets equivalent to 41,192 tons.

Also highlighted in the 2015 report is the **Sustainable Slopes Grant Program**, now in its sixth year of providing seed money and in-kind donations to support important ski area sustainability projects. In total, the grant program has directed more than \$400,000 to 36 resort sustainability projects in 13 states. NSAA supplier members include HKD Turbo, Brendle Group, CLIF Bar and Ripple Resort Media.

Many Western ski areas were affected by these efforts. For example, Massachusetts-based HKD Snowmakers awarded a high-efficiency snowmaking grant to Alpine Meadows. The ski area received five high-efficiency snowmaking guns from HKD Snowmakers, a total value of \$23,000. **Alta Ski Area** received an in-kind grant for Climate Adaptation consulting services. Brendle Group provided the services with a value of \$5,000 to help the ski area assess and respond to potential vulnerabilities and risks due to a changing climate, with a specific focus on impacts to the ski area's water supply. **Arapahoe Basin** received a cash grant for installation of Freeware Refrigeration economizers in the ski area's walk-in coolers. The Freeaire system monitors temperatures inside and out, cycling clean, cold outside air through the cooler whenever possible, reducing refrigeration-related energy use by 50 percent. The grant will provide a significant boost in helping A-Basin meet its Climate Challenge goal.

Betcha didn't know... NSAA has developed a safety awareness poster contest for kids. The contest targets fourth, fifth and sixth graders, but any elementary-age child can participate. Students are asked to create a poster related to any one of the seven points in "Your Responsibility Code." Two winners are picked annually, one in each of the following categories "Most Creative Design" and "Best Overall Safety Message". Prizes are awarded.

NSAA ski area members promote and administer the safety poster contest for kids in their respective local community and schools. Ski areas will judge and select their local winners. Local winning posters are then entered by the ski area in the national contest, giving local kids a chance to be recognized nationally for their winning design. Contact your local ski area for more information on contests in your area. Official rules are on the NSAA Website. [What a wonderful way for your local safety rep to get your local kids involved in our industry.](#)



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED TO PRESERVE SKIING HISTORY AND INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE SPORT'S HERITAGE...

International Ski Heritage Association plays a unique role in fostering public interest in ski and snowboard history. They publish a magazine enthusiastically read six times a year by subscribers, researchers, Hall of Fame members and skiers around the world. They make snowsport history accessible to tens of thousands of enthusiasts on the Internet.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, ISHA has completed a variety of projects making the sports' dynamic history more accessible. Gifts to ISHA have enabled many specific projects such as:

- Online access to all of the original pages of all the issues of the award-winning New York Times Snow Country Magazine, and to all issues of Skiing Heritage/Skiing History.
- Streamlined website tools to research ski history.

- Updated information about all of the world's ski museums and historical societies.
 - Publication of great historic photos
 - The program of Annual Awards to people recording the sport's history. We honor the creators of the year's best works of skiing history, in print, web and video formats.
- Donations are fully tax-deductible. The International Skiing History Association is qualified as a 501(c)(3) corporation. To become a member you can join online or phone 802.366.1158. You can add a tax-deductible donation on top of your annual membership dues. To make donation see delineation below:
- ISHA Pinnacle Club \$10,000 or more
 - Chairman's Circle \$5,000 – \$9,999
 - Presidential Circle \$2,000 – \$4,999
 - History Leader \$1,000 – \$1,999
 - Gold Medalist \$500 – \$999
 - Silver Medalist \$100 – \$499
 - Bronze Medalist up to \$100

You can find out all you want about the industries current trends by visiting <http://www.snowsports.org/media/sia-press-kit/>.

As reported earlier, after the Government announced imposing a minimum wage hike upon federal contractors that took effect earlier in 2015 it was reported the ski industry and other recreational businesses were stunned when the Department of Labor (DOL) released proposed regulations seeking to implement this wage hike beyond "federal contractors" to anything that remotely approaches a relationship with a federal agency. I keep tracking whether this would effectively extend the reach of a minimum wage hike to any business that has a contract, license, permit, verbal agreement, or any "contract-like agreement" with the Federal government. Under the DOL's proposed regulations, ski area with a new permit from the U.S. Forest Service could, arguably, be subject to this wage hike.

Increasing minimum wages helps provide additional purchasing power for broad swath of employees.

This is a delicate PR position for ski areas: High lift ticket prices, but pushing low wages? But, average wage for top 12 most common jobs at ski areas = \$11.28 / hour. Hmmm, how does that measure up to CA.'s proposal for \$15?

Larger ski areas are paying at or above current minimum wage.

INDUSTRY NEWS: SnowSports Industries America (SIA) Downhill Consumer Intelligence Project. Phase I of research was to summarize the industry's current understanding of alpine and snowboard consumers. SIA was the spearhead of the Downhill Consumer Intelligence Project (DCIP). This research effort focused on developing a comprehensive and current understanding of alpine and snowboard consumers that will guide strategies and tactics to grow snow sports participation.

Estimated U.S. Snowsports Visits by Region, 2014/15 (in millions)

(Extrapolated Data*) For the SEASON

Northeast = 13.332

Southeast = 5.673

Midwest = 6.982

Rocky Mtn.= 20.768

Pacific = 4.822

Southwest = 2.000

Pacific Northwest = 6.823

Pacific West = 53.578

Total Index (1978/79 = 100) so 2014/15 index equaled 107 or an increase of 7 million over the index. However, it was down from 2013/14 (113).

The complete report can be found on the SIA website but you (your club or council) have to be a dues paying member of the SIA.

Hall Of Fame - Seven athletes and snow sport pioneers were inducted. The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame officially inducted the Class of 2015 in Aspen. They were; Genia Fuller (Simi Valley, CA), David Ingemie (McLean, VA), Henry Kaiser (Captiva Island, FL), Jim Martinson (Puyallup, WA), Bob Salerno (Ogden, UT), Edger Stern, deceased (Park City, UT) and local Chris Klug (Aspen, CO).

This Class will be honored again and ultimately enshrined this September 16th at the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum in Ishpeming, Michigan. They will be joining over 400 other legends and pioneers by hanging their plaques in the museum's Honored Member Court. This year marks the 60th anniversary for the Hall of Fame.

The Ski Hall announced the class of 2016's Induction Ceremony venue will be Stowe, Vermont on April 1st, 2017.

SKI HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015

Genia Fuller (originally from Framingham, MA, now Simi Valley, CA) Was an ambassador to the early years of hot dog skiing or freestyle and was an innovator in pole-free ballet. During eight years of competition, her smile, laugh and genuine love for freestyle made her one of the sport's sweethearts. Her multi discipline abilities in freestyle, aerals and ballet led her to World Championship titles in 1975 and 1978.

David Ingemie (from McLean, VA) has been involved with the marketing of skiing and snowboarding for over 45 years, serving as the President and CEO of SnowSports Industries America (SIA) since 1981, and retired from his position in January 2016. His boundless energy, enthusiasm and intelligence was monumental for building a healthy national snow-sports trade association, garnering high regard for his work throughout the industry.

Henry Kaiser (originally New York City, now Captiva Island, FL) was a forerunner in the ski industry during the 35 years when he served as the publisher of Skiingmagazine. He helped advance the freestyle skiing movement by finding sponsors and providing a platform for the sport on the pages of Skiing. Often referred to as the "First Family of Skiing" he and his wife, Carolyn, helped raise over a million dollars for the U.S. Ski Team, most notably through engagement with the New York Ski Ball. They were also closely involved with the SIA.

Chris Klug (originally from Vail, CO, now Aspen, CO) – **OUR FRIEND!!** started to compete in snowboarding in 1983 on his Burton Backhill and continued for the next two decades. During that time, he competed in three Olympic Games winning a bronze medal in snowboarding giant slalom at Salt Lake City in 2002 – an achievement coming just 18 months after he had undergone a liver transplant due to a birth defect that challenged him throughout his career. He authored *To The Edge and Back* and founded the **Chris Klug Foundation** to help promote organ donation.

Jim Martinson (originally from Sumner, WA, now Puyallup, WA) grew up ski racing in Washington state but lost both legs in 1967 during the Vietnam War. His frustration in trying to return to skiing led to his development in 1985 of a sit-ski he called "The Shadow" which revolutionized adaptive skiing. Using his innovation, he went on to win a Winter Paralympic gold medal in 1992 and in 2009 he became the oldest person to compete in the Winter X Games.

Bob Salerno (originally from Ogden, UT, now Santa Monica, CA) is another true legend of freestyle who competed at the top levels successfully for over 25 years. In 1974 he took gold in aerals at the World Championships in Heavenly, CA. In 1998 he claimed first place at the Wayne Wong World Championships in Hot Dog Skiing. He is one of the sport's leading celebrities being featured in Warren Miller and Willy Bogner films while also devoting his time to enhancing the sport through his writing, filming and creation of 'Virtual Snow' ski training simulators.

Edgar Stern (from Aspen, CO and Park City, UT) brought his extraordinary vision and focus on customer service to the ski industry, revolutionizing hospitality at ski resorts. His benchmarks established in the development of Deer Valley Resort became the norms for many of today's leading resorts. After investing in the Park City Ski Area and luring the U.S. Ski Team to Park City, he turned his attention to what became Deer Valley, which opened in 1981. Through his efforts it has remained one of the top resorts in the country, including playing a pivotal role in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Stern passed away in 2008.

FUTURE INDUCTION/SKIING HISTORY WEEK SITE

2017 – Stowe, VT. If you haven't been there it is beautiful and the East is very friendly.

Minimum Wage Impacts

After the Government announced imposing a minimum wage hike upon federal contractors that took effect on earlier in 2015 we reported the ski industry and other recreational businesses were stunned when the Department of Labor (DOL) released proposed regulations seeking to implement this wage hike beyond "federal contractors" to anything that remotely approaches a relationship with a federal agency. We were worried this would effectively extend the reach of a minimum wage hike to any business that has a contract, license, permit, verbal agreement, or any "contract-like agreement" with the Federal government. Under the DOL's proposed regulations, ski area with a new permit from the U.S. Forest Service could, arguably, be subject to this wage hike.

You'll recall NSAA filed comments on this proposed minimum wage rule, opposing the DOL's reach to extend to any remote relationship between a business and a federal agency. NSAA intended to argue that such a sweeping jump in the minimum wage, extended to so many different entities well beyond federal contractors effectively amounts to a significant amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act - the main federal minimum wage legislation - without Congressional approval.

As far as I can tell all resorts are meeting minimum wage requirements. However, as California incrementally increases its minimum wage to \$15 that could/should have an effect on its ski resorts.

NSAA Annual Safety awards for 2015:

*Best Overall Program(s):

Sun Valley Resorts (350,000+ visits)

Angel Fire (up to 350,000 visits)

*Best Employee Safety Program: Aspen Snowmass, Colo.

*Best Guest Safety Program: Wachusett Mountain, Mass.

*Best 50th Anniversary Campaign for 'Your Responsibility Code' Program:

Arizona Snowbowl, Ariz.

Safety Champion: Adam Wunderlich of Boreal Mountain Resort, Calif.

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I want to remind you all we have a number of fabulous awards available to our members on an annual basis. This should be highly publicized at all council and club levels.

**WESTERN SKI HERITAGE PRIZE
SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD
HISTORY RECOGNITION FOR CLUBS
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC SKI CLUB**

Director Report Safety by Richard Lubin, Chair

The safety Committee functions to promote safety in the far west through a number of different roles.

We oversee the Safety Person of the Year Award given each year at the convention. The winner gets a trip through our sponsor Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain House for five days. It includes airfare, lodging, ski rental, and lift tickets. It's a fabulous award and it is given to the person who is done the most to promote safety within the Association and beyond. Last year's winner, Kat Severin, O.D., did extensive presentation on the damaging effects of ultraviolet light. Her presentation is also published on YouTube and has become part of the website for the National Ski Areas Association. She is a doctor of optometry and provided many insights into what happens when we are exposed to ultraviolet light at ski areas.

We have created criteria to select the winners. Briefly it involves how novel the presentations are, what the impact is, and how many people were exposed.

The safety committee also provides novel ways to increase the Association's exposure to the ski public. This has been done in the past with production of a safety thermometer and safety poster which was placed at many ski resorts.

The chair has continued to write articles published in the Far West Skiers guide, our yearly publication. Tens of thousands of these professional looking magazines are distributed to the public. He has also written many other articles on various topics like new technologies which have enhanced safety.

Director Report

Racing

by Bob Ellis, Vice President

This year we had so much snow that many races were cancelled in Mammoth and in the Tahoe region. We even had to move races around at FWSA Ski Week due to too much snow when we arrived.

The races at FWSA Ski Week at Telluride were delayed a few days, but when we did run them we had great snow conditions for racing. In the Council Challenge Dual GS race, the Orange Council Team took first place, and Bay Area Council won the Costume award with creative Elvis outfits. The slalom went off without a hitch and all participants had a great time. On Friday we ran the Giant Slalom, which was fun and quick.

At Ski Week, the Joe Ross Award was won by the Cabernet Ski Club with 290 points, the Rusty Bindings were second with 231 points, and North Island was third with 204 points. The Lake Louise Award for the council with the most total points was won by the Bay Area Snowsports Council with 645 points, with Central Council in second with 610 points, and third place was won by Sierra Council with 424 points.

The races at the Far West Championships were held at Alpine Meadows on March 18-20, right after another winter storm with 2 feet of snow. We were able to complete the Pacesetter Races on Friday with no delays and good racing conditions. Later that afternoon we had an Apres Party at the River Ranch, and all that showed up had a good time. A few purchased Silent Auction items that were auctioned off.

On Saturday, we held the Slalom races on Yellow, and after two challenging slalom courses, most everybody went home with an award or a smile on their face. Later on we held the remaining Silent Auction items during the awards, and many people went home with some nice donations.

On Sunday with impending weather coming in, we shortened the event to one run per course for the Giant Slalom, and completed both courses before 1:00 PM. The snow was grippy and course, as it did not freeze the previous night. Dan Breck and the Alpine Meadows Race Department did a great job of running the races and maintaining the courses all weekend long.

Next year the Far West Championships will be at Mammoth Mountain in early April, and the Far West Ski Week will be at Breckenridge. Next year in Breckenridge, there will be no slalom races, only Giant Slalom races, and we will have the races on the run where the 1995 World Cup Race was located.

Council Report

Arizona

by Arleigh Meiners, President



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents six clubs and 500-600 club members, primarily in the Phoenix metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the State of Arizona. Two of the clubs are ski clubs, one club is a hiking club, one club is a sailing club, one club is a corporate club and one club is a social club. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, sailors and social members.

The Arizona Ski Council is hosting the 2016 FWSA convention at the Scottsdale Doubletree Hilton Resort June 9th -12th 2016. Linda Westlund is the Arizona Ski Council Chairman for this event. The room rate at the Doubletree Hilton Resort is only \$99 per night. There are many wonderful optional events that have been planned for this convention such as: Pub Crawl, Segway Tour, Western Museum Tour, Musical Instrument Museum Tour, Spa Day, and the 10th annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament.

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AzOTC) www.azotc.com is a true fitness oriented club with a full schedule for hikes and activities in various locations around the valley. They provide early morning hikes to assure your day gets off on the right foot. The hikes are rated to a difficulty level and lengths vary to fit the various levels of hikers. In June of 2016 AzOTC will be spending a week of hiking and camping in the Canyonlands National Park, in Utah. AzOTC will be spending a week of hiking and camping in Northern Oregon during the month of September 2016.

The Boeing Employee Adventure Club, www.boeing.com is a Corporate employee and family club. They have an active hiking program, as well as pool parties and family events around town.

Partytime Sports, (PTS) is an adult ski, boating, and social club that plans boating trips to get them through the summer heat. They also participate in Arizona Days at Telluride, Colorado. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

Phoenix Ski Club (PSC) www.phxski.org is an adult ski and social club and extends an invitation to all, to attend the dinner of the month at various restaurants in the greater Phoenix area. In June of 2016 the Phoenix Ski Club is going to St. Johns for a few days of diving and relaxation. The PSC is doing an adventure trip to Machu Picchu in August of 2016 and a cruise to the Panama Canal in October of 2016. Cruises and Adventure trips are in the planning stages for 2017. Happy hours at various locations in the valley add more events to attend in the valley. The 2016-2017 Ski trips are in the planning stages also.

Sailing Adventure Club: (SAC) The Sailing Adventure Club is a social club based in the area of Phoenix, Arizona with activities ranging from local sailing, and non-sailing events to out-of-country sailing adventures. The Sailing Adventure Club provides the reciprocity for skiers and snowboarders to go on sailing adventures. Most of their trips are on bareboat charters where the participants are the crew with an experienced club member as the Captain. Each year a trip is planned to unique areas in the world. This September Sailing Adventure Club will be on bareboat canal boats on Canal du Midi going from Narbonne to Trebes France. This 10 day trip is open and can be seen on the Sailing Adventure Club Meet-up site (<http://www.meetup.com/SailingAdventure/>). There are limited pillows still available. The Meet-up site has been a very successful recruitment tool in addition to trip sign-ups. Past trips have included San Diego, Martha's Vineyard, British Virgin Islands, Key West, and the Northeast ports of USA.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC) www.scottsdale-skiclub.com is an adult ski and social club and is kicking off the summer with a Dive trip to Cozumel. The SS&SC is doing a Bike and Barge trip on the Danube River in Europe in September of 2016, ending up in Munich, Germany for Oktoberfest events. SS&SC is also doing an adventure trip to Ireland in May of 2017. Like their sister club, The Phoenix Ski Club, happy hours round out the month.

2015-2016 Ski Season

Both the Phoenix Ski Club and the Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club had a successful ski season this year. Between the two clubs there were 8 ski trips from which the members could choose from. There were bus trips to Wolf Creek, Colorado and

Purgatory, Telluride, Colorado. Then there were fly trips to Zermatt, Switzerland, Snowmass, Colorado, Park City, Utah, Heavenly, Lake Tahoe and a family ski trip to Purgatory, Colorado for New Year's 2016. Please go to www.phxski.org for the Phoenix Ski Club events and www.scottsdale-skiclub.com for the Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club events.

Other Activities – Social, Recreational and Community Service

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, campouts in the mountains, wine & cheese parties, horseback riding, halloween costume parties, luaus, casino nights, Oktoberfest events, melo-drama's, baseball games ... 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. We also participate in Singles Showcases and other community functions.

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 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.

Looking ahead to 2016-2017

Council Officers:

President, Arleigh Meiners
Vice President, Wanda Himler
Treasurer, Dodi Johnson Bailey
Secretary, Marge Fons
Past President Judy Upton
Race Director, Bill Behnke

Club Reps:

Glenn Pyle, *Boeing Adventure Club*
Gary Giertz, *Party Time Sports*
Tim Avedovech, *Phoenix Ski Club*
Dan Rothman, *Arizona Outdoor Travel Club*
Scott Peterson, *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*
Mike Rogers, *Sailing Adventure Club*

Planning for 2016-2017 ski season trips is already underway. After sending representatives to Mountain Travel Symposium in Keystone, Colorado, clubs are working together to coordinate and create the best ski trip schedule ever! Check us out online at www.arizonaskicouncil.org

Council Report

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

by Paul Vlasveld, President

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) continues to grow, create, become stronger and have fun!



Our Council is made up of our 29 Member Clubs. Within those Clubs are individual Members. Our goal is to give people a reason from outside of our organization to join these clubs.

Grow:

This year we are continuing our program of promoting our member clubs at the ski shows and local events at the Sports equipment retailers. ***We must never forget, it is people joining Clubs which keeps all of these other organizations strong.***

Create:

On November 7, 2015 the BAC held our second San Jose Sharks Hockey Night. We scheduled this event to take place between the SnowBomb Ski Festivals in San Francisco and San Jose. 27 club members attended the game which was also a Fund Raiser supporting the Far West Foundation for the BAC to Sponsor a Locally Ranked Racer. With the timing of this event, we invited our Industry Reps who we knew were going to be in town for the Ski Festivals. The BAC already has plans to do this event again in November 2016. WE also had a very successful Barracudas minor league hockey night.

Becoming Stronger:

Over the past 11 years, the BAC has created numerous Council Events which brings together the individual members of our clubs. By doing so, we have built a comradery within our council, clubs and between our clubs. For example, 10 years ago we had our first BAC Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A's Baseball Game and Fireworks Show Fund Raiser Benefiting Achieve Tahoe (Formerly DSUSA). This event began with 75 in attendance, this year we will sell out at 225 people! Seven years ago our BAC Winter Festival Celebration Meeting began. (*Due to seating limitations, our Club Presidents and Decision Makers are invited to attend*) This is a night which includes our Industry Partners in a Travel Carousel, Silent Auction format with prizes and a dinner. We began with only 3 Industry Partners at the event. This year we will once again fill the Room! Last year, 85 attended the BAC Hockey Night. This year . . . who knows!! While these are all Council Events, they are designed for our clubs to be involved and to make them Club Events. We also keep them as economical as possible for the benefit of everyone. ***Including our Industry Partners!***

Having Fun:

You're invited to attend any of our Council Events. Come, join us and share in the fun!

Continuing with the theme of "fun", the BAC had a busy year with ski club membership drives, our corporate season pass program, traveling, racing, and just getting out and skiing/boarding. Highlights from this last year have to be the FWSA Ski Week at Telluride. The BAC was active in BAC sponsored ski trips to Sun Peaks and the ever popular Park City trip. A number of our individual clubs ventured to Canada, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Utah to take advantage of the great hospitality and skiing conditions. BAC is looking forward to the Future Travel Season! There is the FWSA Ski Week to Breckenridge, CO and the BAC ski trip to Park City. Additional BAC Council trips are being looked at and plans are being made!

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. Through the efforts of the various resorts in the greater Lake Tahoe Region and our Council and Club Race Chairs, who had to deal with an excellent ski season that caused some races to be cancelled due to too much snow, we had a great Race Season! A special Thank You goes to **Mr. Bob Ellis** and his Far West Racing Officers for bringing together this seasons Far West Race Championships which were held at **Alpine Meadows**.

The BAC supports and donates money to Achieve Tahoe (Formerly DSUSA), which has their Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows and an annual event supporting Wounded Warriors. This year Achieve Tahoe continued their format of the Ability Challenge Event which is an All Mountain Adventure for people of all abilities. "If I Can Do This ~ I Can Do Anything!" the motto of DSUSA was truly reflected by the efforts of clubs and members of the BAC along with the additional 40 plus organizations from the great community who were part of this monumental event.

Our **11th Annual BAC/DSUSA Tailgate BBQ & Benefit Baseball Game with the Oakland Athletics on Saturday August 13, 2016**. We plan on having 225 members from the various clubs of the BAC in attendance for the Tailgate

Party and Major League Baseball Game between the Oakland Athletics and the Tampa Bay Rays. Then to complete the evening . . . a spectacular Fire Works Display set to the music of the Star Wars Movies!

The BAC congratulates our candidates for FWSA Council Man/Woman of the Year ~ **Mary Azevedo of Snowchasers Ski Club and Mike Ferketich of Rusty Bindings**. We are Very Proud of all of our candidates and their contributions to their individual clubs, the BAC and the FWSA. ***It truly is our volunteers who make the difference.***

In April elections were held for our BAC Board of Directors. The BAC Officers for 2016 – 2017 are as follows:

President – Paul Vlasveld	Past President – Dennis Heffley
Secretary – Karen Davis	Industry Liaison – Norman Glickman
Community Services Chair – Harry Davis	V.P. Communication – Dennie Warren
Treasurer – Keith Wilson	V.P. Public Affairs – Open
V.P. Travel – Gail Burns	Benefits Director – Sandy Kiyomura
V.P. Membership – Catherine Wilson	BAC Directory Editor - Dennie Warren
Open League Race Chairperson – Debi Phelps	Singles League Race Chair – John Walsh
Historian – Mary Azevedo	Marketing Director – Open
Singles League President – Karl Smith	
BAC Webmaster – Catherine Wilson & Jennifer Wilson	

EVERYONE listed above ~ along with all of our volunteer members ~ are the ones who make the difference ~ Thank You!

Please consider joining one of our twenty nine (29) ski/snowboard clubs which are located around the greater San Francisco Bay Area. You'll have an amazing time with wonderful people.

For further information about the exciting year we are planning for the BAC and how to get involved with our member clubs please go to www.skibac.org.

Council Report

Central Council

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 located within the geographical area. Central Council promotes skiing/riding and friendship among all its member clubs, safety on the slopes, and opportunities for enjoying the camaraderie of fellow skiers/riders. Our clubs serve adult skiers, snowboarders, and members interested in a variety of non-snow sports and activities. In addition, Central Council is a family-friendly council, inviting youth and families to join in all Central Council sponsored trips and activities.

Member clubs include:

Avalanche Ski and Sports Club of Bakersfield
Camber Ski Club of Salinas
Fresno Ski Club
Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club
SLO Skiers, Inc. of San Luis Obispo
Snow Trackers Ski Club of Exeter
Outdoor Recreational Enthusiasts, Fresno County

While Central Council does not organize any ski trips directly, we encourage all our clubs to support each other by opening their trips to other member clubs. In addition, the council and many of its member clubs support the FWSA North American ski weeks as well as the international ski weeks, dive trips, and adventure trips.

Each year, the council does organize a number of summer activities. Among our summer adventures, you will find a campout or two, complete with kayaking and biking, as well as an evening BBQ and social event; possibly a backpacking trip; and definitely a hike or two. In the fall, Central Council will sponsor our second Warren Miller film in Bakersfield.

In addition to our council trips, each of our member clubs had an active ski calendar as well as a variety of other activities happening throughout the year. Volleyball, biking, lake camp outs, water skiing, hiking, etc. can be found on most summer calendars.

Ski clubs and ski councils are run by volunteers, and are only as good as the volunteers agreeing to run them. Central Council organizational volunteers include current board members:

President
Vice President of Finance and Treasury
Vice President of Clubs
Director of Ski Trips (FWSA)
Secretary
Activities
SLO Skiers Rep
Santa Barbara Rep
Fresno Rep
Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts
Avalanche Rep

Fran Long, SLO Skiers
Gloria Raminha, Avalanche
Bill Ellis, Avalanche
Mary Alexander, Avalanche
Donna Barnes, Avalanche
Fran Long, SLO Skiers
Robin Weckerly
Andy Snyder
Kim Riehl
Gabe Escalara
Laveda Wren

Check out our Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Central-Council-Ski-Clubs/> for more information about our council sponsored events and activities.

Council Report
Intermountain Ski Council
by Michael Bouton, President



We had a great snow year and will be seeing the results in our rivers and streams this summer. Our clubs offered 39 different ski trip and excursions during the season.

Idaho Falls and Bogus Basin both offered international trips to Switzerland and France. Our council hosted a very successful trip to Ogden, Utah; visiting Powder Mountain and Snow Basin.

All of our clubs have been very active and some are growing. Three of our clubs will be very involved with the planning of the 2017 convention in Boise. The Prime Timers will be helping with the registration and the Vertigals will be your welcoming committee. The Bogus Basin Club will be hosting "A Day on the Mountain" Friday during the convention. Many activities are being planned and you will want to be here.

Our Convention Committee has been very busy with the planning and many will be attending the Arizona convention and reading this article.

Council Report

Los Angeles Council

by Kathleen Byrnes, President

While El Nino was stymied in Southern California by persistent high pressure, the more northern areas have received record rain and snow, so skiing in the Sierras was the best in years.



But prior to skiing, there were several events that brought together members of the 28 LA Council clubs:

Man/Woman of the Year Competition

On October 18, 2015, nine contestants entered the competition for LA Council's Man and Woman of the Year for 2015.

Woman of the Year Candidates: Leslie Eastham (CCSC); Dee Armstrong (Unrecables), Kathleen Byrnes (Wailers Ski Club), Kathy Geathers (Snowbusters), and Danielle Battut (Single Ski Club) and the Man of the Year Candidates: Kris Flaig (Long Beach Ski Club); Steve Markman (Single Ski Club), John Gray (Unrecables); and Charlie Ellingson (Wailers Ski Club), gathered at Kathleen Byrnes' home for a bit of conversation and light refreshment and to be interviewed by the judges from the Council's clubs: Aaron Algazy (CCSC), Cynthia Carter (Long Beach Ski Club), Ginger Caples-Urode (Single Ski Club),

Glenda Phillips (Unrecables), and Sandra Gail (Wailers Ski Club) held court asking the candidates some questions about themselves and what they do to promote and support their club.

After the interviews, the judges conferred and the votes were tallied. At the Snow Gala, on October 24, the winners of the 2015 man and woman of the year competition were announced with much fanfare: **Kathleen Byrnes (Wailers)** and **John Gray (Unrecables)**. These two great candidates will now go on to represent LA Council at the 2016 Far West Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, and with their backgrounds of work within their clubs and council, LA Council has great hopes to once again have winners at the Convention, as we have many times in past years.

Snow Gala

This year's Snow Gala, *Snow Ball 2015*, took Carnival as its theme. Held October 24 at Pickwick Gardens, the party was filled with exotic masks and costumes. Following a wonderful dinner, attendees bid on wonderful items during The Unrecables Silent Auction and on the California Gold Ski Pass. The evening culminated with great dancing and many photo ops. It was a great party!

Ski Dazzle

In an effort to provide value to LA Council's Member Clubs, we held a survey of Member Clubs to discern activities the LA Council should start, stop, or continue. As a result of the survey, we conducted a best practices workshop on club leadership at our annual President's Luncheon in August 2015. Because the current administration questioned the value of attending Ski Dazzle LA, the nature of the LA Council's participation was re-structured. As a result of Ski Dazzle participation, nine member clubs sent 25 representatives to volunteer and man the booth. Those volunteers met enough people to distribute four boxes of Skier's Guides with tri-folds. We received rousing approval from the volunteers for the booth activities, in spite of the location of the booth. During the weekend, the LA Council collected ~90 names and email addresses of attendees that we can refer to member club trips and activities. As an indication of success, one Ski Dazzle attendee paid to take his daughter on the SnowBusters Ski Club Learn to Ski Trip in January.

Warren Miller Screening

To further its mission of supporting the success of member clubs, the LA Council partnered with Warren Miller Entertainment by exhibiting at the Redondo Beach screening of *Chasing Shadows* on Thursday, December 10, at the Performing Arts Center. Current, former and prospective members and their families came together for a great night of music, and film!

The exhibition at the screening was the second of a two-part collaboration beginning at Ski Dazzle LA from December 4-6 to increase awareness of the LA Council and its member sports clubs, promote Warren Miller Entertainment projects, and bring fun for attendees.

Club Skiing and Racing

Most of the LA Council Clubs went skiing this winter, some to Mammoth (bus and drive-up) as well as other locations within and outside California. Some also raced. Following are examples of these outings:

Last month 90 members of Century City, Long Beach, Spacepark and Edelwiess ski clubs joined together for an epic week of skiing at Aspen and Snowmass. We were greeted by a snowstorm as we flew into Aspen, which required one of our two planes to be diverted to Grand Junction and half our group to the requisite 2.5 hour bus ride to get to the resort.

However, the storm deposited over 2 feet of fresh, dry, light powder, delighting those of us who rarely get the opportunity to experience such light untracked deep powder in California. The temperature stayed in the teens and low twenties most of the week, which kept the powder in pristine condition. We stayed at the luxury Gant property, with private shuttles and other upscale amenities. In addition to skiing with friends, we shared racing, breakfast, lunches, après ski get-togethers and an amazing closing night dinner.

These week long trips are not only incredible bargains, offering prices substantially below those available to individuals, but they form the backbone of deep, lasting friendships which are made and nourished and that contribute to keeping our clubs together, alive and growing. Everyone is looking forward to next years' trip!

Council Report

Northwest Ski Club Council

by Sylvia Kearns, President



Members of the NWSCC have a lot to be happy about this year. Many storms have blown through this winter. After last year's bleak ski season we were on the edge of our lift chair all season. There was fear that each storm would be the last and the rains would come and melt it away. People took every opportunity to hit the slopes and the snow kept accumulating.

It has been a terrific season. Our race league (PACRAT) had all 5 of its races. In addition a Fun Race was thrown in on the makeup race date. All racers are NWSCC ski club members. The annual "Rat Attack" where all of the awards are given was April 12 at McMenamin's Edgefield in Troutdale, Oregon. Racers showed up in Black Tie and Blue Jean attire for a wonderful pasta buffet.

One of the highlights of the evening was in honoring the NWSCC Man and Woman of the Year- both expert racers.

-Woman of the Year Skiyente Ski Club member *Colleen Stroeder*

-Man of the Year Schnee Vogeli Ski Club member *Bob Lawrence*

Both recipients are PACRAT board members so it was especially great to acknowledge them among their peers. In addition a retiring PACRAT/NWSCC board member was honored for her decades of volunteer work to both organizations.

A new social event was held at Columbia's Flagship Store in downtown Portland, Oregon. The council provided food and libation while Columbia donated fabulous Columbia Wear door prizes and gave a huge discount to shoppers both there and at the adjoining Mtn. Hardware store. Club members showed up to hear about the history of Columbia and to have an opportunity to win an autographed book written by Gert Boyle, founder of Columbia. We look forward to more of these types of activities.

The past winner of the FWSA Western Ski Heritage's History Award "Cascade Ski Club" lost its lodge manager with the untimely passing of Joe Schuberg. He was the heart and soul of Cascade Ski Club the past 8 years. He infused life into the heart of the ski community in Government Camp with his charm, excellence as a chef and world travel stories. He will be greatly missed by many.

I would like to thank the NWSCC board of directors, especially Bill King. He joined the board this year as treasurer new to the organization and has been my right hand. Thanks to everyone on the board for a great year.

Council Report

Orange Council

by Maxine Hanlon, VP Racing for Sheila Van Guilder, President



The Orange Council of Ski Clubs is located in the sweet spot between Los Angeles and San Diego. With most of our area no more than 20-25 minutes to the ocean and about 2 hours to the local mountains, our people have too many demands for their time.

We have a few clubs that cross over those borders. Most of our clubs have been around for 40-50-65 years, and are still operating with programs and trips. This 2015-2016 season saw Orange Council club members in Telluride, Co.; Park City, Utah; Salt Lake City; Japan; Big Sky and of course Mammoth, Vand Bakke (65 years young as a club) members had a blast in Big White, BC. Mammoth Mountain trips – week long, weekend days and local mountain day trips filled in our skiing calendar.

Telluride was a great trip led by Jess Gorman, V. P. of Travel. There was both a pre trip party to inform travelers what to expect and a post trip party to remind folks what fun they had and pave the way for people to sign up for the Breckenridge trip. The circle just keep running smoothly. Connie Peacock and Carol Kane were a great help to share the load on this Telluride trip.

Our youngest club, Huntington Beach Ski Club, is getting ready for the FWSA Convention and setting up their summer programs of kayaking and beach parties. We are seeing more people interested in how to motivate people and get them into our programs.

The President's Dinner held on President's Day was a successful event this year. Many new people for almost all of the clubs attended to hear Sara Richter, USARC, Big Bear, CA. talk about their upcoming Ski a Thon. Jane Wyckoff, always welcome, discussed the FWSA Convention. Also discussed was the annual meeting in Orange County of all OC delegates to discuss the Convention and what is expected of them as delegates.

We want to support Terry King, our Orange Council Woman of the Year nominee. She is a fine leader of the Balboa Tennis program. She attends ski trips and leads local mountain day trips. She is active summer and winter.

We wish to celebrate this great season and look forward to a great summer, fall and winter. Come visit us and join us for some of great summer events.

Council Report

San Diego Council

by Chris Gill, President



San Diego Council: The San Diego Ski Council started off the ski season with the Aspen Ski trip led by Mike & Eileen Sanford. They hosted 62 plus people on this trip. The Aspen trip ended up with Mother Nature dumping a lot of snow, which led to great powder conditions.

There were 49 people who attended Far West Ski week from San Diego. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the town of Telluride. The next Far West Ski week is going to be in Breckenridge 2017.

Alpine League: The race league held their Awards Banquet for the race season May 6th, 2016, at Giovanni's. Along with the awards, the San Diego Council will have the induction of their new elected officers to the San Diego Council Board.

The San Diego Council slated their candidates at the March 2nd meeting for 2016/2017 year. The following people were voted in at the April Board Meeting.

President: Chris Gill
Vice President: Tom Sekreta
Secretary: Debbie Schroeder
Travel: Alan Godwin
Communications: Laura Meldrum
Treasurer: Ron Hausch & Don Gill (Assistant Treasurer) to share responsibilities.

Chris Gill will be President after serving 2 years as Council Vice President. Tom Sekreta will now take over as Vice President. Tom has been involved in Action and North Island Ski Clubs. Tom has held many positions over the years. Tom will bring great leadership skills and knowledge to our council. Ron Hausch and Don Gill are both members of North Island. Both are knowledgeable with basic accounting practices and taxes.

Council Trips

International

The next Council trip will be in the fall. Eileen will be leading the group to Ireland, Scotland and Munich for Oktoberfest. These trips can be done as individual legs or all together. The dates are September 1-20, 2016. There are still spots open. Eileen has also booked another bike trip for 2017. This trip will be in the South of France. Deposits were put down for two boats. There are very few spots left. The post trip will be to Loire Valley and staying a Chateau. We are also looking at September 2017 for a river cruise by way of Mayflower to Croatia.

Spring & Summer Activities:

We are looking forward to the Awards Banquet in May, the FWSA Convention in Scottsdale, and our Council Appreciation dinner in June. Later in August we will have our annual San Diego Council Summer Happy Hour.

Council Report

Sierra Council

by Jo Simpson, President



Seventy-five skiers traveled with Sierra Council to Telluride. A huge thank you goes to our Travel VP Debbie Stewart for managing the trip wonderfully. Our Sierra Team I got third place in the council challenge. Our Cabernet club got first place in club points.

Sierra was well represented on the mini trip to Crested Butte where we had a great time skiing with old friends and making new ones.

Our Reno Ski and Recreation Club took 60 members to Vail in March. The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club went on their annual President's Weekend trip to Ogden to ski Powder Mountain and Snowbasin.

Our race schedule this year was interrupted by snow storms, thanks to the wonderful snowfall we had this winter. We managed to hold five of our scheduled eight races and enjoyed the powder on the other days.

We are thrilled to cheer our 2015 Frank App Memorial Scholarship winner AJ Hurt as she competed in junior races regionally, nationally and internationally this season.. She has been invited to be on the Women's FIS NTG.

Our 2013-2014 Frank App Memorial Scholarship Winner, Lila Lapanja, did well on the World Cup circuit.

The annual end of season celebration was a barbecue at the home of our Race Director, Nan Carnal, in Truckee. We elected officers for the coming season, who are listed below.

Sierra Council Officers 2016-17

President: Jo Simpson

Vice President: Open

Vice President Travel: Debbie Stewart

Secretary: Debi Phelps

Treasurer: Wendy Hobbe

Head Gatekeeper: Bill Ramoni

Race Director: Nan Carnal

Newsletter Editor: Beth Perryman

Web Master: Pavel Bosin

Sierra Council Member Clubs

Alpine Ski & Snowboard Club

Bota Baggers Ski Club

Cabernet Ski & Race Club

Capital Ski & Sport Club

Las Vegas Ski Snowboard & Sports

Club

Reno Ski & Recreation Club

RU Ski Club

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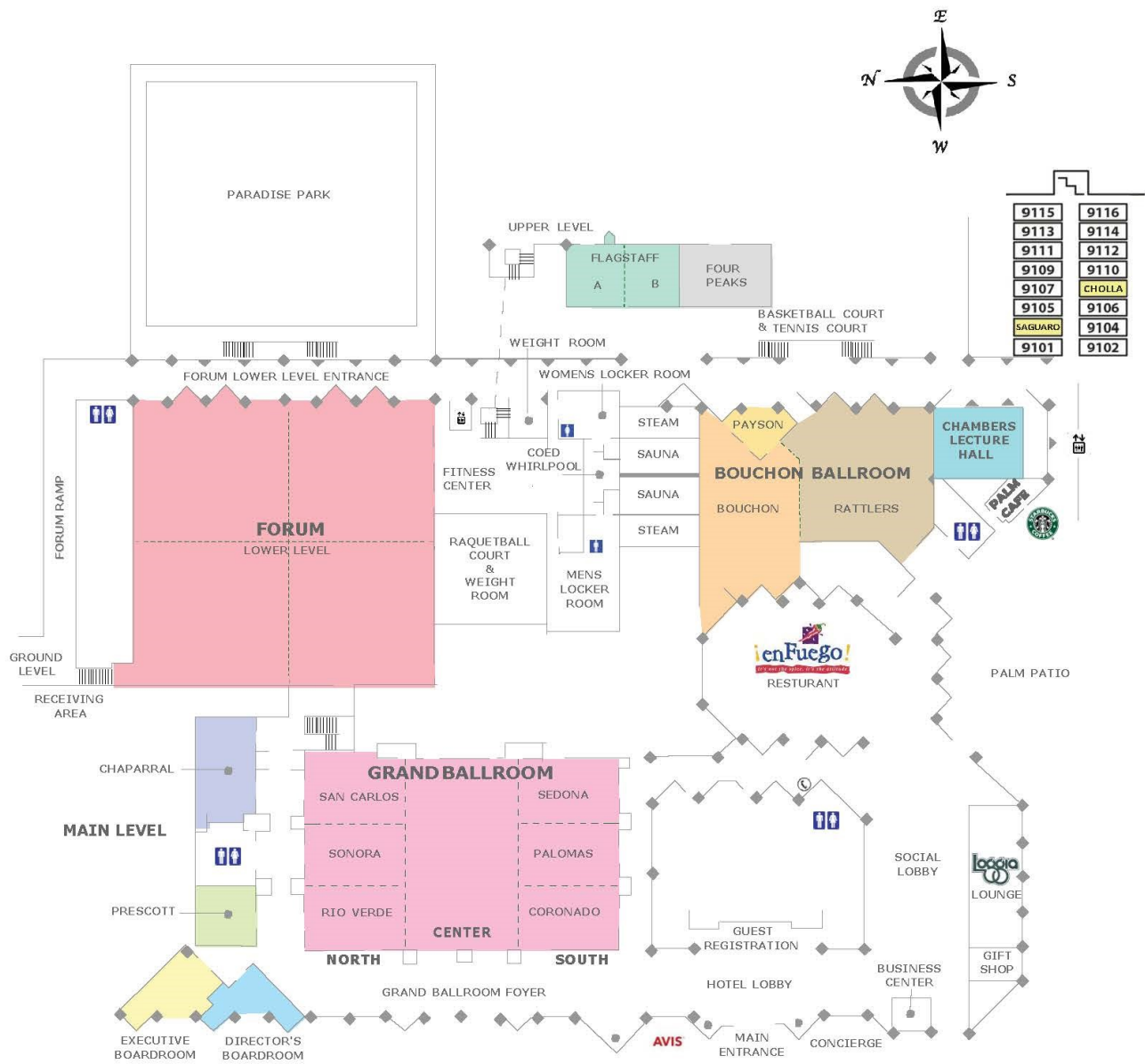
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