

Snowchaser History



Snowchasers Vision



Snowchasers Ski Club promotes the enjoyment and excitement of snow skiing, ski racing, and other outdoor and social activities within a friendly network of like-minded members. Snowchasers is a year-round snow sports and social club. The racing program offers each skier the opportunity to strive for excellence in a competition mode and improve skiing ability at the same time. In addition, social activities build satisfaction and friendships within the family of Snowchasers.

Snowchasers founded in 1983

Snowchasers Ski Club was founded in 1983 to serve Contra Costa County and to promote snow skiing, ski racing, and other outdoor and social activities. The club met at Zio Frae-do's Restaurant (701 Gregory Lane) in Pleasant Hill, the first and third Wednesday of each month, with socializing starting at 7:30 and the meeting starting at 8:00. They were open to active people of all ages with an interest in snow skiing. Everyone was welcome to visit and join the club. Snowchasers Ski Club is affiliated with Bay Area Council Skiers (BAC) and its parent organization, the Far West Ski Association (FWSA). The club was also affiliated with the United States Recreational Ski Association (USRSA). The club races in the BAC's Open League, offering different classifications for skiers with different abilities with men and women competing separately.



Snowchaser Founders



Alan and Pam Christian



Phil and Sandy Gaudette

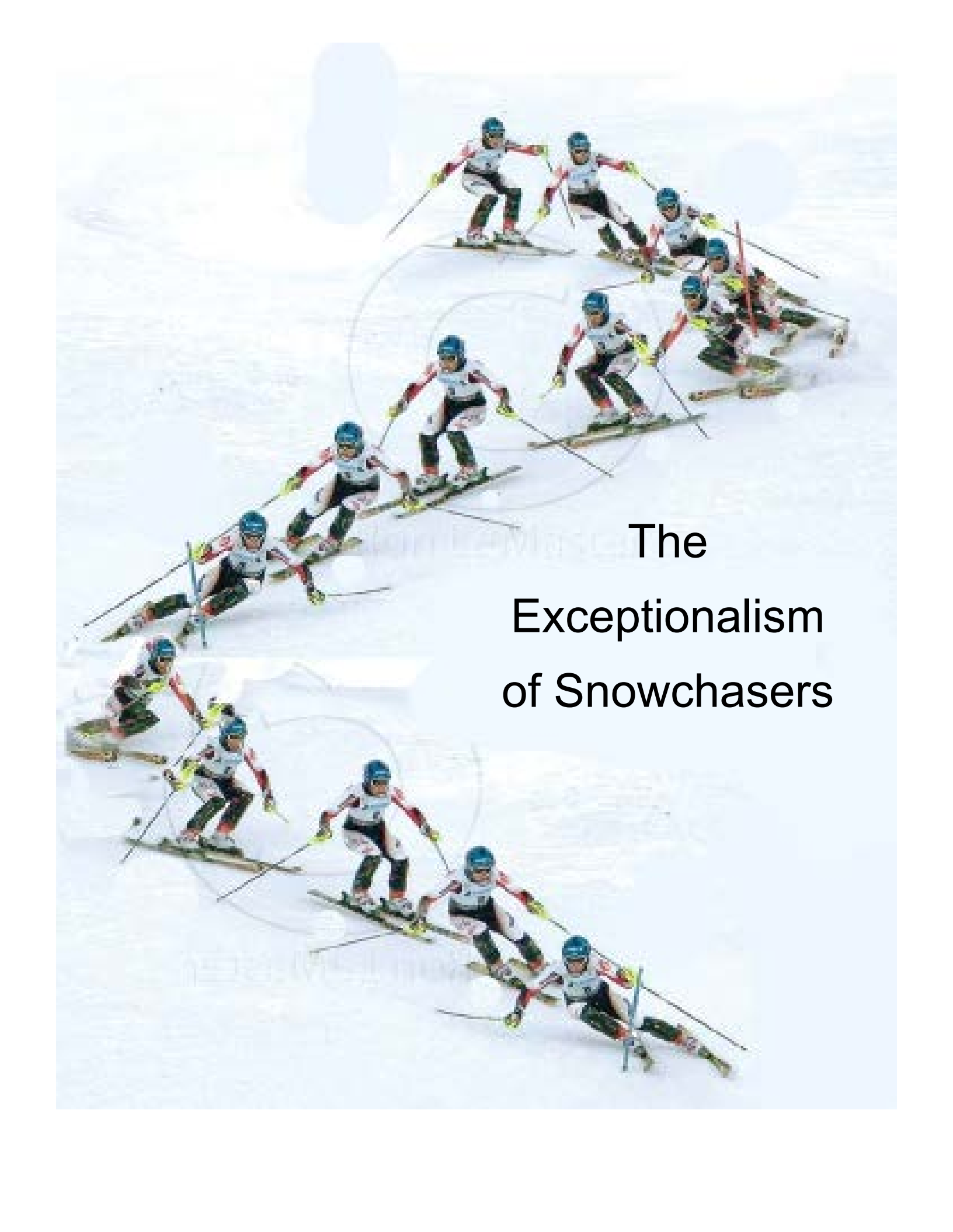


Don and Candy Guerin



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A high-angle photograph of a group of alpine skiers racing down a snowy slope. The skiers are wearing white racing suits with red and blue accents, and blue helmets. They are in various stages of a turn, with some skiers leading and others following. The snow is bright white, and the background is a soft, out-of-focus blue sky. The text "The Exceptionalism of Snowchasers" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The Exceptionalism of Snowchasers

The Exceptionalism of Snowchasers



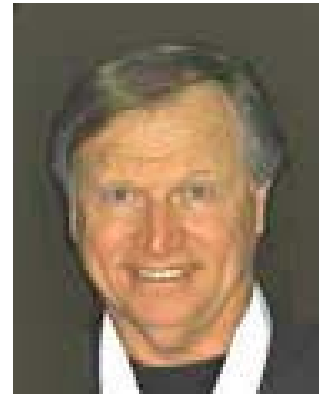
FWSA Presidents



Mike Favia

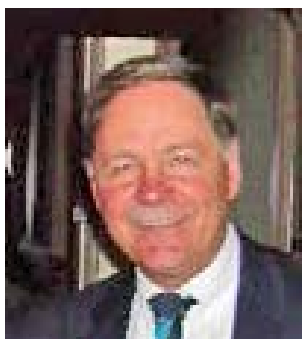


Paul Arrigo



Harry Davis

FWSA Officers



Alan Christian



Karen Davis



Norm Azevedo



Walter Kawecki



Mary Azevedo

BAC Presidents



Mike Favia



Paul Arrigo



Chick Chickering



Harry Davis



Gayle Grant



Karen Davis

BAC President's "Making a Difference Award," 2011



Mary Azevedo



Norm Azevedo



Karen Davis



Harry Davis



BAC Officers



Keith Oatney



Rita Oatney



George Burtt



Sandy Gaudette



Bill Phelps



Debi Phelps



Norm Azevedo



Mary Azevedo



Sig Kalteis

FWSA Recognition Award Winners From Snowchasers

FWSA Hans Georg Awardees

1987 Alan Christian

1991 Mike Favia

2001 Harry Davis

The Hans Georg Award is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing. This award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution over the years.

J. Stanley Mullin Awardees

1990 Paul Arrigo

1985 Mike Favia

1983 Alan Christian

The J. Stanley Mullin Award is given to the Far West man who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past two years or in a prior year.

FWSA President's Awardees

2012 Mary Azevedo

2012 Norm Azevedo

2000 Karen Davis

1996 Harry Davis

1991 Alan Christian

1991 Paul Arrigo

1984 Mike Favia

The President's Award is given to the individual who the President of the Far West Ski Association feels has done the most to advance the immediate goals of Far West snowsports during the previous year.

Schatzi Wood Awardee

1997 Karen Davis

The Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award is given to the Far West woman who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past two years or in a prior year.

Jordan-Reily Awardee

2004 Ethan Chickering

The Jordan-Reily Award recognizes a one or two year activity and achievement in the Association's Public Affairs programs – area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation, and transportation. This award may also be given to an individual in government or the ski industry.

FWSA Woman of the Year

1998 Karen Davis Bay Area

FWSA Man of the Year

2012 Norm Azevedo Bay Area

1998 Ethan Chickering Bay Area

1983 Alan Christian Bay Area

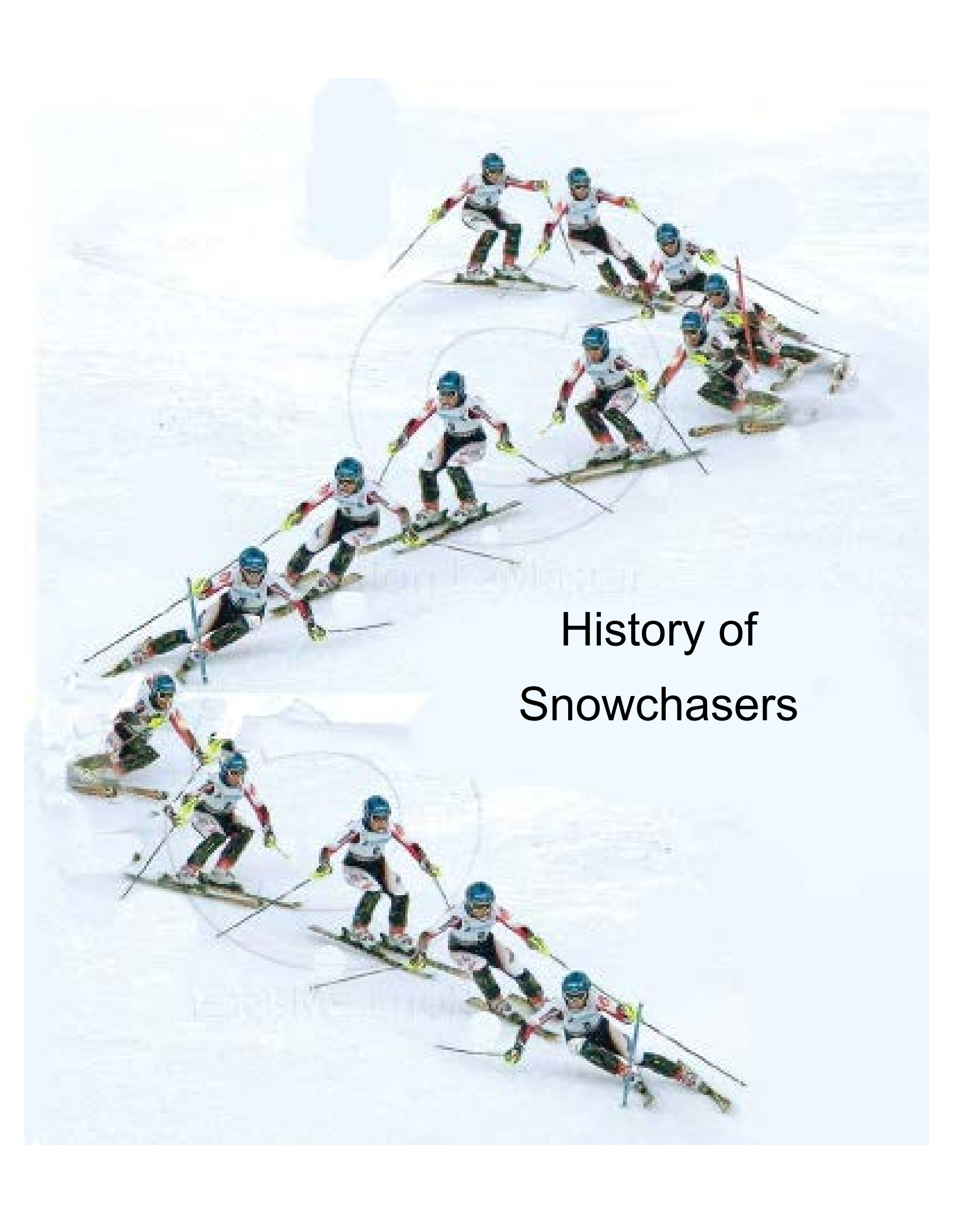
The FWSA Councils' Man and Woman of the Year, are chosen by their peers based on contributions to organized skiing. Candidates are nominated by their club, and then each council selects a man and woman candidate to represent their council in the contest at the FWSA convention.



Snowchaser Members are BAC Officers

(For those members not listed in the Snowchaser Presidents section)

George Burt	BAC Treasurer, 1989-1999 BAC Directory Chairman, 1990-1993 BAC Man of the Year, 1990
Sandy Gaudette	BAC Travel Chairman, 1985-1995
Gayle Grant	BAC Newsletter Editor, 1988-1989 BAC President, 1989-1990 BAC Directory Chairman, 1990 - 1992 BAC Benefits Chairman, 1991-1992
Sig Kalteis	BAC Newsletter Editor, 2005-2008
Rita Oatney	BAC Treasurer, 1995 - 2003
Debi Phelps	Snowchasers Race Director, 1999-2002 Open League Racing Treasurer, 2002-2003 Open League Racing Chair, 2004-2005 Open League Racing Vice Chair, 2003-2004 Snowchasers Race Director; OLRC Board Member, 2005-2008 Open League Racing Vice Chair ; Web Master, 2008-2010 Open League Racing Chair; Web Master, 2010-2014
Bill Phelps	Open League Timer and Scorer, 2002-2010

A high-angle photograph of a group of alpine skiers racing down a snowy slope. The skiers are wearing white racing suits with red and blue accents, blue helmets, and are in a dynamic, crouched position. They are holding ski poles and are spread out across the frame, following a curved path down the hill. The background is a vast, white, snow-covered landscape under a clear sky.

History of Snowchasers

A history of Snowchasers from the beginning in 1983 to 2013 has been put together in 2014. It encompasses all 31 years of its existence. It goes through all the presidents and the events that transpired during their term. Snowchasers can be proud that they have had numerous officers in FWSA and BAC, including presidents in each organization. What is also impressive is that they still have officers in both of the organizations.

Amazingly, the history is 175 pages long, but with 31 years to cover, that is not bad. Fortunately, Joyce Conrad entered the Tollakson Club of the Year contest, so we have albums of those years with great pictures and articles. Fortunately, members have taken pictures at our events, so our pictorial history was available. Snowchaser members contributed articles, pictures, and time lines, so we were able to put together an accurate history compilation.

Mary Azevedo was FWSA *The Councilman Editor* for seven years, so she volunteered to put together our history album. Snowchasers plans to update it yearly.

President Don Guerin, 1983-1984



First Christmas Party with
Parents and Kids



How About those Ski Award Winners



Snowchasers Ski Club
is having a

SCAVENGER HUNT

APRIL 14, 1984

Starting time 7:30pm at

Phil & Sandys (map on back) **be on
time!**

\$8.00 members
\$4.00 non-members

Beer, Wine, munchies

~ PRIZES ~

Limited Space ~ Sign ups
required

See Sandy G.

President Alan Christian, 1984-1985



BAC Man of the Year, 1983
FWSA Man of the Year, 1983
FWSA J Stanley Mullin Award, 1983
FWSA Award Terry Smith, 1985
FWSA Hans Georg Awardees, 1987
FWSA President's Award, 1991
FWSA Foundation Trustee, 2013
FWSA Trustee, 1992-1994
FWSA Awards Chairman, 1996-1997
FWSE, Far West Ski Foundation Trustee, 2012 - present



Snowchasers Award Picnic was Awesome With All the Trophies they won in Open League Racing



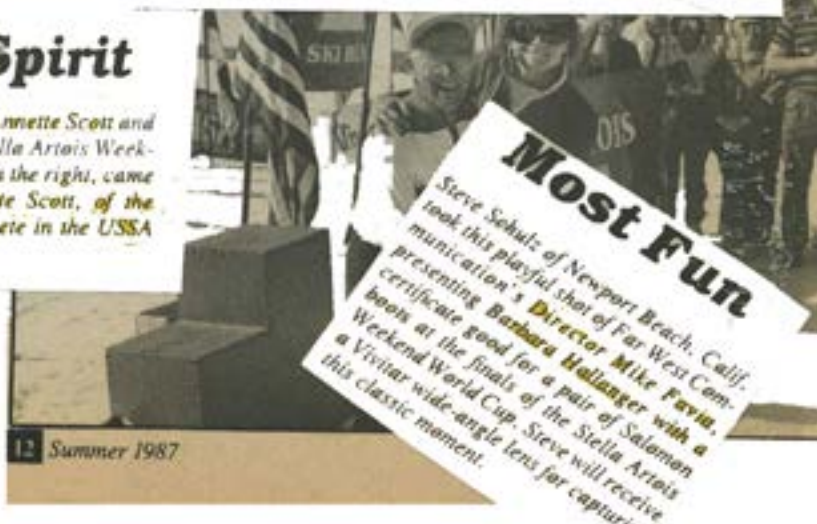
All Around Winners

Honoring Alan Christian, Mike Favia, and Annette Scott



Best Competitive Spirit

David Lansing took the shot, above, of competitors Annette Scott and Deb Hendrickson basking in the limelight of The Stella Artois Weekend World Cup Finals. Hendrickson, bib number 1 on the right, came into the finals as the woman to beat, and Annette Scott, of the Snowchasers, did just that. Scott went on to compete in the USSA National Citizen's Criterium at Crested Butte.



Dive and Dine





SKI
THE EXPERIENCE





SNOWCHASERS, RUSTY BINDINGS

— and —

BOTA BAGGERS ON ICE

**Wear
Tennis
Shoes!**

BE ADVISED THAT
BROOMBALL CAN BE
INJURIOUS TO YOUR
HEALTH - SKATE AT
YOUR OWN RISK!

MAY 11th ~ \$5.00 at the door

9pm. to 12:30am.

SunValley Ice Arena

**SunValley Mall [next to
Penneys]**

BROOMBALL

**t.g.i.f. at Carlos Murphy's before
Skating ~ 6-30pm**

President Paul Arrigo, 1985-1987



BAC President, 1988-1989

BAC Directory Chairman, 1988-1990

FWSA VP Councils, 1989-1991

FWSA J Stanley Mullin Award, 1990

FWSA President's Award, 1991

FWSA President, 1991-1993

FWSA Tollakson Outstanding Club Award, 1986

SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB
INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US...



RACERCHASER **RACERS ONLY**
COCKTAIL PARTY
AT ALAN & PAME
158 FLAME DR. PH.
MARCH 14th (WED.)
7:30pm
BEER, WINE, MUNCHIES
\$2⁰⁰ PER PERSON ~ NO CHARGE IF...
(AT THE DOOR) ...U BRING A MUNCHIE.
*** 827-3074 ***

Day at the Races



GOLDEN GATE FIELDS, CA.
COUNTRY WEXFORD, (2nd)
SUNFLOWER FARM, OWNER
SNOWCHASER SKI CLUB

" EDNA N. "
JUNE 8, 1986
6 FURLONGS 1:10.4

TODD YAMAMOTO, UP
MUFFET SUN, (3rd)
DEE MORTENSEN, TRAINER
SAN LEANDRO RANGERS



The Olympic Bunch Brunch



Sunday April 15,
12:00 Noon
Bring an Entree
and a bottle of
Champagne To Don's
house ~ Map on bac

The Spa will
be HoT... So
bring a bathing suit
and towel.



Snowchasers Has Always Participated in Charity



Christmas Toys for the Needy

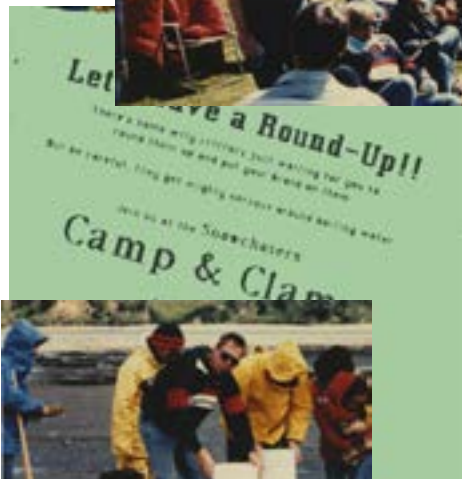
SPECIAL OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

January 9,10,11 and January 30,31 & Feb 1 at Bear Valley

We need volunteers, donations, and ski clothing. Call Judith Vella for information on 934-9279.

Also on January 19th at Fubar's on Morello St. in Pleasant Hill there will be a Comedy Show to raise proceeds for the Contra Costa Special Olympics

Camp and Clam



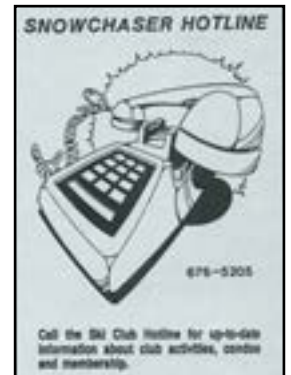
Snowchasers Fashion Show (Members Modeling)



Calman's Sport & Snowchasers
"CHEAP" THRILLS ON A TH
You are invited to join the Snowchasers at
Calman's Sport Chatay
3785 N. Main
Pleasant Hill, Ca.

President Nick Nicolaus, 1987-1988

FWSA Tollakson Outstanding Club Award, 1987



Lots of Junior Racers

Snowchasers Ranking by Class	
Sr. Intermediate Men 1 - Gene Jackson 2 - Byron Kelly	Sr. Advanced Inter. Men 1 - David Kelly
Sr. Intermediate Women 1 - Pam Carlson	Jr. Advanced Inter. Women 1 - Jennifer Brachman 2 - Lisa Brachman 3 - Vicky McClory 4 - Charly Veech
Sr. Elite 2 Women 1 - Annelle Scott	Jr. Intermediate Men 1 - Josh Moorman 2 - Ben Moorman 3 - Bret Conrad 4 - David Fiesch
Sr. Novice Men 1 - Richard Moorman 2 - Steve Tiller	Jr. Novice Men 1 - Sean Moorman 2 - Chris Moorman 3 - Susan Burrill 4 - Troy Rulke 5 - Jeffery Conrad 6 - Kevin Rulke 7 - Eric Hernandez 8 - Sidney McClory 9 - Jeffrey Glickman 10 - Sam Glickman 11 - Roy Provell 12 - Brian Johnson
Sr. Novice Women 1 - Sharon Moorman 2 - Joyce Conrad	Jr. Novice Women 1 - Maria Burrill 2 - Amber Hernandez
Var. Elite 2 Men 1 - Alan Christian	Jr. Beginner Women 1 - Charly Burns
Var. Elite 2 Women 1 - Ann Casamajor	Jr. Expert Men 1 - Michael Lobst
Var. Expert Men 1 - Oliver McClory	Jr. Expert Women 1 - Wendy Thomas
Var. Advanced Men 1 - Ed Ross 2 - Phil Gaudette 3 - David Veech	Jr. Advanced Men 1 - Derek Carlson
Var. Advanced Women 1 - Gail Lohse 2 - Miriam Plautz 3 - Deborah Jones	
Var. Advanced Inter. Men 1 - Paul Craggy 2 - Barry Burrill 3 - Walt Provell	
Var. Advanced Inter. Women 1 - Sharon Abbott	
X-Var. Advanced Men 1 - Bob Lohse 2 - Rod Sloane 3 - James Glick	



Participated in BAC Leadership Conference After-Party at Snowchasers George Burt's House

SINGLES LEAGUE/BAC
2nd ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
FOR DIRECTORS OF CLUB BOARDS
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, MORAGA

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
PHONE: Hm # _____
OCCUPATION: (optional) _____
CLUB: _____
PRESENT BOARD OFFICER 88/89 _____
PAST BOARD OFFICE 87/88 _____
OTHER BOARD OFFICES --/87 _____

ACTIVITY OPTIONS (check one)

- ☐ \$10 Conference/Party
- ☐ \$ 5 Conference only
- ☐ \$10 Party only
- ☐ Unable to attend -
place my name on your
mailing list.

PLEASE TURN THIS INTO YOU
TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

LARRY LASTOFKA
2356 Shelter Creek
San Bruno, Ca. 94066
Hm# 415-873-5827

DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE RESERVATION
contact above individuals

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SINGLES LEAGUE

SPECIAL NOTE-PRESIDENTS: 2



Wine and Cheese Party



SECOND ANNUAL SNOWCHASERS AUCTION

Wednesday, November 18, 1987
(This is a regular Snowchasers Ski Club Meeting Night)

Zio Fraedo's
701 Gregory Lane
Pleasant Hill

Cocktail Social 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Auction Begins Promptly At 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Debbie Jones, 634-7705
(Snowchasers if you don't have anything
to auction, donate a bottle of fine wine)

Win!!! Last Year's Winners Won!!!
Wine Flight In Privately Owned Aircraft
Trips Progressive Dinner For Two
Laughs Four Course Dinner For Two
One Day Of Carpentry Work
And Much Much More

Name _____
Donation _____
Value _____
Phone Number _____

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday 10/30/87
Concord Elks Club
3996 Willow Hill Rd.
7-12 p.m.

DANCING
8-12 p.m.
D.J. - Hector Isaura

No Host Bar
Mars d'Or



Summer Barbeque Meetings and Ski Swap



Bike Rally



Richard Mossman, 1988-1989



Snowchasers Always Mix Skiing with Fun



Snowchasers Honored in 1989 Local Newspaper

Pleasant Hill Snowchasers honored again

MAR 02 1989

Skiing

by Walt Roessing



For the fourth consecutive year, the Snowchasers Ski Club of Pleasant Hill has been named the "outstanding recreational ski club" in its class, which is 150 to 500 members.

Both the club and its newsletter were honored by the U.S. Recreational Ski Association during Nation's Ski Week at Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Most of the club's 200 members are active recreational skiers who compete in the Open League of the Bay Area Council. The club's juniors have won the Open League racing title five successive seasons, and the adults finished fourth last year.

President Richard Mossman of Antioch, who works on new technology for Pacific Bell, says the club is seeking new members.

"We're a year-round recreation and social club, with membership open to singles, couples, marrieds and children," says Mossman.

Club meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Pazzo restaurant, 1420 Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill. A social half-hour at 7:30 p.m. is followed

by a business meeting at 8.

The majority of club members live and work in Contra Costa County.

Three of the club's officers reside in Danville — vice president Gene Jackson, a consulting engineer; his wife, Jean, the activities director and a nursery school owner; and race director Barry Burnill, a systems analyst.

Calling Walnut Creek home are treasurer John Wimmer, a real estate broker, and social director 1988-89 president-elect Paul King, a sales manager. Living in San Ramon are membership director Kathy Fuller, a traffic manager, and former president Nick Nicolaus, a realtor.

Other officers are secretary Linda Dow, Lafayette, a real estate agent; administrative director and newsletter editor Mike Favia, Saratoga, who

owns an engineering consulting firm; BAC representative Steve Tiller, Martinez, a systems analyst; and a second activities director, Robbie Klingstedt, Concord, a drafter/detailer.

Two Snowchasers hold prestigious titles in other organizations.

Paul Arrigo of Pleasant Hill, a construction contractor, is serving his second term as president of the 14,000-member BAC, which includes most Open League and Singles clubs in Northern California. Favia is president of the Far West Skiers Association.

Snowchasers will compete in the last regular season BAC race at Kirkwood on Sunday, in their club race at Donner Ski Ranch on March 12, in the Northern California club championships at Alpine Meadows on March 25, and in the Far West Finals at Mammoth on April 7-9.

The club's big spring activity will be a three-day whitewater rafting outing June 9-11.

Snowchasers maintains a recorded hot-line message at 676-5205.

From March 6-10, Donner Ski

Ranch celebrates its Spring Fling with lift tickets, alpine rentals and group lessons for \$5 each.

An army of racers will gather in the Tahoe Basin March 6-10 for the U.S. Collegiate Skiing Championships. Ski Incline hosts the alpine events and Tahoe Donner the cross-country races.

Sixteen resorts are geared to participate in North Tahoe's Snowfest Carnival from March 3-12. Opening and closing ceremonies are slated for Squaw Valley and Boreal, respectively.

Children 12 and under will compete for \$500 in U.S. Savings Bonds in the Nestle/Diamond Peak slalom March 12. One Ski Incline race is for kids 5 and under, the other for youngsters 6-12.

The U.S. Men's Downhill Team plus an international field are vying in the U.S. Bank North American Trophy Series today through Saturday at Oregon's Mt. Bachelor. The prime events are a downhill and Super G.



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Barbeque Meetings

President Paul King, 1989-1990



Snowchasers Luau



Snowchasers are Involved with All Kinds of Sports



Regular Fitness Articles in Club Newsletter



Tag Team Yoyo



BAC/ Snowchasers Baseball Team

Awards Banquet



President Dr. Allan Drabinsky, 1990-1991



SNOWCHASER SKI CLUB	
President:	Allan Drabinsky
Vice-President:	Ethan Chickering
Administrative Director:	Joyce Conrad (Acting)
Membership Director:	Joyce Conrad
Treasurer:	Joyce Conrad (Acting)
Secretary:	Norm Glickman
Race Director:	Barry Burrill
Activities Director:	Marjane Waal
Social Director:	Barbara Wundrow
BAC Representative:	Mike Favia

Snowchasers Goofy Race



Toys for the Needy

We will be collecting Toys for the Needy. Please be generous and bring in a toy for a boy or girl, do not gift wrap. These will be donated to the Contra Costa Children's Council for their annual Food and Toy drive. Also if you would like to bring in some can goods, please do. All donations are warmly welcomed. All donations need to be in by the 12/5 meeting!!! The presents should not be wrapped. Thanks for your support.



Snowchasers with Their Monogrammed Ski Jackets



Dock Party



President Joyce Conrad, 1991-1993



FWSA Tollakson Outstanding Club Award, 1991
FWSA Tollakson Outstanding Club Award, 1992




Basketball, Volleyball, and Fitness for Snowchasers



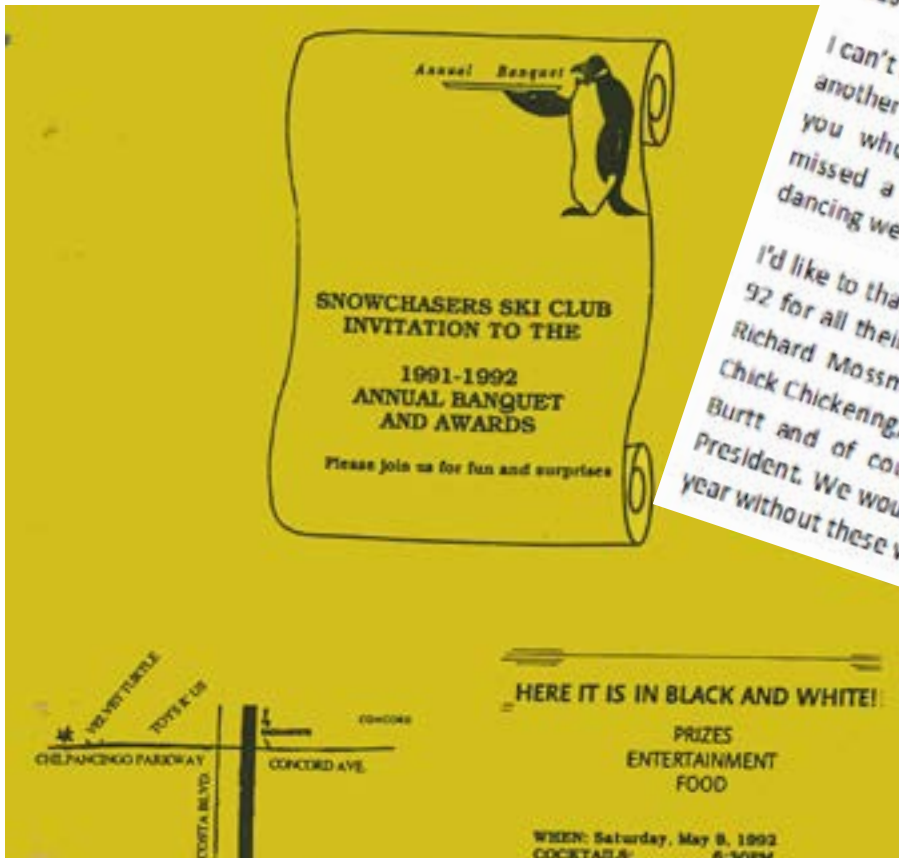
Junior Racing Program



 COACHES' CORNER		
Race Directors: Virgil & Miriam Plautz		
<u>Race Results 1992</u>		
<u>Juniors</u>		
<u>JAM</u>	Stuart Burnill	9
<u>JRW</u>	Angela Robinson	15
<u>ICM</u>	Stuart Burnill	9
	Jeffrey Conrad	5
	Brad Robinson	2
<u>ICV</u>	Mari Burnill	31
<u>IDM</u>	Glenn Chickering	20
	Jeff Conrad	19
	Brad Robinson	18
<u>IDW</u>	Mari Burnill	6
<u>JEM</u>	Mark Britain	26
	Jack Cooper	9
	Chris Lohse	1
<u>JEW</u>	Anna Cooper	2
<u>ZIM</u>	Neis Chantarotwong	18
	Jonathan Lohse	14
	Chris Lohse	9
<u>ZTW</u>	Bonnie Chantarotwong	21



Banquet and Awards



PRESIDENT JOYCE CONRAD

I can't believe it is June already and the start of another Snowchaser board year! For those of you who did not attend the banquet, you missed a great time. The food, awards and dancing were all great. More on this later.

I'd like to thank my Board of Directors for 1991-92 for all their hard work and support. Thanks, Richard Mossman, Leslie Miller, Barry Burrill, Chick Chickening, Virgil & Miriam Plautz, George Burrill and of course Allan Drabinsky as Past President. We would not have had a successful year without these volunteers.



Snowchasers Won Outstanding Club of the Year (Class AA)

The Far West Convention at Squaw Creek Resort at Lake Tahoe was an overwhelming success. Those of you who didn't attend missed a wonderful convention, beautiful weather and the chance to bask in luxury!

I'll try to recap as many of the awards as I can remember:

Outstanding Club Publication

Class A = Schi Laufer

Class AA = Santa Barbara

Class AAA = Balboa

*Snowchasers received honorable mention!

Outstanding Ski Club

Class A = Rusty B...

Class AA = Snow...

Class AAA = Balboa

Far West Race Champions

1st Place = Singles L...

2nd Place = Open L...

FWSA Woman of the Year

Susie Vetter (San Diego)

FWSA Man of the Year

Randy Lew (Modesto/BA)

Hans Georg Award

Pat Nangle

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award

Susie Vetter

J. Stanley Mullin Award

Louis Buhler

Terry Smith Award

Bob Ellis (Singles League)

Presidents Award

Jeff Hamilton

Modern Media Awards

Print - Walt Roessing

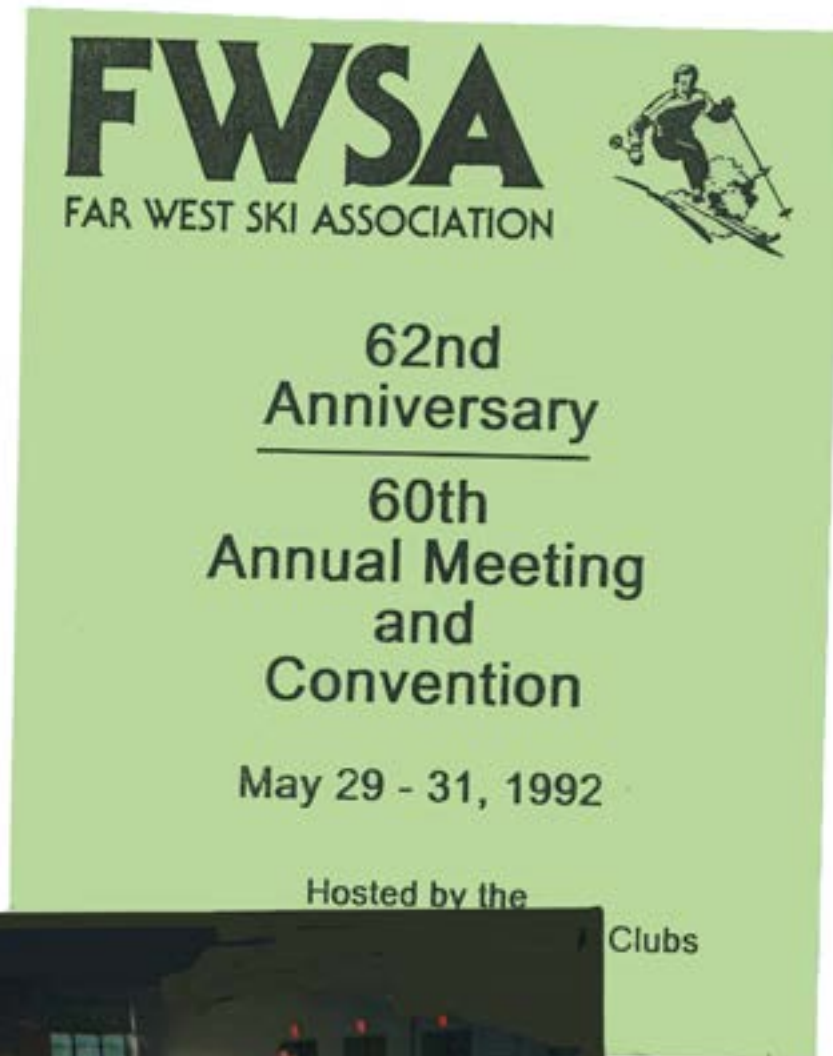
Feature - Warren Miller Productions



1992 FWSA Convention Hosted by Squaw Valley

FWSA President: Paul Arrigo

BAC President: Harry Davis



Dive and Dine

Dive for Abalone, Barbeque for Dinner



**DIVE AND DINE
WITH THE SNOWCHASERS**

When: October 4 - 6, 1991

Where: Russian Gulch State Park
Hwy. 1, Mendocino

Cost: \$25 Members
\$28 Non-Members
\$15 Children 12 and under

Includes: Brunch on Saturday and Sunday
Abalone Dinner on Saturday evening
A ton of fun!!!

What to bring: Tent, sleeping bag, suntan lotion, warm clothes, wood for the group campfire, your own abalone pounder and utensils

Sign ups are limited to 65 people - so sign up early!!!!

Contact: Chick Chickering 658-9231
Joyce Conrad 678-6046



1992 USRSA Ski Week Steamboat Springs



The Fourth of July in Tiburon



Christmas Sing-A-Long



President Claudia Bogumil, 1993-1994



Awards Galore from Open League Racing



Good Times Parade with KNBR



President Barry Burrill, 1994-1995



Camping is Always an Option



Snowchasers has always been interested in Fitness



Fitness

It is time to get serious about exercise if you are going to ski this season. The experts say you should allow about six weeks for getting your body ready, so if you haven't already done so, start an exercise program. Start easy with five repetitions of your exercises on the first day, and add to them each day until you reach the level you want. Do not emphasize running 1.5—3 miles is enough, and do this much only if it doesn't bother your ankles or knees. Bicycling and climbing stairs are the best for ski conditioning, according to fitness experts. Also see *Out of Date Exercise* and *Sore Muscles* elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap up

The BAC Open League (our favorite) has set up the races much earlier this year. In addition we have an experienced team doing the administration (recordkeeping, input and reports) and running the races. I think the league will have the best-run season yet. With your help Snowchasers Rac Team will win again!

See you on the hill!

*** Barry**



Halloween Costume Contest



President Ethan Chickering, 1995-1997



BAC VP Membership, 1974-1975
BAC President, 1975-1977
BAC Man of the Year, 1998
FWSA Man of the Year, 1998
BAC Webmaster, 2001-2002
FWSA Jordan-Reily Award, 2004

Club Potluck after Ski Racing in Tahoe



Chick Chickering Receives 1998 “FWSA Man of the Year” Plaque



Chick receiving a plaque and flowers from Harry Davis, FWSA President



Miniature Golf



Ski Racing Awards Banquet



BAC Sand Castle Contest
San Gregorio Beach



President Bill Kuhlman, 1997-1999



Margarita Mix-Off



Is that a cement mixer?



Awards Banquet



Mark Your Calendar!!!

HALLOWEEN NIGHT
SATURDAY - OCTOBER 31ST

SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB
Invites all BAC Members to the

"Fantasy Fun Night"
 7:00 PM til Midnight
 Syracuse Homes Clubhouse
 635 Old Orchard Drive - Danville

Early Ticket Price \$20.00
 After October 15th \$25.00

GAMES **FOOD** **BEVERAGES**

COSTUME PRIZES
 1200, 1000, 500, 250, 100

We Plan on Making this the Biggest Bash of the Year!
For Tickets and Information.....Call Loni Kaweck
(707) 748-1249

San Ramon Valley High School
Wolves Present:
 21st Annual
SKI SWAP
 (and Snowboards)

Saturday & Sunday
November 7th & 8th, 1998
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Admission \$2.00 (includes under 12 hours)

Sell or Buy NEW AND USED
 Ski equipment & clothing at BARGAIN PRICES

Beginning to Sell:
 Friday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Nov. 6th
 Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Nov. 7th (\$5.00 minimum)

Back up Used Ski Items (Free Entry)
 Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Business Attending:
 Nise Ski
 The Shop
 Dingo Ski
 Sports Care
 Hughes Ski Shop
 Old Town Sports
 Solano Ski & Cycle
 Huber of Sun Valley
 Stuber's Ski Cottage
 Wilderness Bound Sports
 California Bike and Snowboard
 KanderSport Junior Ski & Sport Outfitters
 PLUS...
 Representatives from Alpine Meadows,
 Bear Valley, Bonanza Ski Springs, Squaw Valley at Tahoe,
 Sierra at Tahoe, Sugar Bowl, Vail Resorts, and area ski clubs

Directions to SKI SWAP:
 Highway 480 to Danville, exit El Cerrito road, two blocks to
 Danville Blvd., turn left, San Ramon Valley High School
 is one block on the right.

**WINNERS UNWARRANTED
 REFUNDABLE LOTTERY TICKETS AND
 OTHER PRIZES - NO PURCHASE
 NECESSARY!**

For more information contact Kathy at 925-4791 or fax at 925-8548
 Sponsored by San Ramon Valley High School PTA
 Proceeds go to SKI SWAP

Wine Fest in Jackson Area
Stayed at Bed and Breakfast, Van for Wine Tasting



2000 Installation Banquet



President Keith Oatney, 1999-2001



BAC Communications/Newsletter Editor, 1992 - 1996
BAC Industry Liaison, 1997 - 2000
BAC Public Affairs Chairman, 2002-2004
BAC Man of the Year, 2010

Camping at Cassini Ranch



No set instructions. We put it up inside-out, upside down, and finally got it right. We were laughing so hard it took longer to get it right.



Keith Oatney accepting 2010 “BAC Man of the Year” Plaque



Traditional Margarita Mix-Off Party



White Water Rafting at Cache Creek



President Harry Davis, 2001-2005



BAC President, 1991-1996
BAC Directory Editor, 1994-2002
BAC Man of the Year, 1994
FWSA President's Award, 1996
FWSA President, 1996-2000
FWSA Hans Georg Awardees, 2001
BAC President's "Making a Difference Award", 2011
BAC Community/Special Projects, 2007 - present
FWSE, Far West Ski Foundation Trustee, 2013 - present



Harry Davis with FWSA Past Presidents



FWSA Ski Trip to Big Sky Montana



Snowchasers Love to Ski





FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION and ALL BAC MEMBER CLUBS

.....FUNDRAISER.....
to benefit *Tahoe Adaptive Ski*
School



**Let's race Karts
at Santa Clara SpeedRing
Sunday, NOVEMBER 14, 2004**



**Take the challenge, get your team together.
You know they can race on skis, how about go karts?**

For track/racing info: <http://www.speedring.org>

Entry Deadline: \$ 200. /team Before May 1st for 2 - 5 team members
\$ 210. / team After May 1st
Or \$250. /team On Race Day

SpeedRing Karts: Wide and low – close to the ground; Safe – protected front and rear wheels; Data Logging – on board electronics. Format: 15 Minutes Grid Position Qualifying per team. 1-1/2 hr Endurance Competition (must change drivers minimum 4 times). For each black flag received while on the track, your team will be asked to donate \$10 to TASS! Total number of team laps determines 1st, 2nd, 3rd places for medals to be awarded after each race. SCHEDULE: Arrival at least one hour before briefing. Briefing 1:30 p.m. Race: 2 p.m.

Limited food and drink choices at inside viewing area & private viewing area. Locker rooms on site; lockers with key for all participants. Recommend bringing change of underclothes/t-shirt to use under furnished race suit. Race suit, gloves, (new) helmet, neck brace furnished with sign-in at SpeedRing

SPONSORS: -

HEAVENLY VALLEY	SNAP-ON TOOLS
MAC TOOLS	MATCO TOOLS
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DAVIS PERFORMANCE	BELL PRODUCTS



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Make checks payable to Harry Davis

Mail to: Harry Davis, P.O. Box 246, Clayton CA 94517



**FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
and ALL MEMBER CLUBS**



.....FUNDRAISER.....

to benefit *Tahoe Adaptive Ski School*

at Santa Clara SpeedRing

Sunday, NOVEMBER 14, 2004



Snowchasers Presents

Indoor Go-Kart Event

MAY 7, 2006

FUNDRAISER to benefit Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation



Indoor Go-Kart Event

JUNE 14, 2009

FUNDRAISER for **Disabled Sports Far West
USA at Alpine Meadows**

A EVENT

- 1 – Race Guys - Bobby , Jason McCrystle, Jeff Marsh
- 2 – Under Dogs - Harry Davis, Lou Medina, Jason Hallam
- 3 – Snowchasers 1 - Bill Phelps, Debi Phelps, Shannon Tikalsky
- 4 – Walnut Creek Ford - Mike Norris, Rudy Mortensen, Sue Mingear
- 5 – Allstate - Sebastian Ledwick, Sterling Ledwick, Lance Ledwick
- 6 – Snowchasers 3 - Josh Hix, Shelbie Tieman, Mike Attridge, Jarmila Pitlerman
- 7 – Snowchasers 2 - Dave Schopeck, Norm Azevedo, Sig Kalteis
- 8 – Mustangs - Keith Oatney, Peeter Akerberg, Karen Davis
- 9 – Modesto - Judy Hamre, Jim Ambrosavage, Ardyth Little, Jerry Shelton

PRO EVENT

- 1 – Modesto 3 - Bill Hamre, Rudy Mortensen, Mike Norris
- 2 – Walnut Creek Ford - Jeff Marsh, Josh Hix
- 3 – Snowchasers - Harry Davis, Shannon Tikalsky
- 4 – Modesto 1 - Roy Nightengale, Doug Polic
- 5 – Walnut Creek Ford 2 - Keith Oatney, Jason McCrystle
- 6 – Modesto 2 - Brian MacLean, Randy Cook



SPEED RING EVENT Oct 20, 2002

Open League for Skiers sponsored a Go-Kart event for all BAC club members on Oct 20. The event was held at SpeedRing in Santa Clara and was a smashing success! Participating clubs were Bota Baggers with 2 teams, Modesto with 5 teams, Monterey with 3 teams, North Bay SnoWonders, Parallelers, Rusty Bindings, and Snowchasers with 3 teams. Walnut Creek Ford entered 2 teams. The races were run in two sessions, with two Modesto teams in first and second place in the A main event; Mustangs SVO was in third place. In the B main event, a Modesto team won second place, with Toy Works in first place, and Walnut Creek Ford team in third place. The top number of laps for a team was 121 laps! Wow! A total of 26 teams of four persons ran in both events. Snowchasers included Harry Davis, Karen Davis, Keith Oatney, Bill Phelps, Debi Phelps, Chick Chickering, and Walter Kaweck. The event raised \$826. for Disabled Sports Tahoe Adaptive Ski School. Sponsors included SpeedRing, Walnut Creek Ford, MAC Tools, MATCO Tools, SnapOn Tools, Toy Works Auto Body, and HEAVENLY. Thanks to all participants; it was a fantastic and exciting day!

Snowchasers race team members raked in a lot of medals this weekend, finishing off the race and ski season for the Far West Ski Association races at Alpine Meadows!



First Place in Open League 2005-2006 Snowchasers



Christmas Party - Gift Exchange - Toys for Tots



APRES SKI SOCIAL



Get together with your fellow **SNOWCHASERS** and enjoy coffee, sodas, or hot chocolate right there at the Resort after Skiing!

On the Saturday of Race weekends don't miss the chance to relax and socialize with friends starting at 3:30 pm. Coffee, sodas, or hot chocolate will be provided by the club (sorry, you'll have to buy your own booze!)



President Norm Azevedo, 2005-2007



BAC Communications/Newsletter, 2003-2005
BAC Vice President of Travel, 2005-2006
FWSA VP of International Travel, 2006 - 2012
BAC President's "Making a Difference Award", 2011
BAC Man of the Year, 2012
FWSA Man of the Year, 2012
FWSA President's Award, 2012



Snowchasers Participate
in Concord
Fourth of July Parade



Norm Azevedo Receives 2012 “FWSA Man of the Year” Plaque



Congratulations to the Councils’ Man of the Year, Norm Azevedo of Bay Area Snow Sports Council. FWSA recognizes top volunteers from each council during the Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year Recognition Program at the FWSA Annual Convention. Our councils honor dedicated men and women who have made significant contributions to organized skiing within their council over a multi- year skiing and ski organization career. These honorees have volunteered their time to support club, council, community service, race league, and FWSA efforts to enhance the skiing experience for our members.

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Kayaking in Moss Landing’s Elkhorn Slough



Snowchasers are doing it again this year!

Kayak rental cost is \$25. This is a very popular time for Kayaking. So to assure kayaks are reserved, we need to deposit the full amount with the Monterey Bay Kayaking Company as soon as possible.

Van pickup and return to Office is optional.

The added cost is \$10 and highly recommended.

Send your \$25 (plus \$10 for van if desired) check, made out to Snowchasers

Norm Azevedo

901 Sousa Drive

Walnut Creek, CA

Contact him at 925-944-9816, (naz@snowchasers.org)



BAC Travel Chairman Norm Azevedo organized the 2007 FWSA Steamboat Ski Trip for the Bay Area



BAC Council Night had
Tons of food, Billy Kidd,
and a Western Band.
220 People?? WOW

Snowchaser Activities

February Dates – Bay Area Ski Bus – leave the driving to the pros. See info in this newsletter.

March 4-5 – 2006 Vertical Express for MS (the Heuga Center) – Squaw Valley

April 30th @ 8pm “A Star Party” with Chick & MDAS
@ Mt. Diablo Summit, Lower Parking Lot
Call Chick Chickering, 925-886-9231, elchick447@comcast.net.



May 1st starts @ 11am “A Taste of Diablo”
@ Diablo Valley College’s Culinary Arts Dept.
Premier food, drinks & entertainment. See newsletter tier.
Call Carol Everett (925) 889-1448 (everettc@acbel.net) for more information.

May 21st Bike Ride & lunch in the planning stage
Leave this date open. More information within a week.



June 5th Wine, Picnic, Music
Same as last year. We had such a good time we are doing it this summer. Form a group car pool & join us.
Look for tier in newsletter or call Carol Everett (925) 889-1448

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2006 CONVENTION Phoenix AZ
June 8-11, 2006 - The Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa.

Activities include a Pub Crawl on Thursday night; Annual Golf Tournament & Kayaking on Friday, Silent Auction and Dance Friday evening, Saturday Travel Expo, History exhibits, Special guests, Awards Banquet/Dance on Saturday night & much more. Visit fwsa2005celebration.org or call Karen Davis @ (925) 886-3774 for information.

June 25th, Brentwood Fruit Farm Tour & BBQ

Folks will meet at the Honegger's, 1:30pm, 4019 Boulder Dr., Antioch, then caravan/carpool to selected premium fruit stands in the Brentwood area. The Honeggers know where the best stuff is. All will return to their home for a barbeque/swim. Call Art Honegger 925-754-7218 for more details.



July 16th Bike Ride & Lunch

How about a club's July Bike Ride for Saturday? Look for details in upcoming newsletters. Call Chick Chickering, 925-886-9231, elchick447@comcast.net.

Fun at the Margarita Mix-Off





Dancing at
Chouinard Winery

Snowchasers
Ski
Anywhere
and
Everywhere



Hike and Picnic
at Angel Island

President Walter Kawecki, 2007-2011



FWSA Legal Counsel, 1997-2002

Annual Chouinard
Wine Tasting and
Picnic, and Dancing



FWSA Whistler Ski Trip





APRIL 13, 2008

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Mike's Pizza

Next to Clayton Bowl (925-689-4965)
5358 Clayton Road, Concord

Free Pizza –share the fun and end of ski season



RECOGNIZING THE RACE TEAM AND ALL SNOWCHASERS MEMBERS

Contact: Karen Davis and/or Keith Oatney



Annual Snowbomb Event in San Francisco (Manned BAC table)



FREE LIFT TICKETS: Up to FIVE FREE LIFT TICKETS for attending!!! Powder Pass comes with a lift ticket to EACH of the following- Sugar Bowl, Bear Valley, Dodge Ridge and China Peak. VIP admission comes with a 5th free lift ticket to Mt Bachelor, too.

Snowchasers Table at Sports Basement Annual Vendor Event





Barbeque Meetings in
the Summertime

The FWSA Convention
Banquet Lets Us
REALLY Dress Up



Camping is So Relaxing



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2010

The Leader in East Bay Fitness for more than a Quarter Century



A member recently stopped me with a new idea for the newsletter, which we've now incorporated in the bottom right hand corner of the front page. The idea establishes routine reminders for club etiquette, general guidelines and safety. We're still working on a proper icon/character/mascot to "represent" the corner. Your ideas will be appreciated for an appropriate character (please no copyrighted or trademarked logos). Speaking of ideas, we recently posted a survey on Facebook to learn more about what members want to see from your club. What are we doing well? What are we failing at? What's in between and unknown? Please take a moment to provide some feedback if you get the chance. Thank you to those who have already given valuable feedback for your club. ~Nick Schweickert, General Manager



Karen James
Activities Director

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Arts & Crafts Fair

Join us on Saturday, October 16th from 8AM- 2PM to show off your creative talents! Painters, sculptors, wine makers, photographers and crafters are all welcome! Show off and market your talent and wares to all of our members and guests!

Check Out The Big C on Facebook and Twitter!

Keep up with our events and promotions on our pages:

[www.facebook.com/
TheBigCAthleticClub](http://www.facebook.com/TheBigCAthleticClub)

[www.twitter.com/
TheBigCAthleticClub](http://www.twitter.com/TheBigCAthleticClub)



Ski & Snowboarding Season "Kick-off" Event

Big C members who enjoy snow skiing or snowboarding are invited to attend Snow-chasers Ski & Snowboarding Club's annual "Ski and Snowboarding Season Kick-Off" event. Free raffle for lift tickets and many other Great prizes! This fun event will be held at The Big C on the evening of Wednesday, November 17. More details coming soon! web-site: snowchasers.org

Create Great Business Partners at The Big C Experts Service Professionals

was created to help grow our businesses using the referral process. Come join us at our first ever Open House and learn how joining us can benefit your business

Bring your power partners and learn how we can help each other grow!

RVSP @ espprofessionals@gmail.com

Or call Wes: 925.260.4188 / Gary 925.609.9361

Thursday Nov 4 8A.M.—10A.M. • The Big C Restaurant

Cost : \$10 by Oct. 25th, \$15 Oct. 26 – Oct. 29th, \$20 at the door.

SORRY, NO REFUNDS

Autumn Hike to Carlon Falls

Join us Saturday, October 16th at 8:30 AM for this 4.5 mile round trip hike just outside of Yosemite National Park! Fee: \$10.00! space is limited! Sign-up at the Front Desk!

Etiquette/Guidelines Corner Blip of the month

Please remember to always shower before using the spas, saunas, pools, and steam rooms. This is a common courtesy and hygienic process. Thank you!

1381 Galaxy Way, Concord, CA 94520 (925) 671-2110 TheBigC.com

S.F. Guides Trolley Tour



Calendar Newsletter Reminders

DSUSA Far West and Upcoming Information – November 2008

There are some special dates in the future for Disabled Sports USA Far West!

November 9 -- go-karting at LeMans Karting in Fremont. Please see flyer or call Harry Davis, 925-768-4903, or email at harrykaren@comcast.net.

The evening of November 16 will be a special visit to Tommy T's in Pleasanton CA, located at 5104 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton. Web www.tommyts.com. Dinner or table snacks are available before or during the show. Please note Sunday performance is at 7:00 p.m. Adults only. Contact Harry Davis, 925-768-4903, or email at harrykaren@comcast.net for reservations to this special event, which will benefit Disabled Sports USA Far West. Tickets will be available by mail, or distributed by Harry on a will call arrangement at the event.

Pre-Pay Only.

November 20 – Snow Fest at Sports Basement in Walnut Creek, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; benefits DSUSA

November 22 – 34th Annual Snowball Dinner Dance, proceeds to benefit Singles League Racing & DSUSA

March 13 – 3rd Annual Ski Challenge at Alpine Meadows

March 14 – Benefit BASH at Alpine Meadows Lodge

March 21 – SKI FOR ALL at Sugar Bowl, in conjunction with FWRA's NorCals

Snowchasers Donates Money to Good Causes



NAMI Walk with Lisa Honegger! Sign up on her team for our annual fundraiser in Golden Gate Park on May 30!

This event allows us to provide many programs throughout our county, all free of charge, to help those with mental illnesses and their families. It is our major source of funding. Information on the Walk may be found at NAMIWalksSF-Bay.org, and on our Contra Costa Affiliate at NAMIcontracosta.org.

Vans are provided to take walkers in from central Contra Costa (small donation to cover rental and gas), so no driving!

You can sign up for Lisa's Walk team at
nami.org/namiwalks09/sfo/astepahead

Please sign up early. If you are unable to walk, your donation of any size will be greatly appreciated, and can be done on line. The event is Saturday May 30th. We look forward to seeing you there!



Tommy T's is the place to go! The evening of Nov 16 was exciting, seeing Bobby Collins (Mr New York) at Tommy T's in Pleasanton CA. Tommy T's donated \$10 per BAC ticket to DSUSA Far West (Tommy T's also donated the meat for hamburgers at the A's game!!!) for total \$180. Snowchasers members Walter and Loni Kawewki, Harry and Karen Davis, Norm and Mary Azevedo, Sig and Nancy Kalteis, Ethan and Ruth Chickering, and Shelbie Tikalsky with daughter Shannon were present. Dennis Heffley, BAC president,

FWSA Communication Awards



Wentworth Publication Award Winners



Sig Kalteis-Bay Area Council
2008 Council Newsletter 1st Place

The Wentworth Award is given to the club whose publications are judged best based on layout, content, and club size. It was fitting that Chappie be remembered for his dedication to Far West by giving his name to the Outstanding Club Publication.

Outstanding Website Award Winners



Steve Rhodes -Snowchasers
2008 Class A 2nd Place

The Outstanding Web Site Award is given to the club whose web site is judged best based on layout, content, current data, usefulness, navigation, ease of use, and club size.

Snowchasers Bowl & Dine



When the snow melts...Snow Chasers Go Bowling!

When: Saturday, April 30

Time: 4:00 PM

Where: Paddeck Bowl, 5915 Pacheco Blvd., Pacheco

Cost: \$4. (\$2.75 seniors) per game + shoe rental

You don't need any special skill. Dave & I bowled twice since last year's event, so watch out. Dave has improved; Barbara has gotten worse. But we had fun and burned a few calories, too.

Beginners welcome! Don't want to bowl? Come and watch, or just join us for dinner afterward. Figuring we'll be bowled out (or thrown out) by 6:30 PM, let's meet at El Torito (The Willows) around 6:45 or so.

RSVP to Barbara or Dave so we know how many lanes and tables to reserve. Call for directions or information.

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Article Written by Mary Azevedo about FWSA Antarctica Trip

Norm Azevedo was the trip leader



Far West Ski Association's Antarctica Trip

By Mary Azevedo, Far West Ski Association

Photos by Norm Azevedo and Nicole Szczech, Far West Ski Association

If you want the ultimate winter outdoor adventure with some black and white furry friends, then visit the world's last great wilderness, Antarctica. The 37 Far West Ski club members began by flying to the southernmost city in the world; Ushuaia, Argentina. Boarding the MV Fram in the late afternoon, our feelings were ambivalent, both dreading and anticipating the journey through the infamous turbulent Drake's Passage. While enjoying 22 hours of uninterrupted sunshine, we had calm seas which occur only two to three times per year.

On our first Antarctica tour we wore long underwear, two jackets, waterproof pants, wool socks, and warm hat and scarf; you name it, we had it on. We were loaned boots and rainproof jackets, and before we walked on Antarctica, we had to decontaminate the bottom of our boots. In order to keep the area undisturbed, we stayed on the penguins' path that went from their rookery (where they nest) to the ocean.

I know this is shocking, but there are a few crazy people in our club who received an Ice Swimming Certificate for swimming in the Antarctica Ocean in swimsuits. If you want to see the certificate, let me know.

On Deception Island, we saw Adelie, Emperor, Chinstrap, and Gentoo penguins. The penguins build circular nests out of pebbles and we saw light-brown newborns that looked like fat little fuzzballs. A few rogue penguins steal pebbles from other nests, and when they get caught, they chase and peck each other. The Antarctica foodchain consists of krill, then penguin, then other seabirds (who eat penguin eggs); and lastly, whales, sea lions and harbor seals. We watched as an Orcus Whale Pod cornered some poor little penguin and made him an appetizer for four.

We then went to Half Moon Island and then through the Errera Channel. On the tall mountains, the expedition staff created a snow slide, so going down was fun and easy. The ship's

captain had to maneuver around icebergs, and when the ship grazed one, you could hear the bang and feel the ship shudder. At Port Lockroy we were able to walk the beach and even see grass.

We arrived at the Antarctica Ukraine Station the day they celebrate Christmas, and we joined the festivities with a tour and a shot of home-made vodka.

We saw breathtaking scenery at Wilhelmina Bay. Antarctic ice contains 70% of the world's fresh water and 90% of the world's ice. In the Antarctic Sound, we saw icebergs shaped like "warehouses" that were long, square, flat-topped and a mile long. Heading back, we experienced huge waves, and in the dining room, people were leaning into anything they could find while trying not to spill their food.

Although a 32-hour flight isn't easy, it was well worth it. Antarctica is the most peaceful place on Earth. No wars have ever been fought on Antarctica, no country owns it. This is truly a place of peace and serenity.

Penguins are what everybody came to see in Antarctica. Photo by Norm Azevedo.



Several of the attendees in the cold weather clothing that was provided for the tour. Photo: FWSA



Norm and Mary Azevedo in Antarctica. Photo: By Nicole Szczech.



Kudos to Keith Oatney - Race Director



Pictured here is Keith racing down the course. To the right are some of the medals he has won. He has a whole house full of trophies and medals. Right on Keith!!

BAC Team for the Council Challenge at the 2011 FWSA Ski Week



Snowchasers Bill Phelps, Keith Oatney, Virgil Plautz were on the BAC team. Karen Davis was president of BAC when they skied in this challenge.

Snowchaser Ski Week Enjoyed by All

Snowchasers members had a fantastic Ski Week in January 2010! After the Open League race at Alpine Meadows on Sunday, Jan 24, Steve Rhodes and Harry and Karen Davis drove to Tahoe's south shore and checked in at the Lakeside Inn. Heavenly's Jennifer Van Gilder had made special arrangements for everyone at Lakeside Inn, and it couldn't have been better! The restaurant had a fine menu and great food.

On Monday, Rich and Joan Fuellenbach joined Steve and Lionel Digal at Heavenly for some fantastic tree skiing. Rich and Joan invited everyone to their home for wine/cheese before another fine dinner at Lakeside Inn.

On Tuesday, Harry, Karen, and Virgil and Miriam Plautz all enjoyed Heavenly's great skiing, even as it snowed a little bit. Snowchasers enjoyed another wonderful dinner at Lakeside Inn.

Wednesday was pack up day and ski at Sierra-at-Tahoe. Keith and Rita Oatney joined the group and the skiers had a great day at Sierra. Dinner included lots of talking and laughing in South Lake Tahoe before going on to Cal Neva and check in. Cynthia Langhof of Cal Neva provided a room block with the FWSA discount. On Wednesday evening, Liz LaManna and Paul and Ruth King enjoyed dinner with Dave Schopeck and Barbara Anson at their condo in Carnelian Bay.

Thursday was the perfect day to ski Squaw Valley! Norm and Mary Azevedo joined the

group and offered wine tasting in their room. Norm joined Steve, Karen, Keith, Rita, Liz, Lionel, and Paul to ski during Squaw's 60th celebration. Harry manned a table in the Blue Coyote so everyone could have a meeting spot after skiing. Rosie Rhodes arrived to share the festivities. Dave and Barbara invited the group to their condo for wine/cheese and then everyone had dinner at CB's Pizza & Grill in Carnelian Bay.

On Friday morning, Norm and Mary left for Salt Lake City and Keystone, and the skiers headed to Alpine Meadows to ski the runs not usually seen on race days. Keith led a fast group through some exciting areas and even a couple trees, before joining Steve for some real tree skiing.

Most of the group headed for home on Friday evening. Paul and Ruth joined Harry and Karen for a tunnel tour at Cal Neva to hear the history of the Sinatra years. They enjoyed dinner at Jason's Beachside Grill in Tahoe City. It was great fun.



Cal Neva

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November 2, 2010

Karen Davis
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 Concord, CA 94520
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Re: Snowchasers room block in conjunction with Far West Ski association

Dear Karen,

We are delighted to have the opportunity to host your group at the CAL-NEVA RESORT, SPA & CASINO. This agreement letter between CAL-NEVA RESORT, INC. (Hereinafter referred to as Hotel) and the Snowchasers room block. (Hereinafter referred to as Group) will confirm your arrangements, and our guidelines with regard to your stay.

Group Rates

We are pleased to offer the following group rates

February 5-11, 2011: Room Rates

Day	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Date	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12
Standard Room	\$89	\$69	\$69	\$69	\$69	\$69	\$89	\$89

All rooms are run of house, single or double occupancy. All rates are subject to the prevailing Washoe County Room License Tax, currently 13%. A \$10.00 fee per person, per day will be charged for additional persons in excess of three in any room (excluding children under 18 staying with their parents). The above rate is net non-commissionable.

Individual Reservations

It is agreed individual attendees will make their reservations direct with Hotel by calling 800-225-6382 (and asking for "Snowchasers room block" room block). Each individual is required to provide a credit card guarantee or submit a first night deposit. All reservations must be received no later than Friday, January 7, 2011. Reservations made after Friday, January 7, 2011 will be at the prevailing rate and based upon availability. Individual guests are responsible for room, tax and incidental charges.



FEBRUARY 2011 SKI WEEK – SNOWCHASERS

Ski with friends from Snowchasers at any or all of the resorts listed below. This is an interactive week, and lets you choose the resorts and dates, or the whole week, you would like to meet up with everyone. Each participant will get own lift tickets, make own hotel reservations, and arrange own transportation. We will all meet about 9:00 am each morning in the main lodge of the ski area. Be sure you have registered to meet with Snowchasers.

To be sure you hear updates, register with Harry Davis, 925-686-3774 or email to harrykaren@comcast.net

Sunday, February 6, 2011 - Open League Race at Squaw Valley
Wednesday, February 9 - Ski Northstar-at-Tahoe
Thursday, February 10 - Ski Squaw Valley
Friday, February 11 - Ski Sugar Bowl
Saturday, February 12 - Open League Race at Alpine Meadows
Sunday, February 13 - Open League Race at Alpine Meadows

Lodging – Cal-Neva – reservations 1-800-225-6382 www.calnevaresort.com

For Cal-Neva Resort Spa & Casino – specify Snowchasers block of reservations – Contact Kaley Higley, Sales Manager, at 775-298-3155, or Main # 775-832-4000 or use 800#. Identify yourself as FWSA member (use membership card on arrival) and receive reduced rates off lodging and breakfast for only \$9 per person

-www.calnevaresort.com

Room \$69 Nightly Sun-Thursday

Room \$89 Fri-Sat

Rates are FWSA benefit

Ask about cancellation policy when making reservations. Contact Harry for more information. Please send email to Harry at harrykaren@comcast.net

On Wed at Northstar, meet at Mid-Mountain Lodge

On Thurs at Squaw Valley, meet at Dave's Deli (close to base of Funitel)

On Fri at Sugar Bowl, meet at the main lodge on the Mt Judah side

President Mary Azevedo, 2011-2013



FWSA President's Award, 2012
FWSA Newsletter Editor, 2005-2011
BAC Secretary, 2005-2007
FWSA Secretary, 2005 - 2007
FWSA VP of Communication, 2009 - 2011
BAC Historian, 2007 - present
BAC President's "Making a Difference Award", 2011
FWSA VP of Membership, 2012-2014
BAC Women of the Year, 2014



This is a Snowchaser Board Meeting where we get
Business done and have Fun at the same time

Mary Azevedo Receives 2014 “BAC Woman of the Year” Plaque



A DAY ON ANGEL ISLAND

WWW.ANGELISLAND.COM

SNOWCHASERS – SEPT 25, 2011 MEET Tiburon Ferry 9:00 am

Angel Island, a beautiful State Park, is just a ferry boat ride away. Enjoy lunch at Cove Café & Cantina, rent a bicycle, take a Tram Tour or Segway Tour, or put on your hiking shoes and climb Mt. Livermore.

Angel Island Tiburon Ferry provides service to Angel Island year-round with the exception of Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. \$13.50 per Person

May 1, 2011 thru October 16, 2011	Monday -	10:00, 11:00,	10:20, 11:20,
	Friday	1:00, 3:00	1:20, 3:30
	Saturday - Sunday	10:00 - 5:00 hourly	10:20 - 5:20 hourly


Segway Tours - Learn fascinating facts about Angel Island while riding on a cutting-edge electric vehicle! Beginning with a lesson to learn how to ride the Segway, your two-hour tour is led by trained Segway professionals. Riders must be 16 or older, weigh between 100 and 260 lbs, and must not have mobility issues. Riders must pass a training and skills assessment before the tour.

Time	Price Per Person	Length of Tour
10:30 AM	\$65	2 hours
12:30 PM	\$65	2 hours

Segway Advance reservations are highly recommended, and are available online only. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance. Walk up tours *may* be available on a first come, first served basis.

BAC Fund Raiser for Disabled Sports USA Far West

Norm Azevedo has run this event since 2005

**Oakland Athletics
vs. Texas Rangers**

Friday, August 2, 2013
Game time @ 7:05pm.

\$32 seats, Regularly \$35

Bay Area Snow Sports Council, BAC
Presents it's Eighth Annual
FUND RAISER for
Disabled Sports USA Far West



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BAC Tailgate BBQ for \$10
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5-6:30 pm

BBQ at the north side of the stadium, parking lot A,
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Co-Ment: Norm Azevedo
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PURCHASE SIX (6) TICKETS: \$57.50 each TOTAL COST: \$345.00

Would you like a vegetarian pasta dinner instead of the "signature" entrée?

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If so, how many vegetarian dinners?

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PURCHASE 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 for \$57.50 each



2012 Far West Trip to Jackson Hole Wyoming



S F City Guides - Alfred Hitchcock San Francisco Tour



The Snowchasers Ski Snowboard and Social club invites you to join us on a special tour of Alfred Hitchcock's San Francisco. The tour will be given by film buff and Hitchcock expert Jay Sherwin of the San Francisco City Guides. Explore some of the locations for 3 of Hitchcock's most famous films: Vertigo, The Birds and Family Plot.

Date: Sunday, July 8, 2012

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Huntington Park,
Mason @ Sacramento, S.F.
(Opposite the Fairmont Hotel)

BART to Embarcadero Station

Muni Lines: 1 California or the
California St Cable Car

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Snowchaser Chick Chickering, plans an annual S F City Tour for our club. Seeing places where Alfred Hitchcock shot his S.F. movies was fascinating.





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Let Carol Everett know if you are planning to attend and she can help to arrange carpooling with other SNOWCHASERS who are planning to go as well.

Carol's contact information:

(925) 969-4599

carol_everett@comcast.net

Cost per Car Load is \$40; phone (510) 582-9900 to reserve your spot

Chouinard is located off of Highway 580 between 680 and the 238 connector to 880. To reach Chouinard, take the Eden Canyon / Palomares exit from 580 and go south. After the 4-way stop sign at East Castro Valley Blvd, go about 1/3 of a mile, and you'll see the Spark Steves barn. At the barn, turn onto Palomares Road (you can only go one way). Stay on Palomares for 3.98 miles, and you'll see the Chouinard sign on the right side of the road.



Snowchasers Are Major Participants in the 2012-2013 Open League Races



January 5	Alpine Meadows	Race #1 - Giant Slalom
January 6	Alpine Meadows	Race #2 - Giant Slalom
January 12-13	Squaw Valley	Sierra/Singles League, Sat GS; Sun SL
January 26	Northstar	Race #3 - Slalom
January 27	Northstar	Race #4 - Giant Slalom
February 2-9	Aspen/Snowmass	FWSA Ski Week - FWRA Races
February 16-17	Boreal	Clinic Sponsored by Sierra League
February 23	Northstar	Clinic Sponsored by Sierra League
February 24	Northstar	Race - Super-Giant Slalom
March 9	Alpine Meadows	Race #5 - Slalom
March 10	Alpine Meadows	Race #6 - Giant Slalom
March 23	Alpine Meadows	Race #7 - Giant Slalom
		Open League Racer Party
March 24	Homewood	Race #8 - TBD
April 5-7	Alpine Meadows	Far West Championships



Race Team News

The race clinic at Northstar was well attended, with four Snowchasers in the group. The coaching was superb and everyone benefitted. It was also nice just to be there and get our legs back under us. We all have new tricks to try to remember.

Our team now numbers 14, with the following on board and ready to go.

Mary Azevedo	Tom Bradley	Maxine Chan	Angelo Crudale
Hitoshi Kawaguchi	Keith Oatney	Donald Pawlowski	Bill Phelps
Debi Phelps	Tomoko Takeda	Virgil Plautz	Marni Takeda
Tatjana Polyakova	Steven Rhodes		

I am expecting to find David and Robin Colleen on the roster the next time I get a report from Open League, so our team should number 16 soon. I would love to have the whole club on the team. Koji and Emi Takeda are back in Japan this year and I will miss them greatly. We do get to keep Tomoko and Marni this season.

I am hoping to spend more time this year with the team at the races. I particularly want to be there for our two new racers, Mary and Maxine.

There are places we have to be and times we have to be there, and it takes an effort to keep track of this. The registration we have done on-line is to get our names in the computer and there is a deadline related to this. The deadline to earn points for our first race was December 30. Generally, you can register any time during the season, but it must be around two weeks before the first race that you intend to go to or your points will not count.

On each race day, we need to be at the registration area within the resort and sign in by 8 am. If you are new to this game or if you are going to race as a guest racer, you need to be there early. 7:30 would be more appropriate. The resorts also sell discount lift tickets in the registration area at this time. The exact location varies between resorts and I will report that to the team in email form for each race. Some resorts use the same place every time and some resorts might not. Our first race weekend will be at Alpine Meadows and the meeting place there is always at the fireplace area in the main lodge. The location and time for each of the three race courses will be posted by the registration desk. As soon as you are done checking in at the registration desk, look to see where and when you are to race. Make sure you know which lift to use. For our two new racers, you will also need to pick up your bib at this time. The bib is yours to keep and you need to bring it for every race.

Racing means going as fast as you are comfortable with, but it is control and consistency that wins races.

New racers should not try to burn down the mountain on the first run. It takes time to gain the control you will need to be good at this. Lots of time. Be patient with yourself. I am still trying to get there too.

There were a few years when Snowchasers won first place points standing within the league, and I was very proud of that at the time. Every club seems to get a turn at this. In recent years, we have been in second or third place and we can still be proud of this. The points race is very much a numbers game and we don't have quite as many racers as some clubs and that is OK. Our team and the number of racers we bring to the hill is pretty consistent when many clubs cannot do this well. We have a great team and every racer on it is fantastic. We will have a great season again this year. This is the best job in the club! (Written by Keith Oatney, Race Director, January Snowchasers Newsletter)



Snowchasers Race Team Information

The Snowchasers race team is one of the most successful race teams in **Open League Racing**, a part of the **Bay Area Snowsports Council**, **Far West Ski Association**, and the **Far West Race Association**. We have finished number one or two in the Open League standings for the past several years.

- We provide a lot of friends to socialize, ski, board, and race with during the ski season. The friends you will compete with and then ski or board with are the best part of club racing. Imagine having a lot of friends that ski or board at the same level that you do, and always there to run and play when the race is over.
- Our club competes with the other Open League clubs within the council. This means that we race as club teams, so you will have to join the Snowchasers club in order to race with us. Most racers are only concerned with their individual results and bragging rights. I am also interested in our club standings as a part of the point competition with the other Open League clubs.
- We have both skier and snowboarder classes. The classes are divided into skill-levels, age groups, and gender. We have a dozen skill-level based classes for beginners up through elite racers. These classes are then divided into three groups to compete on courses of varying difficulty. There is a novice course, an intermediate, and an advanced course. Skill levels are set up according to handicap.
- New people race as rookies on their first day to establish a beginning handicap and determine where they will be placed. A new handicap is computed for every race that a racer finishes. Racers who improve their handicaps are then bumped up into the next class. Old folks who are slowing down are bumped down so they can still be competitive in their group. This way all racers are competing in a group where they can win on a good day. You get a pin for that along with bragging rights.
- If you are not sure you want to jump in with both feet, you can try racing as a "Courtesy Racer" for \$15 a day. Just go to the registration table and give them your \$15 and you can race for that day only. This way you can see if this is something you enjoy before committing to the program. The \$15 will be applied to your race registration fee if you decide to sign up. The only down-side is that you will not earn points on that day.
- The races are held at a variety of Tahoe Resorts. We have sign-in registration at the lodge at 8:00 to 8:30 in the morning of a particular race. Each racer will get one or two runs a day, depending on class and conditions. There are usually a couple hundred of us on a given race day.
- There are 7 or 8 races scheduled each ski season, plus four more for the various championships. We do need to cancel a race on occasion due to weather, but the league tries to reschedule when possible. The race schedule is in our club newsletter and web site. The schedule as well as race results are also posted on the Open League web site, www.olrc.org.
- Our league runs Slalom and Giant Slalom races. There is a Super G race once a year put on by another league and they do invite us to participate. There are also several clinics available during the season. Please see the race schedule for this year's races and clinics. A few of the Tahoe resorts also offer Master's training and races. We are invited to race with other local leagues too.
- At the end of the regular season, we are invited to participate in the NorCals championships attended by the Open League, Singles League, and the Sierra League.
- At the very end, we compete in the Far West Championships, attended by every league in the western states. The Far West competition is hosted at resorts all over the west.
- Other chances to compete are available at the annual Far West Ski Association North America Ski Week in January or February, and the Keystone Nationals in December.
- For more club information, or for links to related skiing organizations, visit our website at www.snowchasers.org
- Please let me know if this is something you are interested in pursuing. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. I can also fill you in regarding fees, which are in addition to the club membership dues. Beating your friends will be worth it. After all, what are friends for anyway?

Keith Oatney, Race Director

Phone: 925-449-4921 E-mail: keithoatney@comcast.net

Northstar Races - Race 3 and 4 Results

Race 3 - SL -Northstar	Class	Finish	Points	Cumulative Points
Hitoshi Kawaguchi	SOOOM			34
Marni Takeda	S02JW			45
Tatjana Polyakova	S020W	DQ		0
Bill Phelps	S020M	2nd	17	59
Tomoko Takeda	S030W			15
Keith Oatney	S03SM	2nd	17	59
Don Pawlowski	S03VM	1st	20	37
Virgil Plautz	S04SM	1st	20	65
Steven Rhodes	S04VM			25
Debi Phelps	sosvw	1st	25	57
Tom Bradley	SOSSM	1st	25	65
Angelo Crudale	S07VM	1st	17	37

Race 4 -GS - Northstar	Class	Finish	Points	Cumulative Points
Hitoshi Kawaguchi	SOOOM			34
Marni Takeda	S02JW			45
Tatjana Polyakova	S020W	1st	25	25
Bill Phelps	S020M	1st	25	84
Tomoko Takeda	S030W			15
Keith Oatney	S03SM	1st	20	79
Don Pawlowski	S03VM	3rd	15	52
Jean Sebastian Delfino	S040M	1st	25	25
Virgil Plautz	S04SM	1st	20	85
Steven Rhodes	S04VM	5th	12	37
Debi Phelps	sosvw	1st	25	82
Tom Bradley	SOSSM	1st	25	90
Wade Johnson	S06VM	2nd	17	17
Angelo Crudale	S07VM	3rd	18	55

Our two new racers, Wade and Jean, attended the race on Sunday. Welcome to the team!
 Race weekend highlights were a Strike for Bill Phelps and Jean Sebastian Delfino on Sunday.

2012 - 2013 Open League Race Results for Snowchasers

The 2012-2013 race season is now complete. Race 7 was a GS at Northstar on March 23. Race 8 was a GS at Homewood on March 24. The Snowchasers finished in second place for total points for the season. I am very happy with this finish. The Olympic Club took first place and the Modesto Club was very close behind us for third place. All three of these clubs have great racers and compete strongly. I salute them all.

I am already thinking about the next season and am looking forward to seeing everyone at the first race. You make this job a pleasure for me.

Thank you all for your support. I really want to say thank you to the entire club. Many of our club members have contributed to our race program in the past and you are still a part of the team. Some have had to drop off the team roster over the years for a variety of reasons. Some have had their racing efforts cut short this season because of injuries. All are a part of the backbone of this team. Thank you also to Rosalie for supporting our club by bringing us all hot chocolate at the end of the day in the lodge.

Race 7 – GS – Northstar	Class	Finish	Points	Cumulative Points
Hitoshi Kawaguchi	S00OM			34
Mami Takeda	S02JW			45
David Colleen	S02VM			15
Tatjana Polyakova	S02OW	1st	25	70
Bill Phelps	S02OM	1st	25	154
Tomoko Takeda	S03OW			40
Keith Oatney	S03SM	1st	20	120
Don Pawlowski	S03VM	4th	14	96
Jean-Sebastien Delfino	S03OM			25
Virgil Plautz	S04SM	2nd	17	142
Steven Rhodes	S04VM	1st	25	94
Debi Phelps	S05VW	2nd	20	152
Tom Bradley	S05SM			140
Wade Johnson	S06VM			17
Angelo Crudale	S07VM	2nd	15	70

Race 8 – GS – Homewood	Class	Finish	Points	Cumulative Points
Hitoshi Kawaguchi	S00OM			34
Mami Takeda	S02JW			45
David Colleen	S02VM			15
Tatjana Polyakova	S02OW	1st	25	95
Bill Phelps	S02OM	1st	25	179
Tomoko Takeda	S03OW			40
Keith Oatney	S03SM	1st	20	140
Don Pawlowski	S03VM	4th	14	96
Jean-Sebastien Delfino	S03OM			25
Virgil Plautz	S04SM	1st	25	167
Steven Rhodes	S04VM	4th	15	109
Debi Phelps	S05VW	3rd	17	169
Tom Bradley	S05SM			140
Wade Johnson	S06VM			17
Angelo Crudale	S07VM	3rd	17	87

2012 Far West Championship Races at Alpine Meadows

Far West	Class	SL race	GS
Mami Takeda	S02JW	1st	DQ
Tatjana Polyakova	S02OW	1st	DNF
Bill Phelps	S02OM	3rd	1st
Tomoko Takeda	S03OW	1st	2nd
Keith Oatney	S03SM	1st	1st
Don Pawlowski	S03VM	9th	10th
Virgil Plautz	S04SM	6th	3rd
Steven Rhodes	S04VM	4th	5th
Debi Phelps	S05VW	1st	4th

FAR WEST RACING Championships
APRIL 6-8, 2012

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For Lodging call 1-800-MANMOUNT

Racer Price
Adult racer \$35 Junior racer \$25

Silent Auction and Banquet
Dinner \$35 Child \$15 (age 0-12)

Racer Clinic
\$25 - Space is limited. Reserve your spot! See www.fwra.com

www.FWRA.com



The Far West Championship races were at Alpine Meadows on April 6 and 7. Open League won the total points competition, largely because we fielded twice as many racers as any other league. I suspect that more racers from farther away would have attended were the snow conditions better.



There were nine Snowchasers present at the Far West Championship races. We compete at the league level at these races instead of our regular-season competition at the club level within our league.

Snowchasers Go To Snowmass



Open League Awards Banquet 2013



FWSA Innsbruck, Garmisch and Munich Trip

Mary and Norm Azevedo, and Walter Kaweckki went on this trip.

Norm Azevedo, FWSA Vice President of International Travel the first half of 2013, put this trip together. Debbie took over the trip in June.




Innsbruck, Austria Ski Week

March 2 to 10, 2013

\$ 965 per person double occupancy (w/o air)

\$1,085* for air from SFO or LAX

*Includes estimated US departure taxes, customs, immigration and fuel charge of \$90



Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. It has over 300 miles of trails easily accessible in 25 surrounding village resorts. There are eight major ski areas that provide varied terrain for all levels of skiers. Combined with the spectacular natural beauty surrounding it, Innsbruck, 500 years old, has the famous Golden Roof, the Red Bull Center, imperial palaces, breweries, spas, museums, restaurants, and lots of shopping.


Package Includes:

- 7 night's accommodations in Innsbruck at the 4 Star Hotel Grosser Park
- Breakfast buffet & Dinner (2 course with salad bar) daily at the hotel
- All ground transfers for both weeks
- Multilingual guide and hospitality desk every evening & free WiFi throughout the hotel
- Four heated gardens and nightly hotfoot upon gatherings
- Dedicated Ski Bus exclusively for the FWSA to Innsbruck (in addition to free ski bus with 800 seats)
- Optional day tour to Royal Gardens, Rablberg, Vinsler, Reutte, St. Anton, Zillertal, and Kitzbühel

Garmisch Ski/Tour & Munich Week

March 10 to 17, 2013 extension

Both weeks: \$ 1,770 per person double occupancy (w/o air)



Garmisch-Partenkirchen Ski Area
With Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze (9,738 ft) towering over them, the half-Eisenerz towns of Garmisch and Partenkirchen jointly comprise the best known ski resort in Germany.

The area includes five mountains and Germany's only glacier along with the Austrian ski resort of Obersee. The area has 32 lifts which provide a fantastic cable cars and gondolas. It's famous for its annual World Cup races.

Garmisch & Munich week ends is available on Innsbruck, St. Anton, Zillertal, and Kitzbühel

Package Includes:

- 5 night's accommodations in Garmisch at the 4 Star Mountain Hotel (free WiFi)
- Welcome Garmisch orientation at the hotel with bi-lingual guides and farewell party at Garmisch & Munich
- Breakfast buffet daily and 4 night's buffet dinners at the hotel. Optional bar program
- Bi-lingual guide and hospitality desk each evening in Garmisch
- Optional day tour to King Ludwig's Castle (Neuschwanstein, Linderhof), Mittenwald and Vinsler Museums, Seefeld, Austria, with horse-drawn sleigh ride, Berchtesgaden Salt Mines and World War II Museum
- Half day city tour of Munich upon arrival with local bi-lingual guide
- 2 night's accommodations in Munich with daily breakfast buffet at the 4 star Holiday Inn City Center

Prices are based on current exchange rates and flights based on 2012 rates and subject to change. Ski lift passes are not included. Single rooms are available at additional cost. \$35 per participant deposit required to hold a place in the Innsbruck Ski Week or Garmisch/Munich only week. For the Garmisch/Munich week extension make an additional deposit of \$100 once the Innsbruck deposit deposit completely refundable until July 1, 2012. Also \$30 is refundable until September 1, 2012. Make deposit checks out to Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Please include the following with your check: (1) your legal name and address, (2) phone number, and (3) email address. Send to: FWSA International Travel, 209 Santa Fe, Walnut Creek, CA 94593, 2012

For information contact Norm Azevedo at 925-944-0070, or norm@fwsa.org

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RECOGNIZING THE RACE TEAM AND ALL SNOWCHASERS MEMBERS

Contacts: Karen Davis 925-768-4904
Keith Oatney 925-449-4921



2013 FWSA Convention Hosted by Bay Area Council Snowchasers were a big part of the volunteers



Far West Ski Association

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Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Travel
- Snow
- Cele
- Pub
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Convention is May 15, 2013

Mary Olthausen
 Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair
mary52@comcast.net or 503-880-7383

BAC Host Convention
bac.publicaffairs@bakbac.org

Harry Davis acted as Auctioneer for the silent auction, Karen Davis was in charge of the volunteers, and Mary Azevedo was in charge of optional events on Friday, SLA classes and voting on Sunday.

More on Convention 2013



Colonel Harry Davis raising money for scholarships at the convention with the aid of bid spotter Dick Shawkey, FWSA Scholarship recipient Kayleigh MacGregor at the right.



Norm Azevedo's BAC Display

More on the FWSA Convention

Snowchasers' delegation of seventeen had opportunities to compete in a golf tournament, hike to Mt. Rose, raft the Truckee river, bowl on championship lanes, play mini golf, and learn Pai Gow poker. Mary Azevedo was chairman of the options events. We elected new FWSA officers and raised money for scholarships by participating in both live and silent auctions. Many ski clubs and individuals spontaneously donated funds to the Far West Ski Foundation. Snowchasers caucused and Board members present voted to donate \$300.



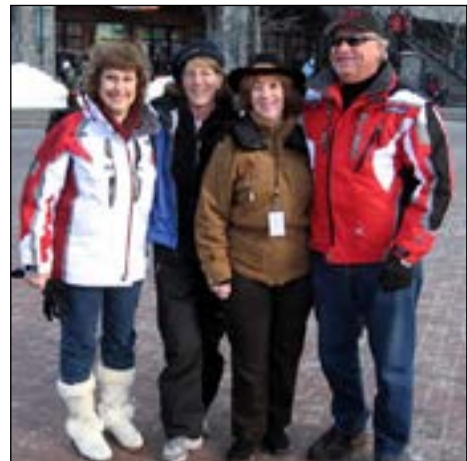
Snowchasers had
17 volunteers
at the convention!!



President Karen Davis, 2013-2015



BAC Secretary, 1990-1996
FWSA Secretary, 1991-1993 and 1994-1996
BAC Directory Editor, 1994 - 2002
BAC President, 1996-2002
FWSA Schatzi Wood Award, 1997
BAC Woman of the Year, 1998
FWSA Woman of the Year, 1998
FWSA President's Award, 2000
FWSA VP Communications, 2002-2004
BAC President's "Making a Difference Award", 2011



Karen Davis Received plaques in 1998 for
“FWSA Woman of the Year” and “BAC Woman of the Year



Karen well deserves the two plaques she received in 1998. She has worked hard for all three separate organizations: Snowchasers, BAC and FWSA. Well Done!!!



Summer Socializing at Jack's





DATE: June 23, 2013

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Meet by the Mermaid Fountain, main courtyard of Ghirardelli Square, off Larkin between North Point & Beach Streets

COST: \$12 per person; seniors \$10 per person



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The cost is \$35 for adults, \$15 children. Art will sending in a single check in payment for the trip so please mail your check, made out to Art Honneggar, to him at 4019 Boulder Dr., Antioch 94509. Contact Art for more details at 925-200-0978. Feel free to bring friends!

Check in at the dock by 9:30 am on August 21. What to bring: water, binoculars, warm clothing, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, etc.

Afterwards we'll have lunch at Al the Wop's in the historic Chinese community of Locke. We can partake of Al's world famous peanut butter and steak sandwich!

Birthdays Appear in the Monthly Newsletter

Ryan Christian 8

Tomoko Takeda 14

Chick Chickering 25

Katie Nordahl 11

Sandi Read 18

Barbara Gaston 25

Julie Worthington 11

Norm Azevedo 24



The pier extends into the "Big Break." The name "Big Break" comes from a 1928 break in the levee that separated an asparagus farm from the San Joaquin River and Dutch Slough.



Dancing lessons, Chick is explaining ecosystem of the Delta while standing on a concrete relief map of east Contra Costa County.

The SNOWCHASERS Ski Club's annual

Ski Season Kick-off and 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Wednesday November 20th at 6:00 pm

**The Big C Athletic Club
1381 Galaxy Way, Concord**

- *Free Drawing for Squaw Valley & Alpine Lift Tickets*
- *Raffle Prizes & Gift Certificates*
- *Ski Race Team sign-ups*
- *Come join the fun!*



Dinner: \$20.00 per person

R.S.V.P. for Dinner -- Pre-Payment required

Payment must be received no later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th

Checks made payable to: *Snowchasers*

Mail RSVP with payment to:

Rozalie Rhodes, 273 Riverwood Circle, Martinez, CA 94553

Our Kickoff Brings Out the Crowd



Prizes at our event: (2) \$100 credit vouchers for Squaw Valley or Alpine Meadows, (2) Lift tickets complimented to our club from Sierra-at-Tahoe ski resort, (1) Free major ski tune and hot ski waxes and, (1) \$50.00 gift card from Any Mountain's Concord store, (1) \$50 gift card for Sports Basement, and (1) \$100 value gift card for the Hair Styling & Facial Salon at The Big C Athletic Club. Now Snowchasers, let's get fired up, as we kick off the 2013-14 ski & snow season!

Rosie Rhodes, Membership Director

More Membership Kickoff Photos



Bike Riding is Very Popular

Snowchasers Saturday, November 9, 2013

**9 am morning bike ride followed by
11:30 lunch at
the Bancroft Black Bear restaurant.**



Saturday, November 9, 2013; join Snowchasers at 9am at the 700 Bancroft "Black Bear" restaurant parking lot for an easy paved trail bike ride. The restaurant is located in the shopping center on the corner of Treat and Bancroft, Walnut Creek. If you can't make the bike ride, then join us for lunch at about 11:30am Bancroft Black Bear restaurant.

If raining, both ride and lunch are cancelled.

Norm Azevedo, phone 925-944-9816 or cell 925-451-2727

{No need to call—just show up at 9am}

We had the best bike ride ever. The weather was clear and nice and cool and a joy to be biking. We started out from the Black Bear restaurant on Bancroft Road with half a dozen bikers. We rode down to the Iron Horse Trail and headed North toward the Carquinez Strait. The trail was beautiful; leaves were turning yellow and bright red. I am so sorry we didn't take any pictures. We were too taken in by the beauty of it all. We rode for over an hour, making it all the way north of the Concord airport, before coming to a gate that closed the trail. We did see a rider lift his bike over the gate and continue on; however, after a break, we decided to turn back.

We wanted more adventure, but lunch reservations at 11:30 made us turn back toward the direction of the restaurant. Food sounded so good that we rode back to the Black Bear in record time, getting there a little after 11. The Davis' and Miriam Plautz joined the famished bikers for a good Black Bear lunch. Davis', Paul King and I headed off to the San Francisco SnowBomb show at AT&T Baseball Park after lunch. We hope to do more bike riding in the future, so please plan to join us. (Written by Norm Azevedo, Spokesman in the November, 2013 newsletter)

Mary Azevedo 2013 FWSA Vice President of Membership



An Official Publication of the Far West Ski Association The Voice of the Western Skier

VP of Membership

By Mary Azevedo



The first page of a club's website will catch your attention and cause you to pause and read more or just move on. You need to look at what your ski club is putting on the first page of your web- site to attract

people who are search- ing for a ski club to join. As I perused different club websites, I came across the Phoenix website and was VERY impressed with what they said. See if you agree with me:

"Now, with about 400 members, the Club runs ski trips each winter all over the Western US and Canada. We even go to Europe or other exotic destinations in conjunc- tion with the Far West Ski Association. In addition to skiing, you'll find us hik- ing, white water rafting, bicycling, house-boat- ing, canoeing, 4-wheel FWSA is made up of 150 regional clubs with skiers & snowboarders of all ages. Membership in any of these clubs provides benefits such as discounts on skiing & riding, trips, lodging, lessons & racing. Regional councils sponsor inter-club competitions for adults and children, and promotes club activity both on and off the snow.

You can also mention: Summer va- cat- ion getaways: Diving all over the world, river cruises and ocean cruises. Parties, camping trips, bicycle events, hikes, pot-lucks, bowling, club races, pizza parties, etc. You can also mention that you have monthly newsletter.

FWSA Membership Is Available Through Clubs or Become a Direct Member



Far West Ski Association has approximately 50,000 members in 13 western states. It is the umbrella organization over 11 councils. Within the councils, there are approximately 165 ski clubs. Membership in the Far West Ski Association has so many benefits. The varied programs offered are found in articles written by officers of the Association, committee chairmen, and council presidents, included in this issue

of the Far West Skier's Guide. You will have a great time thinking of all different ways you can enjoy snowsports.

If you are already a member of a council club, you are automatically a member of the Far West Ski Association. The FWSA has a member benefits program, as do councils and clubs. These include discounts on ski equipment, lodging at ski resorts, and even discounts at certain restaurants in the ski areas. All you have to do is show your FWSA Membership Card, which is provided by your ski club. There aren't any nicer people than those who join clubs, and members become a close-knit community. With summer and winter activities that go beyond snowsports, you can have a very active life just belonging to a club. Many clubs offer kayaking, hiking, biking, and water skiing, to name just a few fun additional activities.

Another benefit to joining a club is that members carpool together or charter buses so you don't need to drive to a ski area by yourself. This doesn't just include weekend trips but mid-week skiing, as well. Many ski clubs belong to a race league, and there are also junior races for children. If you are looking for a great organization to join, a snowsports club should be one of your first considerations. Refer to the Club Section (starting on page 66) of this issue of the Far West Skier's Guide for a local club near where you live. Club listings are by council.

Direct membership in the Far West Ski Association is available for those who have relocated, and for those nationwide who wish to participate in Far West travel and other organizational opportunities. Simply copy and fill out the application on the top left on this page and mail it in along with the membership fee.

One of Snowchasers Favorite Events in Winter



JOIN SNOWCHASERS' MID-WEEK SKIERS EMAIL GROUP!

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Contact David McDonald, davidmcdonald@prodigy.net
925-348-5594, if you'd like to be added to the list. Be sure to
mention the name of the resorts that you hold a pass for, or any
that you're interested in skiing this winter.

Snowchasers attend Bulls Hockey Game



Members of Snowchasers contributed money
and wrote letters for this cause



**Team USA
Women Ski Jumpers
Surge to Sochi
2014 Winter Olympics**

Photo of Sarah Hendrickson—US Women's Ski Jumper

Lets put our USA Jumpers on the podium in Sochi.

Women's Ski Jumping USA has launched a campaign to raise \$70,000 to meet their last minute needs and the Far West Ski Foundation can help you send them to Sochi.

Send your much needed dollars (\$10, \$20, \$100) to:
John Reindhardt—FWSF Treasurer
5285 SW Meadows Rd., #380
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

You can also donate by credit card using PayPal on the www.farwestskifoundation.org website, or by scanning the QR code on this flyer with your cell phone or tablet, you'll be directed to the FWSF payment page. We will send 100% of your contribution to the team. Contributions before February 5th, 2014 will support the team for the 2014 Olympics. This is a joint effort with, and supported by Far West Ski Association.

Far West Ski Foundation is incorporated under the laws of the State of California and operates under the regulations of section 501c3 of the IRS code. Contributions to the FWSF are tax deductible to the extent of law and regulation.

**For more information on
Women's Ski Jumping
go to
wsjusa.com**

**FAR WEST SKI
FOUNDATION**

Far West Ski Association

2014 Annual Ski Week in Beaver Creek, CO

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Presents

Beaver Creek. Not exactly roughing it.

January 28th to February 1st, 2014

Ski week package prices will be available through Council's participating in the FWSA Ski Week in Beaver Creek

Lift tickets are included in the ski week package; however, EPIC passes will also be available and should be purchased from our Tour Operator at Skigroup.net by calling 1-800-500-2SKI (2745). Each member purchasing the EPIC pass through Skigroup, will receive a \$25 discount off their lodging during our ski week. To check EPIC Pass pricing, available mid-March, go to: www.snow.com/epic-pass.

FWSA Package Includes:

- 7 Nights Lodging (dbl. occ.)
- Far West Amenity Package
 - Registration
 - Mountain Rally
 - Welcome Party
 - Races
 - Pub Crawl
 - Mountain Picnic
 - Ski Week Banquet
 - Awards Après Party
 - 5 or 6 Day Lift Tickets

Lift tickets are good at 5 Colorado Resorts

For More information contact a Council Trip Coordinator

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Bay Area Council	Paula Kinahon	510-357-6127	pkinahon@gmail.com
Central Council	Mary Alexander	661-742-1381	maryalexander0535@sbcglobal.net
Inland Council	Wayne Stolfus	909-799-3118	spiderRX@aol.com
Los Angeles Council	Sandy Blackwell	818-441-6191	travel@lacouncil.org
Northwest Council	Christine Ciardi	503-819-3128	c2blondie@hotmail.com
Orange Council	Sheila Van Guilder	714-656-6032	svanguli@yahoo.com
San Diego Council	Susan Shaffer	858-481-5043	susansnowdrift@gmail.com
Sierra Council	Debbie Stewart	559-734-9294	gwstewart@pro

FWSA VP North American Travel, 12707 Windy Ridge Dr.,
829-5996 (phone) - 661-800-8229 (Cell) - fwsa.natravel@b
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Snowchasers Skiing at Squaw Valley



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Spotlighting Some
Of Our Members

Spotlighting Our Members

Harry Davis



Harry has been very active in Snowchasers, BAC, and the Far West Ski Association. During conventions, he is always asked to be the MC or run the Silent Auction. He is very well regarded in

all the ski clubs that he has been associated with. He was president of *Sno*Flakes Ski Club*. He co-founded the *National Ski Council Federation*, and *Open League for Skiers*. He was assistant trip leader for the FWSA trip to China and Tibet.

Moving on to other activities, he is an active member and has held various offices in *Clutch Busters Square Dance Club*, *Gold Wing Touring Association*, *Diablo Valley Wings*, *Diablo Valley Mustang Association*, and *American Business Women's Association* in Livermore.



Karen Davis



Karen has held innumerable offices in FWSA, BAC and Snowchasers. She is a hard worker and is the "Guru" on everything skiing in the organizations she has belonged to. Ask Karen

to do something, and she always does an outstanding job. She has held offices in *Sno*Flakes Ski Club*. She co-founded *Open League for Skiers*. She was assistant trip leader for the FWSA trip to China and Tibet.

She has held innumerable offices in *Sno*Flakes Ski Club*, *Gold Wing Touring Association*, *Clutch Busters Square Dance Club*, *Diablo Valley Wings*, *Diablo Valley Mustang Association*, and the *American Business Women's Association* in Livermore.

During the summer, look for Karen and Harry caravanning with their many clubs or visiting friends and family across the United States.



Spotlighting Our Members

Alan Christian



Alan has won almost every award that the Far West Ski Association has to offer. How can one person win so many awards? Because he is a genuinely nice person, and when he offers to do something, he does it whole heartedly and well. We are lucky to have

Alan in our club. He was taking a sabbatical (well deserved), when he was called back to serve as a trustee of the Far West Ski Foundation. We think that Alan and Pam are a great addition to the FWSA.

The mission of the *Far West Ski Foundation (FWSF)* is to support and enhance snowsports in the western states of the United States as a healthy outdoor fitness activity for people of all ages and to carry on other charitable, scientific, literary and educational activities associated with this mission. Snowsports include training and competition in alpine disciplines, cross country skiing, freestyle, jumping, Nordic combined and snowboarding.

Gayle Grant and George Burt



Gayle was president of BAC in 1989-1999. She was quite active holding other offices in BAC.

George was also active, serving as Directory Chair and Treasurer.

Their huge contribution

to BAC was the Yosemite trip they put together every year. They rented a trailer to haul all the food to Yosemite. As you can imagine, they also rented the cabins and took care of every detail. They did this for many, many years, and we in the Bay Area are grateful for their hard work so we could enjoy the beautiful Yosemite Valley!



Spotlighting Our Members

Norm Azevedo



Norm was VP International Travel for FWSA for eight years. He took groups all over the world to ski and amble around fascinating countries. To name a few, he took skiers to Switzerland, Italy, and Austria. Some of the adventure trips included China, Tibet and

Morocco. The most awesome trip was to the Antarctica.

There is no better day for Norm than flying down the slope at any ski resort. He put together the BAC trip to Steamboat arranging for Billy Kidd to mingle with our skiers at dinner. He arranged for us to take over an entire restaurant for the 220 people from BAC. We had more ribs than we could eat and had a western band entertaining the group.

Norm puts together the A's Game event to raise money for Disabled Sports at Alpine Meadows.



Mary Azevedo



Mary started her activity in FWSA editing the Councilman Newsletter for eight years. Along the way, she became VP of Communications and VP of Membership. In 2012, Norm and Mary were awarded the FWSA President's Award. She is putting together a history of Snowchasers,

which will cover all 31 years.

Mary was the assistant trip leader on the FWSA International trips, and was in charge of all "day trips." Mary has been, among other things, president of her ski club. and also an officer in BAC. She is currently a member of her local Rotary Club and is the advisor for 51 high school Rotary Clubs. Having a bad ski accident in 2012, she will be on the slopes again in 2014.



Spotlighting Our Members

Ethan Chickering

Awarded the FWSA Jordan-Reily Award



Ethan “Chick” Chickering is no stranger to activity in support of Public Affairs. He has long been interested in the health and availability of skiing to the public. This most often means some form of liaison with landowners or regulators. In 1992, in response to the need for funds as reported in the annual meeting, he, George Burt and Don Anderson raised several hundred dollars in an impromptu campaign while the convention was in session.

But this nomination is for his latest contribution to the Association’s programs – and it is still a work in progress. Ethan is originally from New England and while on a visit several years ago discovered a project there on “lost ski areas.” He got intrigued with lost resorts after visiting the New England Lost Ski Areas Project on the NELSAP web site. The site is a user friendly one that makes it easy for visitors to participate and contribute their own information on lost resorts. The website has contributed to the identification of more than 500 lost ski areas in New England. According to John Fry, former editorial writer for Ski Magazine, the website has become “a vibrant virtual colony of skiers, who are enlarging the sport’s record in a way that no book publisher or author could have undertaken, The average visitor’s age of 37 but the enthusiasts range from octogenarians to 12-year-olds.”

FWSA’s Chickering was inspired by the website and has begun a project of his own to document lost areas in the West. Chick’s work is entitled “Western Lost Ski Areas Project.” There are at least 134 lost ski areas in California. His definition of lost ski areas includes any area that had at least a rope tow (even portable). Some are lost and some were absorbed into bigger areas. He plans to track both and is soliciting help in collecting information. He has done research personally and enlisted the support of others as well as created a dedicated website linked to FWSA’s and various other related history-related sites. All of this activity has been carried out with minimal expenditures.

The project has a future. In Chick’s words, “We are linking to existing websites that cover the lost ski areas of Washington and Southern California. We would like to thank those organizations for their efforts. Also, we’d like to thank The Colorado Skier website for their list of the lost ski areas of Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico. This fall, we’re planning to take a trip up to northeast California and I’ll be taking some pictures of the old Mt. Lassen Ski Area and the original Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl from the Panther Meadows Lodge.”

WELSAP will doubtless go on for several more years and in reality may never be 100% complete, but it is an appropriate precursor to the 75th celebration in 2005 and his work compliments that of our prior honorees.

Spotlighting Our Members

Debi Phelps



Debi has been the BAC Open League Racing Chair for 11 years, and also served as Vice Chair. For Snowchasers, she was Race Director for 8 years. She held various offices in Rusty Bindings before she joined

Snowchasers. She is wonderfully organized, and an asset to both Snowchasers and BAC. She sees that the racing schedules are in place and sends the race Schedules to 32 clubs in BAC. She also monitors the races, and is the general fulcrum for the Open League organization. She wins trophy after medal after trophy for Snowchasers, helping us come in first or second in the league every year. She is a ski instructor at Northstar and Dean of Engineering at Diablo Valley College.



Bill Phelps



Bill is a quiet and unassuming person, but he is the lynchpin for BAC Open League Racing. He is the important person who does the timing and scoring for Open League races. He also crunches the numbers for

ski clubs so they know how they stand against other ski clubs in the league. He has been Open League Vice Chair for five years. Bill is also an awesome skier. He works in the computer industry.



Spotlighting Our Members

Paul King



Paul is our musical maestro. In the olden days, he used to play at Ski Resorts and they would pay him with room, board, ski lift ticket and other amenities. Paul now plays in Pizza places around the Bay Area with his group “*Jump In,*” entertaining crowds with plenty of Snowchasers. Paul always plays at our camp-outs, Christmas Parties, and other occasions when we need to sing our old familiar camp songs. Paul has a repertoire of hilarious ski songs that always cracks us up. He is truly an asset to Snowchasers.

Keith Oatney



Keith Oatney skis like a pro. He has been Race Director for five years. Snowchasers has won first place in BAC Open League Championships many times. If not first, we are then second. Have you seen his helmet with the propeller on the top. It is quite awesome. He knows how to go after people to be on his race team, and he knows how to fire people up. He has attracted young skiers, and that is a plus for us. As a side note, Keith designed the latest BAC logo. Kudos to Keith for all his hard work!!

Snowchasers Love to Ski More Than Anything



Spotlighting Our Members

Mike Favia



FWSA VP Communications

FWSA J Stanley Mullin Award, 1985

FWSA President, 1988-1991

BAC President, 1985- 1987

FWSA Hans Georg Award, 1991



Snowchaser Man and Woman of Year

2014	Lionel Digal and <u>Mary Azevedo</u>	BAC Woman of the Year
2013	Steve and Rosie Rhodes	
2012	<u>Norm Azevedo</u> and Mary Azevedo	BAC & FWSA Man of the Year
2013	Walter Kawecki and Rosie Rhodes	
2010	<u>Keith Oatney</u> and Rosie Rhodes	BAC Man of the Year
2009	Steve Rhodes and Rosie Rhodes	
2008	Norm Azevedo and Mary Azevedo	
2007	none	
2006	Keith Oatney and Rita Oatney	
2005	Debi Phelps and Keith Oatney	
2004	Karen Davis and Norm Azevedo	
2003	Bill Phelps and Debi Phelps	
2002	Walter Kawecki and <u>Linda Dow</u>	BAC Woman of the Year
2001	Cindy Sykes and Mickey Sykes	
2000	Bill Phelps and Debi Phelps	
1999	Bill Kuhlman and Rita Oatney	
1998	<u>Karen Davis and Chick Chickering</u>	BAC & FWSA Man and Woman of the Year
1994	<u>Harry Davis</u>	BAC Man of the Year
1990	<u>George Burt</u>	BAC Man of the Year
1983	<u>Alan Christian</u>	BAC & FWSA Man of the Year

Ski Safety Sugar Bowl



Virgil Plautz - Ski Patrol



Ed and Marge Hennigar
Mountain Hosts



Norm Azevedo - Safety Patrol



Dave McDonald - Colorado Ski Patrol



Ski Articles in Our Newsletters

Snowchaser Newsletters Cover Many Pertinent Areas

(Excerpts of Articles appearing in the Snowchaser newsletter)

Safety Article

Browsing through the web, I came across the following information: The number of skier collisions resulting in severe injury has been climbing steadily, accounting for 5 to 10 percent of the accidents that end up with a ski patrol encounter. Collisions account for an even higher percentage of accidents that result in emergency room visits. Preventing collisions will be especially important going into a busy holiday season in a low snow year, with more people sharing less terrain, Jim Chalat of Vail Resorts said. Beyond the statistics of increasing skier collisions, it's hard to get a contextual picture of serious ski injuries because, even though the statistics are carefully tracked by the industry, they aren't released publicly. The resorts and the National Ski Areas Association treat those numbers as proprietary. We want all of you to come back from skiing in good shape:

Take a Break: If you're tired, take a break and rest for a while in the lodge. While you're resting, make sure you eat and drink enough. Skiing burns a lot of energy! When it's the end of the day, there's no need to try and get in a last run, or two, if you are tired. It's better to quit while you're ahead and save your energy for next time.

Ski with a Friend: It's always safer to ski with a friend so he can watch out for you and vice versa.

Prearrange a meeting place in case you get separated and use walkie-talkies to stay in touch.

Tahoe Shuttle and Helmet Law in California

It is interesting what the shuttle service in Tahoe has garnered in statistics. The free North Tahoe Truckee Ski Shuttle numbers were lower than expected. During the shuttle's first 23 days of service, 1,814 passengers - at an average operator cost of \$47.83 per rider - were taken to and from various North Shore ski resorts, averaging nearly 79 riders a day. The most popular route was Incline to Squaw Valley. The less-popular routes were: Homewood to Squaw, with 230 riders as of Feb. 3, costing \$122.74 per rider; Squaw to Northstar and back to Squaw, with 102 riders for \$177.07 per rider; and Northstar Squaw-Northstar, with 91 riders for \$193.47. It makes me wonder if they will keep the shuttle next year.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger effectively squashed California legislation last week that would have required helmet use at California resorts for skiers and snowboarders under 18. The bill included additional provisions requiring safety reports from ski areas. He stated that "this bill may place an unnecessary burden on resorts, without assurance of a significant reduction in ski and snowboard-related injuries and fatalities."

Year End Tax Planning

Have you been looking for a tax-deductible charitable organization that benefits skiing and snow sports participants? Then consider the Far West Ski Foundation, which is separate from the Far West Ski Association. Both are incorporated in the State of California and operate under different rules within the IRS code and report differently to the State. The Foundation is a public benefit corporation, nonprofit and tax exempt under IRS category 501(c)(3). The Foundation must operate to benefit the public as a charity, do scientific testing for public safety, promote literary or education activity or to foster national or international amateur sports competition. The original founding and Articles of Incorporation of the Far West Ski Foundation date back to 1964 and were restated by the current Trustees in 2009-2010 to include three basic missions and allow for further missions supporting snowsports. Contributions to Far West Ski Foundation are tax deductible provided certain conditions are met and any deduction may not exceed the value of any benefit received.

The Foundation's missions are to support athletic scholarships (all Alpine skiing for the foreseeable future), rehabilitation, snowsports history (literary and educational), and a sustain snowsports category which now includes women's ski jumping (national and international competition - the original exclusive intent of the Foundation).

Your donation goes directly to the Foundation and you can either designate a specific purpose, i.e. scholarships, or rely upon the discretion of the Trustees to the disburse funds. Contact Harry Davis for further details.

Ski News From Tahoe and the Western United States

(Excerpts of articles appearing in the Snowchaser newsletter)

www.visitrenotahoe.com

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SNOWFEST of NORTH LAKE TAHOE –

Every spring since 1982, North Lake Tahoe comes alive with ten fun-filled days and nights, jam-packed with events and activities for all ages. This year, the annual favorites will be back, along with a host of great new ones! On and off the mountain, at North Tahoe's numerous resorts and vibrant lakeside neighborhoods, there's something for everyone. Enjoy on-snow events at resorts like Squaw Valley USA, Alpine Meadows, Homewood, Diamond Peak, and Northstar-at-Tahoe. Participate in special events, parades, races, parties, concerts, theater, and of course, there's plenty of wining and dining to be had at North Lake Tahoe's fine restaurants and lively establishments.

Join in and celebrate the fun and frolic of winter! There's no better time to be in North Lake Tahoe. Snow conditions in early March are some of the best of the season.

Sierra Summit Sale Closes - After a brief delay due to the issuing of a new 40 year Special Use Permit by the United States Forest Service, the purchase of Sierra Summit Mountain Resort by ski industry veteran Tim Cohee closed on Friday, May 21. As had been reported over the past few months, Cohee immediately returned the resort to its former name, China Peak.

Snowbird Proposes Second Tram Up West Twin Snowbird, UT - As part of Snowbird's proposed expansion into Mary Ellen Gulch, the Utah ski and snowboard resort has filed for an amendment to its master plan that calls for a second aerial tram from Hidden Peak to the 11,489-foot summit of West Twin Peak. The master plan amendment was proposed last month to the U.S. Forest Service's Salt Lake Ranger District, which is expected to act on the proposal by this fall. If approved, it will require a full-blown Environmental Impact Statement and is sure to draw the ire of local environmental groups.

Womens Ski Jumping Gains World Cup Status Beginning in the 2011-12 winter season, the women's ski jumping worldwide circuit will be elevated to World Cup status. The decision was reached last week at the Council Spring Meetings, held in Antalya. FIS officials cited the success of the women's ski jumping Continental Cup tour held since 2004-05. The decision is largely seen as a boost to efforts to include women's ski jumping in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games, to be held in Sochi, Russia. The International Olympic Com-

From FWSA News Flash – December 2012

Vail Resorts Make Purchase: In a new strategy to drive season pass sales and build broader customer loyalty, Vail Resorts is buying the family-owned Afton Alps ski area in Minnesota and Mt. Brighton outside Detroit, giving it access to urban markets ripe with beginning skiers and snowboarders. That strategy is focusing on urban-area small ski areas, where many learn to ski or ride before being tempted to head to destination resorts in the West. "More people in the Midwest take a trip somewhere else to ski than any other market," Rob Katz, Vail's CEO said. "By having a local presence and really making a better connection with people, we can do better a job getting them to come to our resorts. If we make it a better experience to learn to ski and ride, that's a huge opportunity for our company". Afton Alps and Mount Brighton season pass holders can get 25 percent off the window rate on lift tickets for Vail Resorts' Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone resorts in Colorado and the Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood ski areas in the Lake Tahoe area.

Snowchasers Participated in the Discount Lift Program

BAC Discount Lift Ticket Program 2011 - 2012

Greetings Club Reps,

Would you like to help your club members save 15-30% (\$10-\$20) off lift ticket window prices in most cases? Also enjoy the convenience of direct to lift tickets in most cases and avoid lift ticket lines.

This season 2011-2012 adult lift ticket window prices are estimated to range for holiday rates (\$95 Northstar at Tahoe - Heavenly / \$94 Squaw Valley / \$82 Sugar Bowl / \$77 Sierra at Tahoe) to regular non-holiday rates (\$91 Northstar at Tahoe - Heavenly / \$90 Squaw Valley / \$77 Sugar Bowl / \$74 Sierra at Tahoe).

Latest version of BAC Discount Lift Ticket Club Consolidated Order Form and BAC Discount Lift Ticket Individual Club Member Order Form are also now available on the BAC website at www.skibac.org/documents/Discount_Lift_Ticket_Program.htm or visit www.skibac.org and select Discount Lift Tickets from the left navigation menu.

To assist you in this task, there are two files: one is the Club Consolidated Order form you will use to place your club's consolidated order with the BAC; the other is a customized Individual Club Member Order form you may use to collect your individual club members' orders. If you use the Microsoft Excel versions of these forms, you can type on the form and the Excel spreadsheet will automatically calculate the totals for you. * If you use the Adobe pdf versions of these forms, you can't type on the form & must print out the form instead & perform your own calculations.

** This year BAC will accept individual checks made payable to BAC since the resort pricing was delayed. Please note that your club will still need to collect all of the individual checks and turn them in with the completed club consolidated order form.

Your Club Consolidated Order must be postmarked no later than November 17 to Sandy Kiyomura, 18 Cheshire Court, Alameda, CA 94502. Absolutely no late orders will be accepted.

Prior to that, please distribute the Individual Club Member Order form to your members and change the due date and contact information to your contact information. You will collect and tally your orders. * *** You must notify Sandy Kiyomura at skiyomura@gmail.com with BAC Lift Ticket in subject line when you put the Consolidated Club Order in the mail to her. If possible, attach the completed Club Consolidated Order form to this email.

As a rep, you may be entitled to purchase comp tickets at a very reduced price (depending on your sales). This is a way to "reward" you for your efforts. Also, sales of these tickets is a fundraiser to help BAC to achieve its vision and goals. We charge \$1 to purchase the ticket and \$2 for a repurchase (plus any increase in ticket price from last year). You can see that the savings are substantial.



"If I Can Do This, I Can Do Anything!"TM

February 11, 2014

Mary Azevedo
Snowchasers Ski Club
901 Sousa Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your donations over the past years. Your contributions have helped us provide quality sports and recreation to people living with disabilities. Below is a list of donations to date:

4/1/2011	111.00
8/6/2009	729.00
3/22/2003	1130.00
5/1/2002	279.00
3/23/2002	1200.00
4/10/2001	572.00
3/24/2001	795.00
4/12/2000	500.00
3/25/2000	905.00
3/31/1999	790.00
3/31/1998	1662.50
Total	\$8673.50

Thank you for your past and continuing support. You are making a difference in the lives of people living with disabilities.

Sincerely,

DISABLED SPORTS USA FAR WEST


Haakon Lang-Ree
Executive Director



Tel: 530.581.4161 : Fax: 530.581.3127 : P.O. Box 8339, Truckee, CA 96162 : www.DisabledSports.net
Physical Address: 2680 Alpine Meadows Road, Alpine Meadows, CA 96146



August 5, 2009

Disabled Sports USA Far West
6069 Sunrise Vista Drive Suite 2540
Citrus Heights, CA 95620

Attn: Doug Pringle

Dear Doug:

In June, 2009, a go-kart event was held at LeMans Karting in Fremont, and funds raised for DSUSA were \$729.00. In addition, a former ski club member has asked to include a donation.

Please accept the two enclosed checks for DSUSA use and programs.

Thank you for all that you do, and for the organization that you represent.

Best regards,

Harry Davis

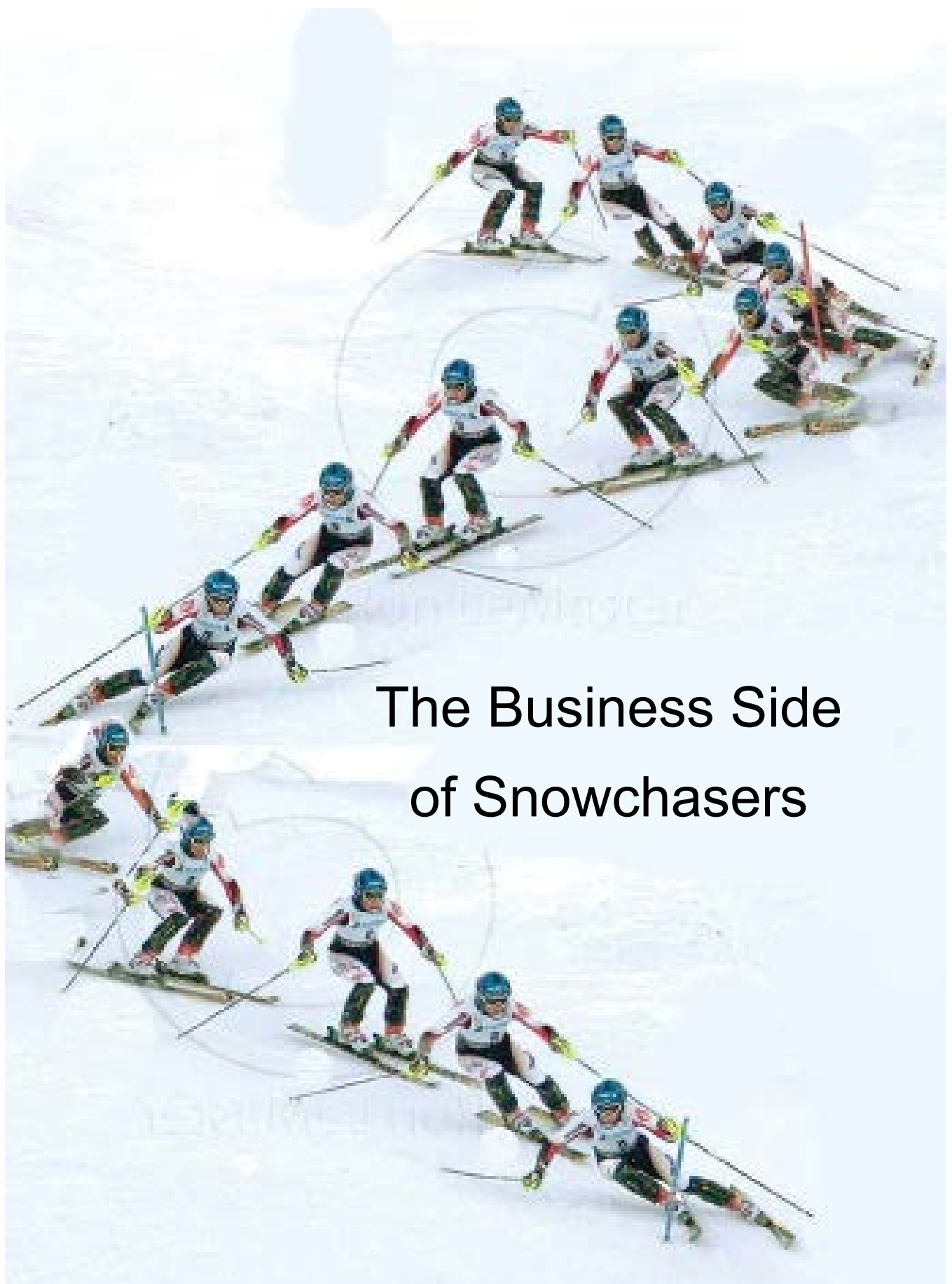
In addition to these donations, Snowchasers enters their *Ski For All* (now called the *Ability Challenge*) with participation fees going to Disabled Sports. We also participate in BAC Disabled Sports events.

Snowchasers' has Participated in Numerous Events (Representing Snowchasers, BAC, and FWSA)

Annual SnowBomb San Francisco Ski & Snowboard Festival; Fort Mason Festival Pavilion, 99 Marina Blvd, San Francisco, CA; Sa 11am-8pm, Su 11am-6pm; general entry \$15 by Oct 15/\$20 thereafter; VIP general entry + tastings 1 day \$30 by Oct 15/\$40 thereafter. All ticket purchases include FREE 3 Central Sierra resort lift tickets with holiday blackouts/other restrictions, 2 for 1 lift ticket vouchers & other discounts plus free subscriptions to Freeskier & Snowboard magazines. \$1 million winter sports sale up to 70% off, interactive resort/ industry/ entertainment/ travel exhibits, Jobs in Tahoe Fair, Sa wine expo, Su brew expo, rail jam, BMX pros stunt show. 530-581-0553

Annual San Ramon Valley High School Ski & Snowboard Swap (aka San Ramon Ski Swap); San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane, Danville, CA; Sa 10am-4pm, Su 10am-4pm; \$5 adults/children under 15 free with an adult. Contact: Sandy Garcia 925-785-2321 srvswap@aol.com <http://www.skiandsnowboardswap-srvhs.com/index.html>

Annual SnowBomb Silicon Valley Ski & Snowboard Festival; Santa Clara Convention Center, 5101 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA; Sa 11am-8pm, Su 11am-6pm; general entry \$15 by Oct 15/\$20 thereafter; VIP general entry + tastings 1 day \$30 by Oct 15/\$40 thereafter. All ticket purchases include FREE 3 Central Sierra resort lift tickets with holiday blackouts/other restrictions, 2 for 1 lift ticket vouchers & other discounts plus free subscriptions to Freeskier & Snowboard magazines. \$1 million winter sports sale up to 70% off, interactive resort/ industry/ entertainment/ travel exhibits, Jobs in Tahoe Fair, Sa wine expo, Su brew expo, rail jam, BMX pros stunt show. 530-581-0553 www.sfskifest.com



The Business Side of Snowchasers

IRS Snowchaser Information

Entity ID: 1664831

Entity Name: THE SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB

Account Period Beginning: JUNE 01, 2012

Account Period Ending: MAY 31, 2013

This is not your entity's first year in business.

Your entity has not terminated or gone out of business.

Your entity has not changed the account period.

Gross Receipts: \$6,201

FEIN: 680222653

Doing Business As:

Website Address: SNOWCHASERS.ORG

Entity's Mailing Address

5345 MEADOW WOOD PLACE KAREN DAVIS CONCORD, CA 94521

Principal Officer's Information

Name: KAREN DAVIS 5345 MEADOW WOOD PLACE KAREN DAVIS CONCORD, CA 94521

Contact Information

Name: RITA OATNEY

Phone: 925.449.4921

State of California Statement of Information (Filed every Two Years - Sent in 2012)



State of California

Secretary of State

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Address:	P.O. BOX 2392
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City/State/Zip:	LIVERMORE, CA 94551
Phone:	925-449-4921
Email:	ritaotney@comcast.net
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(Form SI-100) Statement of Information

See reverse for instructions.

C1664831
THE SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB
901 SOUSA DR
WALNUT CREEK CA 94597-2922

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Snowchasers Board Meeting 9/25/13

PRESIDENT – Karen Davis

Board meeting dates Oct 23,
PAST PRESIDENT – Mary Azevedo

VICE PRESIDENT - Walter Kawecki

TREASURER - Rita Oatney
Budget
Charities of choice – DSUSA, FWSE, Bay Area Crisis
Nursery, others?

SECRETARY -
Approve Board meeting 8/28/13 minutes

MEMBERSHIP - Rosie Rhodes
Kick-Off party Nov 20 - 30th Anniversary in 2013

BAC REP - Harry Davis
Hockey Night with San Francisco Bulls – Nov 23

ACTIVITIES - David McDonald
Oct 2 – Social evening at Jack's
Oct ? – Dinner at Fat Lady ?
November – Warren Miller Shows
Nov 9-10 – SnowBomb Show AT&T Park
Nov 16 – Singles League Snowball, Pleasanton Marriott
Nov 23-24 – SnowBomb Show San Jose Convention Center
Dec 18 – Holiday Party at El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill

RACE DIRECTOR - Keith Oatney

WEBMASTER - Steve Rhodes

NEWSLETTER - Lionel Digal Expenses?

BUSINESS –
Collect Toys for Bay Area Nursery Crisis Center - Harry

Form 990-N E-filing Receipt -
IRS Status: Accepted

Organization: THE SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB
EIN: 68-0222653

Submission Type: Form 990-N

Year: 2012

Submission ID: 7800582013184du13331

e-File Postmark: 7/3/2013 3:28:25 PM

Accepted Date: 7/3/2013

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Example of Budget

Snowchasers 2013-2014 Budget

Receipts	Actuals	Expenditures	Actuals
Activities:		Activities:	
Holiday Party	800.00	Holiday Party	800.00
Club Promotions - apres, banners, , lic plates	80.00	Club Promotions - apres, banners, lic plates	100.00

SNOWCHASERS SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB



Application for Membership

A year-round club for active people of all ages
Member of Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Far West Ski Association

Last Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

First/Last Name	Birthday Mo/Day	Sex M/F	Board Y/N	*Ski Ability	Occupation	Work Phone	Email
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Adult _____

Adult _____

List Children who live at home Birthday Month/Day/Year

Child _____ / _____ / _____

Child _____ / _____ / _____

I pledge my willingness to participate within the Club to make it a successful ski club and offer assistance whenever possible. I accept personal responsibility for any liability in any activity I participate in and hold no member of the ski club, board member, or location responsible should any mishap occur.

Adult _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Adult _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Signature

APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR

dues Paid

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Single \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$65	* Ski Ability
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal: Within 10 days:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$55	B - Beginner
After 10 days:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$65	N - Novice
Renewal Date: _____ / _____ / _____			I - Intermediate
			A - Advanced
			E - Elite

For Board Member Use Only

Approved By: _____ Date: / / Amount Recd: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Mail Application with Check to: Snowchasers Ski & Snowboard Club
P O Box 6171, Concord CA 94524

21-Apr-13 SNOWCHASERS ROSTER

Name	Phone	Address	City & State	Zip	Email
Alliston Maria Pete	(925)876-0026	10 Larkey Lane	Walnut Creek	94553	maria22@comcast.net
Anisson Beatrice Don	(925)681-3127	92 Pleasant Hill Rd	Pleasant Hill	94523	annissonb2@gmail.com



MAY 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Snowchasers has added several new and active members in the past year and has maintained a membership of about the same level for the past two years. Several associate members have been added as required by event planning and membership rules.

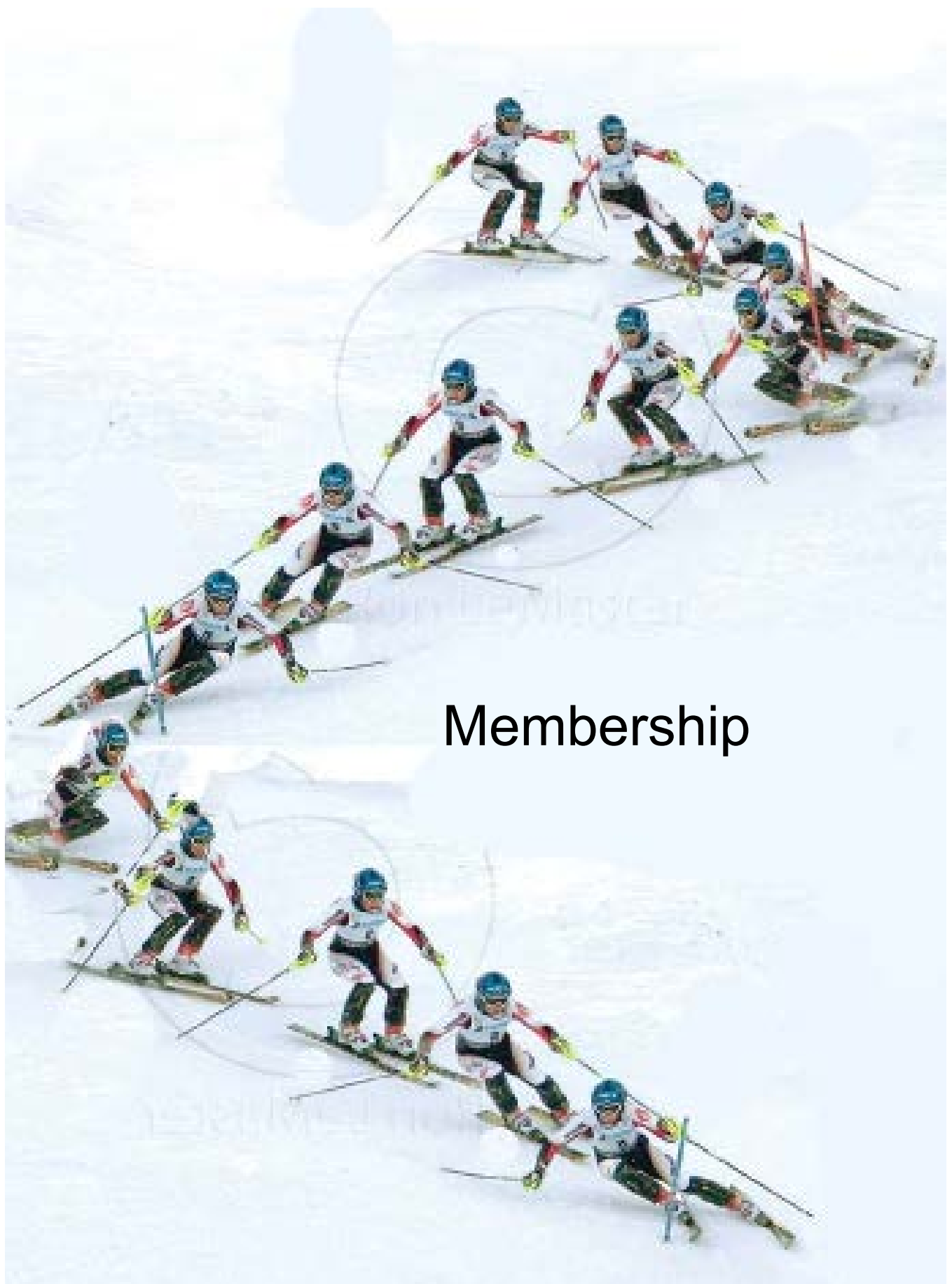
The By-Laws were updated and approved in 2012.

Snowchasers is financially solvent and has no debt.

The treasury was audited in 2012, with records and information found to be in excellent condition, as well as funds in the same amount as reported.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last two years as president of Snowchasers, and commend the Board members for their dedication and efforts to continue the success of our club.

Mary Bonds



Membership

Monthly Meetings



Snowchasers meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Concord Sizzler. The meeting starts at 7:30; members arrive early to socialize.



BBQ at Rodgers Smith Park First Wednesdays - July 3, & August 7

About 6:00 p.m., Match struck 5:30 p.m.

BBQ meetings are BYO, bring your entrée to grill, a side dish or dessert to share, and your own utensils, plate, beverages, etc. Snowchasers provides the charcoal.

Snowchasers Website has links to Everything Skiing

SKIER INFORMATION

- » Norcal Ski Reports
- » Road Conditions
- » Mountain Weather
- » Tahoe Ski Map
- » National Ski Council Federation
- » Bay Area Ski Bus

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- » Special Lodging Available at the Lakeside Inn and Casino for Farwest Members
- » Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society Presents: PUBLIC ASTRONOMY ON MT. DIABLO
- » Snowchasers on Facebook

MEMBER LINKS

- » San Francisco City Guides: Free Walking Tours of San Francisco
- » Jump In: Paul King's Band Playing Acoustic Folk and Popular Music



WHAT'S NEW

Upcoming Events & Activities

- » Social Meeting at Sizzler: March 5 2013
- » Ski Races at Homewood: March 22 & 23 2013
- » Free Pizza Party for All Members: March 30 2013
- » Join Snowchasers Midweek Skiers Email List

Latest Photo Galleries

- » 2013 Winter Holiday Party
- » 2013 Holiday Toy Drive by the Snowchasers
- » San Francisco Bulls Hockey Game
- » 2013 Ski Season Kick Off Party

CLUB SUPPORTERS

- » The Big C Athletic Club
- » The Big C Salon
- » The Big C Restaurant
- » Any Mountain in Concord
- » Sports Basement
- » Marilyn's Cat-Walk Fashion Clothing in Truckee

You Can Join Snowchasers!

- » Skiing, snowboarding, and racing for all levels
- » Off-season activities include camping, hiking, biking, kayaking, and even indoor go-kart racing
- » Dances and parties, concerts, theater trips and barbecues
- » Enjoy terrific savings on ski vacations, lodging, and more!
- » We Have Fun

» [Join Snowchasers Now!](#)

OUR AFFILIATES

- » Bay Area Snow Sports Council
- » Far West Ski Association
- » Open League Racing
- » Disabled Sports USA

Website has Loads of membership information



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Snowchasers Membership Benefits

Our social programs includes winter and summer dances and parties, camping, theater trips and barbecues. Check out our Club Calendar for the upcoming activities

The Snowchasers are a member of the Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs (BAC) and the Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Some of our members compete in the BAC Open League's club race program for both skiers and snowboarders. Racing is for all levels of ability. Come on down to any of our meetings and find out how to join our race team. You will improve your skiing, have fun, and ski at a discount while scoring points for our club.

Members can also participate in the BAC Travel Program and realize terrific savings in ski vacations both in Europe and the United States.

We also offer many discounts including lodging and lift tickets and you don't have to be a racer to take advantage of these.

Discounts and benefits available to members through the National Ski Council Federation.


CLICK HERE for a membership application, to join SNOWCHASERS!

CLICK HERE if you are already a SNOWCHASER, for a RENEWAL APPLICATION.

CLICK HERE to email our Membership Director with any questions.

CLICK HERE for ADOBE Reader (required to access Application and Newsletter).

Example of Monthly Newsletter



NEWSCHASER

Official Newsletter of the SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB **February 2014**

President's Message:

It appears that our weather is confused, has been for several months, and hopefully our winter is just late in arriving. Fortunately snow-making saved the first races of the season and everyone had a great time at Alpine Meadows on Kangaroo. BAC has a new club with a large number of racers and Snowchasers instantly fell to third place. There is still time to add racers in all race classes and get back to where we belong!!! Pray for snow, and have faith that the next race weekend will take place Feb 8-9 at Northstar (changed to Heavenly recently).

Snow kites are at Sugar Bowl! A skier or snowboarder can traverse a snowy meadow with the wind, when hooked to a kite. For further information about learning how to kite ski, contact the Sierra Snowkite Center at Sugar Bowl. www.sierrasnowkite.com.

And to find out everything you need to know, check out The Tahoe Museum website at <http://tahoemuseum.org>. You will find fascinating history, photos, stories, and historical and current information about skiing and the snow world we love.

Entries for FWSA Awards programs are due March 20. Mary Azevedo is putting together an entry for Snowchasers, and also gathering information for the historical award. Many thanks to Mary for spearheading these two projects. Several club members have served as president of both BAC and FWSA, and all club members have been active in snow sports.

Congratulations to our elected Snowchasers Man of the Year Lionel Digal and to our Woman of the Year Mary Azevedo! Thank you both for your efforts and dedication.

Karen Davis

February Events

1	FWSA Ski Week to Beaver Creek Jan 25-Feb 1
8	Open League SL ski race at Heavenly Valley
9	Open League SL ski race at Heavenly Valley
5&19	Social meeting at the Sizzler 7:30 pm

Officer Information Available in Newsletter




SNOWCHASERS' Officers:

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Lionel Digal	Newsletter Editor	925-825-2972	ldigal@aol.com

Snowchasers Marketing Piece

www.snowchasers.org





SNOWCHASERS
SKI & SNOWBOARDING CLUB

Celebrating our 25th Anniversary




A Contra Costa – Bay Area non-profit, year-round,
sports & activities club – all ages

Members include families, couples & individuals




Members & Affiliates of :

- Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)
- Far West Ski Association (FWSA)
- National Ski Council Federation



Proud supporters of :



Disabled Sports USA

Enjoy Membership Benefits :

- Discount Lift Tickets and Lodging
- Great Ski Travel Packages
- Snowchasers monthly newsletter
- Join our award winning
Ski & Snowboarding
Recreational Race Team
- All ages & Levels – beginners to elite

Snowchasers' calendar of year-round activities on website :

- Concerts
- Theater • Holiday Parties
- Wine tasting • Picnics & BBQ's
- Bike rides • Kayaking
- Hiking • Camping

Join us for social and dinner*:

October through May

1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month
@ 6:30 pm, dinner optional*
Sizzler Restaurant
1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord

June, July, August, September

1st Wednesdays
BBQ Potluck @ 5:30 pm
Rodgers Smith Park, Grayson Road
Pleasant Hill

3rd Wednesdays
@ 6:30 pm, dinner optional*
Sizzler Restaurant, Concord

Membership or info:
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rosalierhodes@mindspring.com

snowchasers.org

Snowchaser Information in the FWSA Skiers Guide



The BAC race team gathers during the Aspen/Snowmass Ski Week.
photo by Ken Colkins



The Lake Tahoe area is an especially popular destination for BAC and Sierra Council clubs since they are relatively nearby for most of them. The area offers numerous World-Class resorts with thousands of acres devoted to snowsports. Over \$100,000,000 has been designated into ongoing capital improvements to enhance their guest's experiences and to assist in the region's bids for the 2015 Winter X Games and the 2026 Winter Olympics. photo by Vicki Rasmussen

Bay Area Snow Sports Council
www.bacskibac.org
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BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL

Snowchasers Lists its Club Information in this Annual Publication



BAC Directory has Snowchaser Information about Our Club and Contact Information

SNOWCHASERS CONCORD

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rosalierhodes@mindspring.com
Website: www.snowchasers.org

Membership: Singles, couples and families. **Founded** 1983. **Meets:** Oct-May - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 7:30 pm at Sizzler Steak House Banquet Room, 1353 Willow Pass Rd, Concord. June-Sep - BBQ's in Rodgers-Smith Park, Pleasant Hill on the 1st Wed and Sizzler on 3rd Wed. New members always welcome! **Activities:** Year-round fun-filled activities for all ages, ski racing, snow-boarding, cross-country skiing, camping, biking, go-carting, wine concerts, ski trips, rafting trips, golf, and great parties. **Dues:** \$50/single; \$65/family. Renewals less \$10. **President:** Mary Azevedo, maryliz4@yahoo.com. **BAC**



Rep: Liz LaManna, lizlamanna@yahoo.com. Please email BAC Rep with any questions regarding the Club.

Ski Membership Benefits through BAC (from BAC Directory)

BAC BENEFITS

BENEFITS

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) www.skibac.org is a nonprofit, volunteer-run association of more than 30 snow sports clubs founded in 1940 in San Francisco Bay Area extending north to Napa, south to Monterey and east to the Sierra Foothills). Since BAC is a member of Far West Ski Association & National Ski Council Federation, each BAC club member also receives FWSA & NSCF benefits.

- * Community – year-round sports events & activities, parties, dancing, ride sharing, FWSA Convention
- * Travel – affordable ski trips to fabulous destinations worldwide (locations have included Vail, Aspen, Whistler, Bormio, Zermatt)
- * Inexpensive lodging – club lodges/leases or up to 20% off various Lake Tahoe lodging properties
- * Lift ticket discounts 15-35%
- * Products/Services discounts up to 85% at over 55 businesses ranging from Hertz, lodging properties, ski/snowboard rentals, snowsports products & services, and beyond.
- * Racing (BAC Open League, BAC Singles League)
- * Educational opportunities – clinics for women, snowboarders, families, race camps
- * Safety education
- * Philanthropy – Disabled Sports USA Far West/Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
- * Free – Sugar Bowl CORE Daily Pass (\$19 value) – show FWSA membership card

Far West Ski Association (www.fwsa.org – select Member Benefits in Membership section submenu for updated list of membership card benefits) FWSA – 13 Western states including AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY; 11 regional councils; approximately 185 snow sports clubs with over 51,000 members. Discounts up to 50% off – present FWSA membership card / self-identify as FWSA member at over 30 businesses (websites require cookies to be accepted in browser) including:

FWSA – Ski Shops/Rentals/Services

- * 50% off – ski/snowboard rental & 10% off – non sale retail item – Sports Exchange, 10095 West River St, Truckee, CA (530) 582-4510 www.TruckeeSportsExchange.com
- * 25-45% off – online equipment rental at SkiSet (more than 750 locations worldwide) www.skiset.us/partner/fwsa
- * 25% off – ski/snowboard rentals – Ski 'N See (multiple locations in UT) (promo code FWSA) www.skinsee.com/fbhotdeals/fwsahotdeals.html
- * 20-30% off group rentals (call) rentals – Terry Sports, Steamboat, CO (multiple locations) & Taos, NM (multiple locations) (800) 233-7547 www.TerrySports.com
- * 10-25% off – online equipment rental at RentSkis.com (multiple locations in U.S./Canada – CA, CO, ID, UT, WY, British Columbia, Alberta) (800) 544-6648 www.rentskis.com/nsf
- * 20% off rentals & 15% off gloves/goggles/clothing – Powder House, Lake Tahoe (multiple locations), CA (530) 542-6222 www.TahoePowderHouse.com
- * 15% off – ski/snowboard rental delivered to your door (20% off groups of 20), (coupon code kneedeep) – Black Tie Ski Rentals (multiple locations in U.S./Canada – CA, CO, ID, MT, UT, British Columbia) (800) 821-4754 www.BlackTieSkis.com
- * 15% off – rentals & 10% off – any retail item or shop repair – Tahoe Dave's Skis & Boards, Lake Tahoe (multiple locations), CA (800) 398-8915 www.TahoeDaves.com

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BAC BENEFITS (continued)

- * 15% off – ski/snowboard rental delivered to your door (larger discounts available depending upon group size) – SkiButlers (multiple locations in U.S./Canada – CA, CO, UT, WY, British Columbia) (877) 754-7754 www.skiButlers.com/Portal/FWSA.aspx

FWSA – Lodging

- * 25% off – (coupon code FWSA12) – Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, NV (800) 501-2651 www.grandsierraresort.com
- * 25% off rack rates (some blackout dates) – (group code SFWSA12) – Harvey's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV (800) 455-4770 www.harveys.com/CheckGroupAvailability.do?propCode=HLT&groupCode=SFWSA
- * 15% off rack rates (some blackout dates) – Avalon Lodge, South Lake Tahoe, CA (530) 544-2285 www.AvalonLodge.com
- * 15% off (some blackout dates) – (discount includes full buffet breakfast) – Grandlibakken Resort & Conference Center, Tahoe City, CA (800) 543-3321 www.grandlibakken.com
- * 15% off – (includes full breakfast, dinner M-Th, airport and skier shuttle) – (discount code Jackson Hole Ski) – Homewood Suites by Hilton, Jackson Hole, WY (307) 739-0808 <http://homewoodsuites1.hilton.com>
- * 15% off rack rates (some blackout dates) – Horizon Casino Resort, Stateline, NV (South Lake Tahoe area) (800) 648-3322 www.horizoncasino.com
- * 10% off (some blackout dates) – (discount includes free mountain shuttle, deluxe ski season continental breakfast) – Aston Lakeland Resort, South Lake Tahoe, CA (800) 822-5969 www.astonlakelandvillage.com
- * 10% off or stay 3 nights receive 4th night free (some blackout dates) – Columbine Inn & Conference Center, Taos Ski Valley, NM (888) 884-5723 www.columbineinntaos.com
- * 10% off – (discount includes full breakfast, afternoon tea, parking, wireless internet) – Latitude Five Zero B&B, Whistler, BC, CAN (866) 938-9644 www.latitudefivezero.com
- * \$54 1 bed / \$64 2 beds (single or double occupancy) – (includes RT shuttle from SLC airport, expanded continental breakfast) Howard Johnson's, Salt Lake City, UT (800) 541-7639
- * \$57 up to 4 persons – (ask for club price) – (includes continental breakfast) – Painted Buffalo Inn, Jackson, WY (800) 288-3866 www.paintedbuffaloinn.com
- * \$79 king or 2 queens – (includes full hot breakfast, shuttle within 5 miles, ski bus to resorts) – Best Western Cotton Tree Inn, Sandy, UT (800) 662-6886
- * \$89 single/double occupancy (some blackout dates) – (group code FWASKI) – Shilo Inn, Salt Lake City, UT (800) 222-2244 www.shiloinns.com
- * \$99 standard king or doubles / \$159 Lodge Village Suite / \$174 Superior River Lodge – (includes RT transportation to Mt Bachelor) – Sun River Resort, Sun River, OR (promotion code FWSA0910) www.sunriverresort.com
- * \$10 discount (some blackout dates) – Peppermill Resort Casino Reno, NV (800) 282-2444 www.peppermillreno.com
- * sizzling hot deals (some blackout dates) – (discount includes 2 for 1 drink tickets, 10% off Lake View Dining) – Cal Neva Resort, Crystal Bay, NV (North Lake Tahoe area) (800) 225-6382 www.calnevaresort.com

FWSA – Snow Sports Products

- * 20% off – Dominator Ski Wax at Podium Racing, Morgan, UT (800) 771-1269 or (801) 876-7807 www.DominatorWax.com

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More Ski Membership Benefits through BAC

BAC BENEFITS (continued)

- * 20% off - KiNeSYS Sunscreen (code FarWest20) (877) 546-3797 www.kinesys.com
- * 15% off - car racks & hitches (coupon code FWSA15) - Rack Attack (888) 399-7225 www.rackattack.com
- * 15% off - online snowsports products purchases (promo code FWSA11) - Ski Essentials Stowe, VT (877) 812-6710 www.skiesentials.com
- * 10% off - Hertel ski wax on orders of \$25 or more, (coupon code FWSA10) - Hertel & Co, Sunnyvale, CA (408) 744-1882 www.hertelskiwax.com

FWSA - Insurance/Other

- * \$26.95 - Prepaid legal & identity theft shield membership (login id farwestski password WA98668) - Pre-Paid Legal Services, Ada, OK (800) 654-7757 www.PrepaidLegal.com

FWSA - Travel Opportunities

- * North American Travel - FWSA Ski Week locations have included Aspen; Steamboat; Whistler, BC, Canada.
- * International Travel - European Ski Week locations have included Schladming, Austria; St. Moritz, Switzerland; summer - China, Ireland, Kenya Wildlife Safari, Thailand

National Ski Council Federation (www.skifederation.org - select Benefits) NSCF - national, 30 regional snow sports councils, over 330,000 members.

Discounts up to 85% off - self identify as NSCF member at over 40 businesses (websites require cookies to be accepted in browser) including:

NSCF - Ski Shops/Rentals/Services

- * 25% off - online equipment rentals at RentSkis.com (some blackout dates) (multiple locations in U.S./Canada - CA, CO, ID, UT, WY, British Columbia, Alberta) (800) 544-8648 www.rentskis.com/nscf
- * 25% off - rentals, 25% off - shop services & 20% off - skis/snowboards/general merchandise - Terry Sports (multiple locations in Steamboat Springs, CO & Taos, NM) (800) 233-7547 www.TerrySports.com
- * up to 25% off - online equipment rental at SkiSet (more than 750 locations worldwide) (970) 827-4020 Sharlet Sage www.skiset.us/partner/skifederation/
- * 20% off - rentals with 3 day minimum (code 67NSCF) - ARCS Park City / Ski N See (multiple locations UT) (800) 722-3685 Barbara Eyler (801) 995-8416 www.skinsee.com
- * 20% off - rentals - Christy Sports (multiple locations - CO, UT) (877) 754-7627 Kathy Elliott (970) 879-4536 x24 www.ChristySports.com
- * 20% off rentals, 10% off winter sports gear & services - Jack Frost Ski Shop, Glen, NH Jim Cummings (603) 383-4391 www.jackfrostshop.com
- * 20% off - rentals & Gold Medal Demos - Pinnacle Ski & Sports, Stowe, VT (800) 458-9996 Lisa Wood (877) 812-6710 www.pinnacleskisports.com

NSCF - Lodging/ Car Rentals/Direct Luggage Delivery

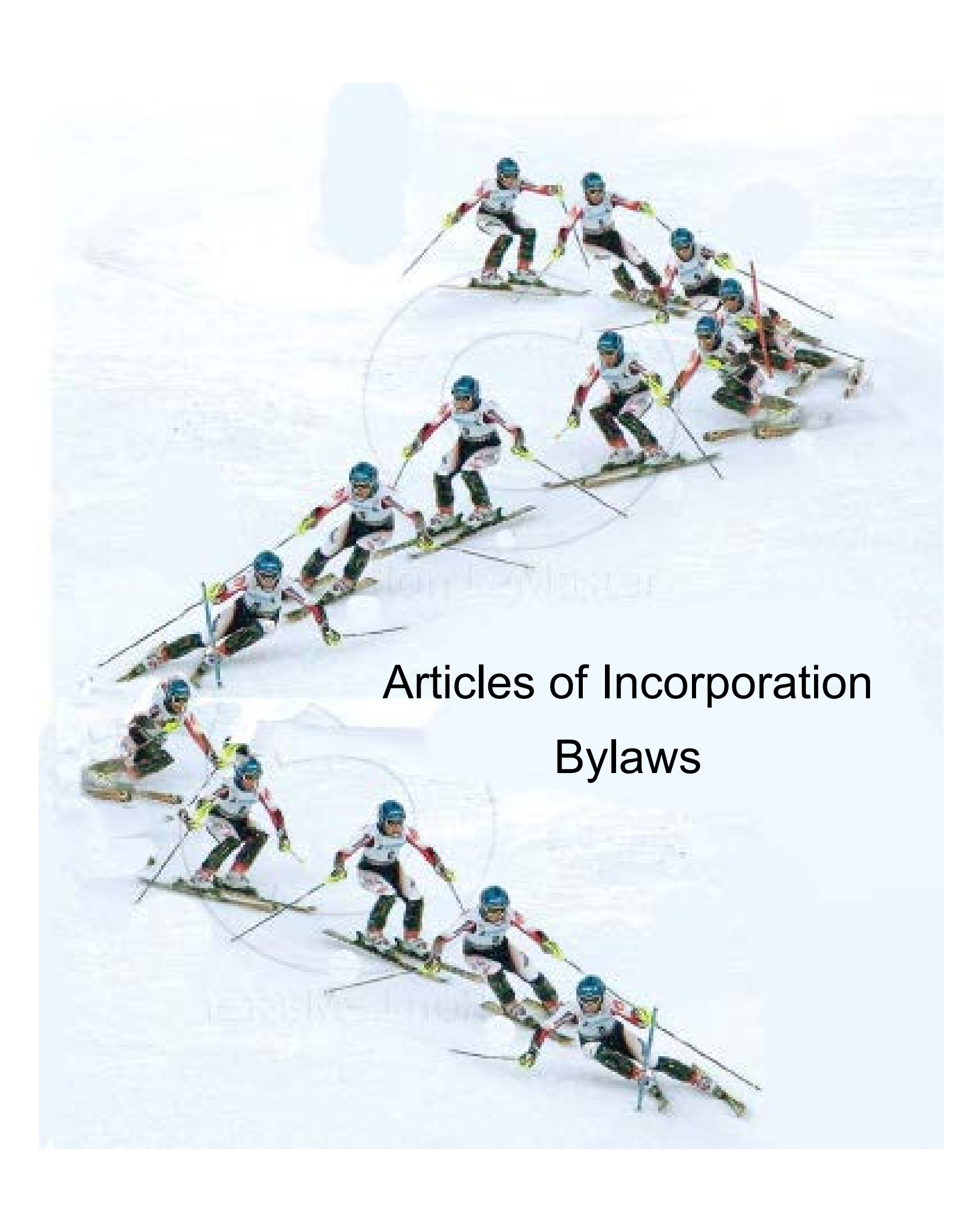
- * Up to 20% off - Hertz car rentals U.S. & Canada / up to 25% off Europe (NSCF CPD #1467605) www.hertz.com
- * 20% off - Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, NV (775) 789-5336 Kerri Countess

BAC BENEFITS (continued)

- * 20% off - (some blackout & surcharge dates) discounted package starts at \$69 per person for room/lift ticket/breakfast + other benefits - John Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno, NV (800) 843-2427 x3347 Fei Ye Package only link [www.bookrenotahoe.com/index.php?initialize=yes&client\[id\]=160&hotel_id=17](http://www.bookrenotahoe.com/index.php?initialize=yes&client[id]=160&hotel_id=17) Visit NSCF website for land only link
- * 20% off (some blackout dates) - Peak Property Management Crested Butte, CO (888) 909-7325 (970) 349-6339 Tyler Lucas www.peakcb.com
- * 15% off - (code 754NSCF, discount includes free town bus service) - Aston Hotels & Resorts Sun Valley, Sun Valley, ID (800) 635-4444 www.astonhotels.com/SVRnscl
- * 15% off - vacation rentals (code DIR NSCF) - ResortQuest Ski Vacation Rentals (multiple locations - CO, ID, MT, UT, WY, and more) (888) 220-0973 www.ResortQuest.com
- * Up to 15% off - minimum night requirements (code NSCF) - East West Resorts (multiple locations - CA, CO & MT) (800) 763-5045 www.EastWestResorts.com
- * 15% off - door to door luggage delivery (code NSCF) - The Luggage Club (877) 231-5131 www.theluggageclub.com/PCANSCL.html
- * 10% off - (code 754NSCF, discount includes free mountain shuttle, ski season continental breakfast) - Aston Lakeland Village Beach & Mountain Resort, South Lake Tahoe, CA (800) 822-5969 www.astonhotels.com/LLVnscl
- * \$10 off - per order for shipping sports equipment or luggage to/from resorts. Additional \$5 online discount (code NSCF). - Sports Express (800) 357-4174 Josh Beryser (303) 284-5539 www.SportsExpress.com

NSCF - Snow Sports Products

- * Up to 76% off - Heat Vario Plus shoe dryer/heater from Mematec Products - Sport Innovations, Washington Depot, CT Hanna Hildmann (860) 488-5973 <http://sport-innovations.com/skiclub/>
- * 50% off - HaberVision sunglasses / goggles / bags / accessories (affinity code SNOW) - HaberVision, Denver, CO (800) 621-4381 Jani Pedersen (720) 635-3890 www.habervision.com/CodeResult.aspx?code=SNOW&entered=true
- * 33% off - Ski Daddie Rolling Ski Tote (mention NSCF offer) - Arlington, TX Joel Stark (817) 939-4571 <http://skidaddie.webs.com>
- * 20% off - snowsports apparel (coupon code mf008) - Snoman Apparel Mark Fusello (312) 268-818 www.snoman8.com
- * 15% off - base layer clothing & winter underwear (coupon code SKI2011) - Berg Wear, Whitehouse Station, NJ Mike Berger (908) 240-3314 www.bergwear.com
- * 10% off orders <\$50, 15% off orders >\$50 (referral id NSCF) - protective socks for alpine equipment (skis, helmets), silk screening option - Buddy Covers, Carmel, IN Joe Smith (888) 754-2839 www.BuddyCovers.com
- * 10% off Clarity Fog Eliminator Cloths - Nanofilm, Valley View, OH Gina Montello (800) 883-6266 x131 www.nanofilm.cc
- * 10% off - liquid reservoir ski poles (code NSCF Member) - Cold Pole, Houston, TX Randy Leonard (877) 633-2102 www.coldpole.com
- * 10% off - Sling-Ski carrier (code NSCF-FX74RKJD) - Velociter AXA Angelo Spadaccini (240) 496-2073 www.sling-ski.com
- * 10% off - VCMmax Kick and Glide Nordic apparel, Northampton, MA Zach Swan (800) 530-9740 www.vcmmax.com
- * 10% off - any online purchase outdoor sports retailer (code NSCF) - The Sports Basement, San Francisco, CA (800) 869-6670 Sophia Steinacker (415) 437-0100 x7141 www.SportsBasement.com
- * 10% off - any online purchase outdoor sports retailer - ZB Sports, (coupon code NSCF) Philadelphia, PA (800) 780-2515 Jim

A group of alpine skiers in white and red racing suits are competing on a snowy slope. They are in various stages of a turn, leaning into the slope. The background is a bright, snowy mountain landscape. The text "Articles of Incorporation" and "Bylaws" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Articles of Incorporation Bylaws

Articles of Incorporation

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[Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation]

ENDORSED
FILED
in the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

MAY 10 1990

OF

THE SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB

MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of

I

The name of this corporation is THE SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB.

II

- A. This corporation is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under such law.
- B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to participate in winter ski activities and other summer social activities

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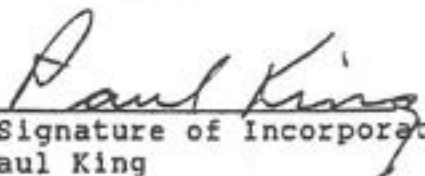
The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Paul King
60 Rider Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

IV

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation.

DATED: 8/11/89


(Signature of Incorporator)
Paul King

(Typed Name of Incorporator)

Snowchaser Ski Club, Inc

(Revised in 2012)

THE SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB, INC.

BY -LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND PROPERTY

Section 1. Name: The name of this organization, hereinafter referred to as Club, shall be The Snowchasers Ski Club, Inc.

Section 2. Property: No member of the Club, or other individual, organization or company shall be entitled to any use of any club property or assets without the approval of the Board of Directors. The logo, name, newsletter name and contents, home page, membership data, and anything else determined by the Board of Directors are the intellectual property of the Club.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Club is formed are: to promote interest in skiing and snowboarding, year-round social and athletic activities, to sponsor trips and other skiing activities, to facilitate the various arrangements attendant to skiing, to derive social pleasure from the companionship of skiing enthusiasts and to support and promote safer and better skiing. All purposes of the Club shall be directed toward the benefit of its members.

ARTICLE III PERSONAL LIABILITY

Section 1. All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with or having any claim against the Club, shall look only to the funds and property of the club for payment of any such contract, claim, debt, judgment, damage, degree, cause of action, or any money that may in any way become due and payable from the club.

Section 2. Neither the members of the Club nor the Board of Directors, present, past or future shall be personally liable for any debt set forth in Section 1 of this article.

Section 3. The Club is a nonprofit organization. The members hereof shall not be entitled to any individual or collective interests, participation, share, right, and/or property right in or to the assets of the club. No pecuniary profits, or dividends of payments of like nature, shall be declared or paid to members of the Club.

Section 4. The Club will not assume any liability for injury to, or damage done by, any member, or for injury sustained by anyone at a Club function.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

Section 1. Persons who are in sympathy with the ideals of the club and wish to promote its objectives shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. The number of memberships of the Club is unlimited.

Section 3. Membership shall be classified as follows:

A. Senior: including all persons 18 years of age or older, not qualified under a family membership.

B. Family: composed of one or two adult individuals, and any dependent children under the age or 21 residing at one primary address.

C. Lifetime: awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors to any person who has been a member of the club five years or longer and whose contributions have resulted in significant achievements for the club.

D. Junior: includes all persons under 18 years of age (must be a part of a Family membership).

E. Honorary: awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors for a renewable one-year term. Cannot vote on club business.

F. Associate: Individuals who are not members of Snowchasers and who wish to attend a Snowchasers sponsored event requiring membership may become an Associate member of Snowchasers, with the purpose of attending that one event, by completing an Associate membership application and paying \$15.00 per person or \$25 per couple to Snowchasers. Additionally, individuals who wish to attend a specific event in one year requiring membership in any ski club of BAC or Far West Ski Association may become an Associate member of Snowchasers, with the purpose of attending that specific event or to participate in any single function that requires membership in Snowchasers, BAC, and/or FWSA, by completing an Associate membership application and paying \$15.00 per person or \$25 per couple per year to Snowchasers.

Section 4. All members 18 years of age and over shall be eligible to vote except honorary members.

Section 5. Membership term in the Club shall date from November of each year, with membership renewing in November of the following year.

Section 6. Active Members shall consist of two classifications:

A. Renewal membership.

1. Any renewing past member in good standing whose membership has not lapsed for more than two (2) months. Renewal action does not change the renewal date of November of each year and does not warrant a prorated amount of dues.
2. Any renewing member returning from a Board approved Leave of Absence.

B. New membership:

1. New applicants whose applications have been approved.
2. Past members whose status has been changed due to rules infractions or previous members who failed to meet the requirements.
3. Any member joining in a month other than November shall be charged prorated dues for the membership amount of time until November of that year.

Section 7. Membership requirements

- A. All active members shall submit a yearly membership application, pay annual dues, and comply with all Club by-laws, rules and regulations.
- B. Applications for membership (new and renewal) shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant using the form provided for that purpose. A release of liability must be signed and included with the application.
- C. No applicant shall be rejected by reason of sex, sexual orientation, religion, race, national origin, or age.
- D. Each member shall have the general obligation to be informed of all rules and regulations of the club, to report (to the membership director) any changes of address within one (1) month of any change, and to maintain membership status by complying with all rules and obligations either specifically stated or implied by the by-laws of the club.

Section 8. Limitation on Members Data

Use of member contact and personal data is restricted to official club business unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Official club business use of personal data includes, but is not limited to: Newsletter mailings, club phone lists, racer phone lists, recognition of special events (birthdays, anniversaries), and determination of racer classes.

ARTICLE V DUES

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall establish the annual dues for membership.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be due in November of each year. A delinquent member may forfeit his or her membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors, but any member who has so forfeited his or her membership may be reinstated by vote from the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Lifetime and Honorary members shall be exempted from annual dues of the Club.

Section 4. No assessments shall be levied against members of the Club except by written ballot, with the majority consent of the membership present at any meeting for that purpose and with a quorum in attendance (see Article X). Notice of such intent shall be given at least 30 days prior to that meeting.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of President, Vice-President, Activities Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, BAC Representative, Race Director, Past-President, Administrative Director, and Web Master.

Section 2. Any member 18 years of age or older and in good standing is eligible to hold office. Any member of the club in good standing and eligible to vote in club elections may be a candidate to hold office.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. President: The President shall be the general executive officer of the Club, subject to the control of the Board of Directors and shall preside at all meeting of the club and of the Board of Directors, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. He or She shall be required to make a report on the health and status of the Club at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in his or her absence or disability. The Vice-President shall be in charge of organizing informational programs at club meetings. He or She shall be custodian of all documents and property of value belonging to the Club, all of which shall be handed over to his or her successor upon completion of term. The Vice-President will submit a written inventory of all Club property to the Secretary annually by June 1.

Section 3. Activities Director: He/she shall be in charge of the following committees: Winter Activities, Summer Activities, Trip and any other committee deemed necessary to further the athletic and social activities of the Club. He or She shall have the power to appoint committees under his or her jurisdiction with the Board's approval. He or She shall be responsible for overseeing or chairing annual and special fund raising activities and events for the Club. He or She will maintain the club calendar and have authority to designate (on behalf of the Board) activities as "club-sanctioned."

Section 4. Administrative Director: The Administrative Director shall be in charge of and oversee the following committees: Newsletter, Public Relations and any other committee deemed necessary for the administration of the Club. He or She shall have the power to appoint committees under his or her jurisdiction with Board approval. The Board shall have ultimate control over the contents of the newsletter.

Section 5. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep careful and complete records of the proceedings of all Club meetings and of all members of the Club. He or She shall conduct the correspondence, send out notices of meetings and other Club activities, and shall attend to such other duties as may be incidental to his or her office. The Secretary shall maintain the By-laws of the Club.

Section 6. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Club. He or She shall sign bank checks and disburse the funds of the club upon the authorization of the Board. The Board shall have the discretion to require the Treasurer to be insured by a Bonding Company. Costs associated with the bonding process are to be paid from club funds. The Treasurer shall keep adequate records of all funds collected and disbursed. The Treasurer shall be responsible for timely preparation and submission of tax documents as required by law. He or She shall render an Annual Report that shall be audited by one or more members of the Club to be appointed by the Board of Directors, with one member designated to supervise the audit. The supervising appointee shall independently deliver a written statement to the Board that will identify the time period audited and the conclusion of the audit. The Treasurer shall also prepare an annual budget under the direction and with the approval of the Board.

Section 7. Membership Director: The Membership Director shall be in charge of the Membership Committee, Club Roster, Far West Membership and Hospitality and any other committees deemed necessary for the overall membership of the Club. He or She shall have the power to appoint members to committees under his or her jurisdiction with the Board's approval. It is the responsibility of the Membership Director to prepare, maintain, and distribute a formal membership roster for the Board. The Membership Director shall provide a copy of the roster to any general member of the Club upon request. Any and all copies of the roster distributed shall include a statement prominently displayed that indicates the roster is intended for the exclusive private use of members for Club business and that any other use is strictly prohibited.

Section 8. Race Director: The Race Director shall be responsible for coordinating inter-club and intra-club races. He or She promotes interest in racing and cooperates with the BAC in the running of recreational races. The Race Director is the official representative to the Open League Race Committee. The Race Director should also organize and publicize an active instruction program of ski and race clinics. He or She shall also promote safe skiing techniques.

Section 9. BAC Representative: The Bay Area Council-Far West Ski Association Director shall represent the interests of the Club at the Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs (hereinafter called BAC) meetings and shall vote accordingly on all matters brought to a vote. He or She shall attend all meetings of the BAC. In case of emergency, he or She may delegate his or her responsibility to an alternate delegate who is an active member of the Club. He or She shall be in charge of coordinating the Club's activities with those of the BAC where possible. He or She shall have the power to name alternate delegates to the BAC meeting, as well as representatives to the BAC Intra Murals and any other committee at which the Club shall have representation.

Section 10. Past-President: The Past-President is a voting officer of the Board of Directors. He or She shall have whatever duties assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors. He or She shall be responsible for the administration of Historian activities and Elections. He or She shall have the power to appoint committees under his or her authority to accomplish these activities.

Section 11. Web Master: The Webmaster is a voting officer on the Board of Directors. He or She shall be in charge of promoting, creating, and maintaining the Club's website. The Webmaster shall have the power to appoint committees under his or her jurisdiction with the Board's approval. The Board shall have ultimate control over the contents of the web pages, including design, location, and editorial content.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Membership: The Directors are the officers described in Article VI, above. The Board of Directors shall consist of all Directors. At the discretion of the Board, the Club offices described in Article VI may be combined with the following conditions:

- A. The minimum number of Directors is five.
- B. Combining positions does not entitle the incumbent to more than one vote at Board meetings.
- C. Each director has only one vote.
- D. The combined position must be approved by a simple majority of the other Board members present at a Board meeting.
- E. Every three months, until the next annual general meeting, the President solicits volunteers to assume the combined positions.
- F. Volunteers are to be elected by the method described in section 4 of this article, below.

Section 2. Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet upon the call of the President. A quorum shall consist of five or more Directors. The President shall call within 30 days a meeting of the Board upon the written request of any three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The President shall also schedule a special Board meeting upon verbal request of three Board members at a regular Board meeting. A schedule of regular Board meetings will be maintained by the Board of Directors and publicized to the general membership.

Section 3. Terms of Office: The term of office for elected officers of the Club shall be two (2) years and shall begin June 1 of the elected year. The election of the Board shall be staggered. The President, Administrative Director, BAC Representative, Membership Director, and Web Master shall be elected odd-numbered years. The Vice-President, Activities Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Race Director shall be elected even numbered years.

The out-going President shall automatically assume the office of Past-President. Should the incumbent President be re-elected, the incumbent Past-President shall continue in office if he or She wishes. If the most recent President declines the opportunity to hold the office of Past-President, the opportunity shall pass to the next in line of former Presidents until one is willing to fulfill the position. If no former President is willing to serve, then the position will remain unfilled until such time as there is a former President is willing to serve.

Section 4. Filling Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board caused by death, resignation or any other reason, may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting in which a quorum is present. The general membership must ratify the appointment by simple majority vote at the next scheduled General meeting. The term of office will be the balance of the current term as described in section 3 above.

Section 5. Exemption from Liability: Members of the Board of Directors will not be held liable for their actions.

Section 6. Voting on Board business: All Directors are entitled to vote on all Board business. Approval of all Board business shall require an affirmative vote by a simple majority of all Directors present at meetings where a quorum is established

ARTICLE IX

DUTIES AND POWERS

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall act as the governing body of the Club and shall be responsible to the Club membership for the proper execution of these by-laws.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall carry out the specific duties assigned elsewhere in the by-laws, and shall further complete such rulings as it may deem necessary to promote Club objectives and activities.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall appoint such agents and/or committees, as it may deem necessary to conveniently carry on the affairs of the Club with such powers, as the Board may deem proper.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall report to the membership. Any ruling made by the Board shall not be binding on the membership until it has been so announced. In the absence of an overruling vote by the membership (as in Sections 5) the announced Board action shall become binding.

Section 5. Overriding Board Decisions: Upon a majority vote of the members present, any decision by the Board can be discussed at a general membership meeting. Any such discussion or debate shall be confined strictly to the specific action in questions. (See Articles XIV and XV for exceptions.) Following discussion, a two-thirds majority vote of the quorum present shall be required to overrule the Board action in question (see Articles XIV and XV for exceptions).

Section 6. Financial Authority: The Board of Directors must authorize all financial transactions in excess of \$50 (including the securing of debt), subject to the following requirements:

- A. Two signatures will be required on all checks.
- B. Voting requirements described in Article VIII section 6 will be met.
- C. Expenditures of the Club will not exceed 90% of the revenue anticipated for any major event without the specific authorization of the Board.

Section 7. Board members of Snowchasers shall not be officers or board members of other ski clubs if, in the opinion of the nominations committee, a conflict of interest could result.

Section 8. All decisions made by the Board of Directors shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board's meetings including the date the decision was adopted and explanation of why the ruling was made.

Section 9. Use of Club Property: The Board of Directors must give prior approval of any use of club property, both tangible and intellectual. This shall include use of the Club logo, newsletter, membership information, physical assets, web page, and anything else that the Board considers property of the Club.

ARTICLE X GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be the twelve (12) months ending on the 31 day of May.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Club shall be held at the first regular meeting in May and at such place and upon reasonable written notice as the Board of Directors may determine. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and conduct any other Club business as necessary.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall determine the day and time of the regular meetings that are to be held during the year.

Section 4. Fifteen percent (15%) of the membership or twenty-five (25) members of the Club eligible to vote, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for doing any official business beyond exchange of information and social interaction at any meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES

AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall appoint such special committees that in his or her judgment, may be necessary to carry on the work of the Club. Officers shall appoint members for their respective standing committees.

Section 2. All committees shall consist of a chairperson and at least two committee persons. All committee members must be Club members.

Section 3. Elections: The annual election of officers shall be at the first general meeting in May. The Board shall set a timetable for nominations for Club officers and publish this schedule to the membership. The President shall call for nominations from the floor at the three regular meetings scheduled prior to the closure of nominations. All nominations to club offices must be seconded by another member and accepted by the nominee before being placed on the ballot. A ballot shall be sent by mail to each member of the Club with the notification of the date of the annual meeting, subject to the following:

- A. Elections shall be by secret written ballot.
- B. Ballots are to be sent via US mail, to all adult members of record on April 15 of the current year, as kept by the Membership Director. The deadline for return of the ballots will be set by the Board of Directors, with a minimum of fourteen days from the date of mailing. The Board may elect to include ballots with the newsletter and require return by the General meeting held the first meeting in May.
- C. Collection of the completed ballots is the responsibility of the Club Secretary.
- D. To be valid in the election, ballots must be completed and in possession of the Secretary at or before the annual meeting. The Secretary will keep the ballots confidential and sealed until the annual meeting.

- E. At the annual meeting, the ballots are opened by the Secretary and Past-President. Total votes received by each candidate shall be tallied but kept confidential by the Election Committee.
- F. The candidate who receives the most votes on all ballots cast wins the election. In cases of ties, the Board will determine the winner as described above in Article VIII, section 6.
- G. Unopposed candidates shall be elected by right of acclamation and will not appear on the ballot.

ARTICLE XII PROCEDURE

Section 1. Robert's Rule of Order shall be parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the by-laws, or be specific rules of procedures adopted by the Club.

Section 2. The Club shall have a written policy statement. Said statement shall apply to special circumstances not covered in the by-laws. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall update or revise the policy statement as needs require. The policy statement shall have the weight and force of the by-laws.

Section 3. The Board shall complete a formal compliance review of the By-laws annually. If a procedure or activity of the Board or the general membership is found to be out-of-compliance with requirements of the By-laws, the Board will either institute a change in practices or approve an amendment in the By-laws to bring about full compliance. The Secretary shall see that all Board members receive a copy of the current By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Any member of the club in good standing may propose an amendment to the By-laws. The proposed amendment shall be delivered in writing to the Club Secretary. The Board of Directors shall recommend or disapprove the amendment within 60 days of its receipt by the Secretary. If approved by the Board of Directors, the amendment must then be ratified by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members present at a special meeting of the membership called for the purpose of considering the amendment.

ARTICLE XIV DISSOLUTION

This corporation shall use its assets only to accomplish the object and purpose specified in Article n hereof, and no part of said assets of the corporation shall be distributed to the members of this organization. On dissolution, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized, qualified charity organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors, such assets to be used for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as the same may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XV

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Section 1. Refusal or neglect on the part of any member to comply with the provisions of these by-laws of the Club shall render such person liable to suspension or expulsion from membership by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Suspension: Minor violations of Official club policy governing actions during club activities, including financial indebtedness to the Club, shall warrant suspension.

Section 3. Expulsion: In the event that any member repeatedly violates the by-laws and conducts his-self or her-self in a manner likely to injure or discredit the reputation of the Club or ignores the Board policy for appropriate conduct during Club functions, the member shall be subject to expulsion from the Club.

The Board of Directors shall have the power, by two-thirds (2/3) of its vote, to expel such member subject to the following restrictions:

- A. Charges alleging such violations or misconduct must first be brought against the member in writing and presented at a meeting of the Board of Directors
- B. Any member charged shall be notified either by letter or other means of communication.

Section 4. Appeal: Any member suspended or expelled shall have the right of appeal by appearing before the Board of Directors with witnesses on his or her behalf and stating the facts surrounding the violation, suspension, or expulsion, if said person fails to appear without just cause, automatic suspension or expulsion will ensue. Reinstatement is at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Club at the discretion of the Board will retain all monies.

Section 5. Removal of officers and directors: Upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, any officer of this corporation shall be suspended or expelled from office and the Board of Directors until such time as the Board of Directors or until he/she shall be reinstated to office under provision of Article XV, Section 6.

Section 6. Method of appeal for officers and directors: Upon notice of suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors, any officer or director may appeal to the general membership of the Club by securing not less than ten (10) letters of confidence, which may then be brought to the next general business membership meeting where a quorum, as defined in Article X, Section 4, may overrule and reverse the action of the Board.



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