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THE COUNCILMAN

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



*Highlights from the
Far West Ski Association*

87th Annual Convention

*Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort &
Spa*

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GLORIA RAMINHA, PRESIDENT

I want to start by thanking everyone attending the convention for your trust and confidence by re-electing me your 2019 – 2020 President. I feel privileged to work with a very strong and experienced Board of Directors who are committed to working hard for our organization and our industry partners. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President and I encourage any of you to share your ideas with me and other members of the FWSA Board of Directors.

The history of FWSA began with the founding of the California Ski Association on October 7, 1930 at a meeting of the Winter Sports Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco where we will be celebrating our 90th anniversary next year. Over the course of 89 years our organization has grown to become one of the largest snowsports associations in the United States. We are a non-profit membership organization of 10 regional councils, 150 clubs, and approximately 50,000 members in 12 western states.

The success of FWSA is due to our volunteers who contribute countless hours and expertise to our programs. Thanks also to our industry partners and sponsors who through their generosity and support are also instrumental to our growth and success.

We recently held our 87th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort and Spa in Indian Wells, CA. The success of our Convention is from the many hours of planning and execution by our dedicated volunteers as well as the support of our sponsors and donors. Thank you to all who contributed and made the convention special. The planning and coordination of our Convention was led by Debbi Kor, our Convention Coordinator. She and her Convention Staff did an outstanding job. A special thanks goes to Sheila Van Guilder, President of Orange Council, who served as the Host Council Convention Coordinator. Also, thanks to all the Los Angeles Council and Orange Council volunteers for all their hard work and time with assisting at the convention. There are many more volunteers that I'm not going to name. Without everyone taking time out of their daily lives and activities, our conventions would not be the successes that they are.

The 88th Annual FWSA Convention will be held May 28 – 31, 2020 in Portland, OR, hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC). I know that this Convention will be one that you shouldn't miss. NWSCC has been working on this for the past year and they have plans for some exciting activities for all attendees. Check out the Convention article in The Councilman or check the website at www.fwsa.org.

Last February, the North American Ski Week was in Steamboat, Colorado. We had a great group of members who enjoyed skiing, parties, dancing and food. We held a mini/adventure trip to Winter Park, Colorado for some great skiing, meet & greet parties and some fun times. Additionally, we had an adventure trip sailing in the British Virgin Islands last May. Next year's annual North American Ski Week will be in Big Sky, Montana along with a mini ski trip at Big White, BC, Canada.

The annual International Ski Trip was held in Hakuba Valley, Japan with the pre-trip to Niseko and post trip to Kanazawa, Kyoto & Tokyo. September 28 – October 12, 2019, the dive trip will be in the Philippines. In 2020, the International Ski Week will be in Davos, Switzerland with a post trip to Portugal and in the fall of 2020, the dive trip will be at Cozumel.

Far West has an extensive travel program with several trips planned over the next couple of years. Here are some of the locations

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Debbi Kor, Convention Chairperson

Fun in the “O.C”. Sun

What FUN we had this year in the O.C. Sun. The Orange Council of Ski Clubs hosted the 87th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, June 13-16. Set in the beautiful desert of Indian Wells, California, our host hotel offered up numerous swimming pools, an on-site golf course, tennis courts, walking paths, and a wonderful spa in which to relax, as several of our attendees did on Friday.

Many delegates arrived on Wednesday, in order to take part in the activities happening on Thursday, which included a trip to the Palm Spring Air Museum, which houses the World’s largest collection of WWII, Korean and Viet Nam war aircraft. Ken Muzzy led this interesting group. A Celebrity Homes tour, of Palm Springs, was also offered on Thursday, led by Maxine Hanlon of Orange Council.

The Pub Crawl, sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., led by Judy Thurman, kicked off at the Renaissance Indian Wells, followed by a bus trip into downtown Palm Springs to check out the Street Fair, and then everyone returned to the Hyatt for dessert and a final drink.

Activities continued on Friday morning, kicking off with the 13th annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, led by Sally Lash. Our golfers met at the Indian Wells Golf Club for a light breakfast and then headed out to the course for a fun 18 holes of golf. Sponsored by Club Med, our group enjoyed the camaraderie of some of our industry partners, and friends for a few hours of time in the desert sun. Barbara Blasé and her crew rounded players up for photos, using floral leis, and Hawaiian attire for photos throughout the day. A barbecue lunch, with awards and raffle prizes topped off the event.

Other activities included a Spa Day, at the beautiful Agua Serena Spa, onsite at the Hyatt, and a Tram Ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tram, taking riders up to San Jacinto State Park. Guests were able to hike at the top of the tram, and then ride back down for lunch at the Pines Café. Following these optional activities, the entire group met up at the Hyatt’s Oasis Pool for the annual Pool Party. Thanks to all the Central Council ladies who, along with Mary Ann Mudge (Brian Head Resort), sponsor, put on this wild and wacky party.

The Silent Auction and Trade Show, on Friday night was the time for delegates, and visitors to visit with our Industry Partners, checking out the various ski areas, travel companies, lodging partners and tour operators to plan trips for the coming year. This year, we allowed our Travel Expo participants to begin getting their Passports signed off early, by visiting with the resort of their choice, talking with representatives, and asking questions about the amenities that each one offers their guests, during the Tradeshow. The actual Travel Expo was held on Saturday morning, so that delegates could finish up with their appointments, or sit down with their favorite resort representative for some quality time to plan a winter trip.

There were three terrific Snowsport Leadership Academy sessions to choose from this year: “Are You Covered...A Look at Your Clubs’ Liabilities, Causes and Insurance”, led by Fred Liebel, United Insurance Brokers, and Jim Hovren, Attorney at Law; “Strategic Travel Planning... Delivers Successful Trips”, led by Debbie Stewart, Stephen Hall (SkiGroup.Net), Joan Thornton (Mayflower Tours), Sean McErlean (Holidaze Ski Tours), and Pierre-Yves Mazeud (Sports America Tours); and “Getting Over the Ifs, Through the Ands, and Around the Buts ...Overcoming Objections”, led by Afarah Board, Michael Bouton and Todd Hood.

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Two Public Affair sessions were offered. The morning session, moderated by John Watson, Barbara Alley Simon, Nancy Ingalsbee and Ingrid Wicken, discussed the topics of skier history, the ways of Washington D.C., and the impact of skier fashion on the industry. The topic for the afternoon session was issues affecting the sport of skiing and ski resorts. The moderator was Steve Coxen. Speakers included Dr. Jon Kedrowski, author and ski mountaineer, and Curtis Fong, NASJA journalist from the Tahoe area. Dr. Kedrowski was our 2019 Convention Keynote Speaker and winner of the Bill Berry Featured Article Award in 2019 and 2018. Curtis Fong was winner of the 2019 Bill Berry Hard News Award.

Saturday evening's banquet was sponsored by Diamond Peak Resort. The highlights of the evening were the awards presented to a number of outstanding men and women throughout the Far West Ski Association, and our Industry Partners. (Photos can be seen elsewhere in this magazine).

Sunday morning was the time set for the General Session, the reason that everyone was gathered together....to hold our annual meeting and to elect new officers within the organization. Communication awards were presented to clubs and councils for their participation in the Outstanding Newsletters, and Websites, along with the Charities and Our Communities Award. Photos of these are seen elsewhere in the magazine as well.

Thank you to the Orange Council of Ski Clubs for hosting the annual event. Your time and efforts were deeply appreciated. To all the other clubs and councils who volunteered their time....thank you as well.

We hope to see you all at the Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach, in Portland, Oregon, next May 28-31, 2020. Northwest Ski Club Council is anxiously waiting for you all to join us, where we will be "Rollin' On the River". See YOU there.



Greg Robinson and Shirley Thompson enjoy themselves at the Oasis Pool, Pool Party.



Pool Party



Team Westy: James Burns, Linda Westlund, and Doug Barr

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Convention
& 90th Anniversary Celebration
May 28 - 31, 2020



at the
Red Lion on the River
Jantzen Beach

Hosted by the *Northwest Ski Club Council*

Red Lion on the River - Jantzen Beach

909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217

Reservations <https://www.redlion.com/red-lion-hotel/or/portland/red-lion-hotel-river-jantzen-beach>
or

call **1-503-283-4466**, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**.

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy —
\$149 per night

Room Registration Deadline May 1, 2020

Hotel Features

- Located on the Columbia River
- Breathtaking views of Mt. Hood & Mt. St. Helens
- Outdoor Pool and Jacuzzi
- Riverside deck for Friday Night Happy Hour
- Restaurant & Lounge • JB's Night Club
- Business Center
- Fitness Center

Transportation

- Fly into Portland International Airport
- 12 miles to Hotel via Uber, Cab, Red/Yellow Max Line

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
 - Mt. Hood Adventure
 - Pub Crawl in Downtown Vancouver
- **Friday**
 - 14th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - Bike Ride
 - Wine Tour
 - Pool Party

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit TBA.

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Event Sponsors

87th Annual FWSA Convention

by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 87th Annual Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of this year's convention. By offsetting convention costs through the sponsorship program, we are able to offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2019-2020.

Program Sponsors



Western Ski Heritage Prize

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



Councils' Man & Woman of Year

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



Athletic Scholarships

Since 2004, funds for the scholarships are provided through contributions from **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, **The Inn at Whitefish Lake**, **The Firebrand** (Averill Hospitality Group) and **Karbon** (Shure Sports USA)



Safety Award

Since 2015, **Telluride** has been the sponsor of the Safety Award. **Telluride** and **Mountain Lodge** have donated a 4-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets and rentals.



Environment Award

Aspen/Snowmass, **The Gant** and **The Crestwood** donate a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals and a lesson to the winner of the Environment Award.

2019 Convention Sponsors



Neck Wallets
Convention



Delegate Totes
Convention



Pub Crawl
Thursday evening



Golf Tournament
Friday Morning



Spa Day
Friday Morning



Spa Day
Friday Morning



Pool Party
Friday Afternoon



Wine Service
Friday evening



Wine Service
Friday evening



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Friday Evening



Continental Breakfast
Saturday Morning



Luncheon
Saturday



Beer Sponsor
Saturday Lunch



Wine Service
Saturday Lunch



Wine Service
Saturday Lunch



Keynote Speaker
Saturday Afternoon



Wine Sponsor
Saturday Lunch



Eye Opener Hosts
Sunday Morning

Silent Auction & Travel Expo 2019 Participants

by Jeannine Davis and Debbi Kor

The Far West Ski Association and the Orange Council of Ski Clubs extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 34th Annual Silent Auction and 18th Annual Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners.

Alpine Adventures, FL	Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, CA
Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce, CA
Aspen Skiing Company, CO	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Averill Hospitality, MT	Kandahar Lodge, MT
Banff Lodging Company, Canada	Mammoth Mountain Inn, CA
Banff Sunshine, Canada	Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, CA
Best Western Premier at Brian Head, UT	Marco Vincent Dive Resort, Philippines
Betty Donellan, TX	Mayflower Tours, CA
Bahia Principe Resort, Mexico	Michael Bouton-Bogus Basin Ski Club, ID
Big Sky Resort, MT	Miracle Springs Resort & Spa, CA
Big White Ski Resort, Canada	Mountain Lodge, CO
BikeTours.com, TN	Powder Mountain, UT
Brian Head Resort, UT	Red Lion on the River Jantzen Beach, OR
ClubExpress, IL	Roatan Charter, FL
Club Med, FL	Ruby Mountain Helicopter Skiing, NV
Crystal Inn Hotel Downtown Salt Lake City, UT	SilverStar Mountain Resort, Canada
Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites Midvalley, UT	Ski.com, CO
Deer Valley Resort, UT	Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Canada
Destination Residences Snowmass, CO	Skigroup.net, CO
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DoubleTree by Hilton, OR	Snowmass Ski Resort, CO
Drury Hotels, MO	Snowmass Tourism, CO
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Canada	Sports America Tours, CA
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada	Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., CO
Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ	Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, CA
Huntley Lodge, MT	Sun Peaks Resort, Canada

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Sun Valley Resort, ID

Taos Ski Valley, NM

Telluride Ski Resort, CO

The Crestwood, CO

The Firebrand Hotel, MT

The Gant, CO

The Inn at Whitefish Lake, MT

The Lake Louise Ski Resort, Canada

The Limelight Hotel, ID

The Transportation Network, UT

Thunder Mountain Motorsports, UT

Vail Resorts, CO

Val D'Iserre Condos, CA

Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT

Winter Park Resort, CO

Wyndham Vacation Rentals, CO

Zermatt Utah Adventure Resort & Spa, UT



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Convention Volunteer VIPs

Far West Ski Association President	Gloria Raminha	Coupon Books	Karen James, Barbara Razo
FWSA Convention Chairperson	Debbi Kor	FWSA Convention Treasurer	Randy Lew
Host Council Convention Coordinator	Sheila Van Guilder	FWSA Convention Finances/Contract Management	
Convention Sponsorship Chairperson	Debbi Kor		Jane Wyckoff
Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show / Travel Expo		Snowsports Leadership Academy, Credentials Chairperson	
Silent Auction Chairperson	Jeannine Davis		Michael Bouton
Travel Expo Chairperson	Fran Long	Optional Events	
Silent Auction Accounting	Bill King	Palm Springs Air Museum	Ken Muzzy
Silent Auction Bid Runners Coordinators	Ken Muzzy Sara Rosell	Legends & Icons Homes Tour & Agua Serena Spa Day	Maxine Hanlon
Host Council Silent Auction Volunteer Coordinator		Get Your Party On – Pub Crawl	Judy Thurman
	Jess Gorman	13th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament	
Auctioneer	Tucker Hoffmann		Sally Lash
FWSA Awards		San Jacinto Tram Ride	Carol Kane
Service Awards Chairperson	Steve Coxen	Aqua Serena Spa	Maxine Hanlon
Service Awards Processes and Procurement	Joe Harvis Jane Wyckoff	Pool Party	Fran Long
Awards Booklet	Leigh Gieringer	Door Prize Donations	Debbi Kor
Awards PowerPoint Presentation	Barbara Razo	Publicity	Jane Wyckoff, Maxine Hanlon
Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson		Convention Video	George Stewart
	Bill King	Decorations	Agnes Johnson, Anne Barneson
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition		Hospitality Room Coordinator	Judy Thurman
Chairperson	Sheri Parshall	FWSA Event Signage Coordinator	Jeannine Davis
Reception Hostess	Maxine Hanlon	Convention Website - Webmaster	Catherine Ohl
		Delegate Book Editor	Jo Simpson
Logo & Pins Graphics and Design	Catherine Ohl	Nominations & Elections	Steve Coxen
Council Volunteer Coordinator	Norbert Knapp	Parliamentarian	George Kish
Registration		Resolutions	Randy Lew
Convention Delegate Registrar	Jean McCasey	Convention Photographer – Van Pelt Productions	
Registration Tote Bags	Sheila Van Guilder		Eric Van Pelt
Delegate Registration Volunteer Coordinator	George Kish	Silent Auction & Awards Banquet Entertainment – Can-Do	
Celebrity Guests and VIP Registration	Randy Lew	Productions, Inc,	Victor Cannon
Celebrity Guests and VIP Hostess	Barbara Lee Blase	Signage - Starbright Creations	Emilio Trampuz

Our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers from Orange Council of Ski Clubs, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs and Far West Ski Association for their assistance in making the 2019 FWSA Convention a success.

2019 CLUB & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
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WENTWORTH -- OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION awards

MASTERS	Pacific Rim Alliance Catherine Ohl	Mountain High Snow sport Club Emilio Trampuz	Unrecables Gordon Cordona
NOVICE	Long Beach Ski Club Catherine Singer	U.S.Adaptive Recreation Center Tom Pierce	Conejo Ski Club Steven Soukup

OUTSTANDING WEBSITES - CLUBS

MASTERS	Mountain High Snowsport Club Emilio Trampuz	Pacific Rim Alliance Catherine Ohl	Reno Ski & Recreation Club Sandra Stocks
ADVANCED	Conejo Ski Club Bill Welty		
NOVICE	Bogus Basin Ski Club Craig Olsen	Inskiers Don McCoury and Bob Burke	Phoenix Ski Club Chris Gerchak and Ellen Odart

OUTSTANDING WEBSITES - COUNCIL

Bay Area Snow Sports Council Cathy and Jenn Wilson	San Diego Council of Ski Clubs Laura Meldrum	Arizona Ski Council James Nachbar
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TOLLAKSON OUTSTANDING CLUB

NOVICE	Long Beach Ski Club Kris Flaig
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Steve Raftis, ClubExpress, talks with convention attendee David Sones.



Sean Rayner, Michael McCamant, and Max Jensen have some great ideas for the Park City resort area.



Kevin Bracken invites everyone to join him and his staff at Sun Valley for Ski Week 2021.



Katie Balkwell, Big White Ski Resort shouts out a "hello".



Josh Pelczar speaks to a club member about the Ski Week trip to Big Sky



Sara Clemons from Sports America is ready to talk about trips.



Barbara Razo and Jane Wyckoff visit with Hannah Pennington from Grouse Mountain Lodge



Lisa Morgan, Telluride, discusses lodging properties with a convention attendee.



Thomas Kalman, Doug Barr and Gloria Saiya-Wood "going Hollywood"



Thomas Kalman, Mary Manning and Lisa Jennings, representing Aspen/Snowmass, Snowmass Tourism and Destination Residences in Snowmass



April Bruder, Steamboat, welcomes all to come to share the "Powder Experience" on mountain.



Bike Tours: Wesley Pundt, Kimberly Williamson, and Taylor Southard talk to Becky Robinson about their extraordinary bike trips.



David Bessette displays many of Vail Resorts' various properties.



Jeannie Davis presents 25-year award to Gloria Saiya-Woods, Ski.com



Debbi Kor presents Sponsorship Certificate to Shawn Daus, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort



Debbi Kor presents Sponsorship Certificate to Kevin Bracken, Sun Valley Resort



Debbi Kor presents Sponsorship Certificate to April Bruder and Larry Young, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation



Jeannine Davis presents 30-year award to Paul Kozuch, and 25-year award to Hannah Pennington, of Whitefish Mountain Resort and Grouse Mountain Lodge, respectively.



Jeannine Davis presents 15-year award to Sara Wayman, Powder Mountain



Debbi Kor presents Sponsorship Certificate to Josh Pelczar, Big Sky Resort and Mike Hibbard, Sports America Tours



Debbi Kor presents Sponsorship Certificate to Evie Olsen and Mary Ann Mudge, Brian Head Resort



Susie Casillas and Chris O'Connell, Club Med Sponsors, with Sheri Parshall and Sally Lash



Convention Host Council: Orange Council of Ski Clubs



Debbie Stewart, leading her Snowsports Leadership Academy Session "Strategic Travel Planning...Delivers Successful Trips"



Jeannine Davis, Silent Auction Chairperson





Joe Harvis, winner of the J. Stanley Mullin Award



Jeannine Davis, 2019 recipient of the Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood award pictured with 2018 winner, Jane Gutierrez



Linda McGavin winner of the Hans Georg Award for long term contribution to snow sports



Bill Berry Award for Hard News: Curtis Fong picture with Steven Coxen, FWSA Past President



Debi Phelps wins the Joe Ross award.



Mary Manning, and Fran Long, present Janine Rands with the Environment Award, sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass



Bill Berry Award for a Featured Article winner, Dr. Jon Kedrowski



Bill Mackey Award: Larry Young of Steamboat Resort presented by Gloria Raminha



Dee Armstrong accepting for Hannah Nishimoto, winner of the Jimmy Heuga Award presented by Gloria Raminha, FWSA President



Steve Coxen, John Watson & Jane Wyckoff presenting the Snow Sports Builder Award to Barbara Alley Simon.



The President's Award was awarded to Debbi Kor, VP Marketing & Sponsorship and Convention Chair, pictured left, with Gloria Rahmina, FWSA President and Connie Burdette (not pictured) outgoing editor of the Councilman.



Western Ski Heritage Award winners: Jane Wyckoff, Judith Miller, and Steve Markman. Jane and Judith are pictured with award sponsor Larry Young of Steamboat Resort



Tommi Tyndall Award, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation. Larry Young and April Bruder accepting.



Current and former J. Stanley Mullen Award winners



Current and former Hans Georg Award winners



Current and former Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award winners



Bob Ellis, with John Walsh, winner of the Terry Smith Award



Pete Smith, winner of the Safety Award

Other awards not shown

Jordan-Reilly Award – Kim Stravers, Mammoth Lakes, CA

Warren Miller Modern Media Award – Tyler Wilkinson-Ray, Colin Arisman and Faith E. Briggs for the short film "Brotherhood of Skiing"



Debbie and George Stewart, with Mary Alexander at the FWSA International Travel booth.



Silent Auction Chairperson, Jeannine Davis, with her right-hand helper, Allison Razo.



Charities and Our Communities Chairperson, Sigrid Noack and Mary Olhausen proudly display many of the charitable organizations that FWSA clubs support.



Far West History Programs on view with John Watson and Ingrid Wicken



Bid runners from the U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center at Big Bear



Maxine Hanlon, Stan Mullen, Jr., and Nancy Ingalsbee



The ladies of Central Council



Intermountain Ski Council members



Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs members



Sierra Council members



Dr. Jon Kedrowski, Curtis Fong and Steve Coxen
in afternoon Public Affairs session



Golf Tournament Hosts: Chris Gill, Mike and Eileen San-
ford, and Lady Barbara Blasé.



Sheri Parshall

Councils' Man and Woman of the Year

FAR WEST HONORS ITS CLUB AND COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

FWSA is delighted to announce Becki Robinson and Todd Hood, representing Northwest Ski Club Council and the National Brotherhood of Skiers-Western Region, respectively, as the 2019 FWSA Council's Man & Woman of the Year Recognition Program winners at this year's Far West Ski Association Annual Convention, held at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells, June 13-16, 2019.

I would like to especially thank our judges, who generously gave a substantial amount of time to our program this year: Harry Davis (Bay Area Snow Sports Council), Kim Hovren (Intermountain Ski Council), Sandy Blackwell (Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs), Brenda Holden (National Brotherhood of Skiers – Western Region), Eileen Hines (Northwest Ski Club Council), Carol Kane (Orange Council of Ski Clubs), Barbara Blasé (San Diego Council of Ski Clubs), and Jo Simpson (Sierra League and Council).

We also thank the council presidents and councils, who have given so much support to our program—the program can't continue without your support!

And last, but CERTAINLY not least, we thank Big White Ski Resort, who has been our signature sponsor since 2002. Their generosity helps us reward the efforts of those ski club members who have been outstanding in service to their clubs, their councils, FWSA and their communities.

We introduced the honorees to you in March—here are a few details about each. We want you all to see how hard they work for their clubs and councils.

Bay Area Snowsports Council

Gail Burns

Gail is a member and past board member of Inskiers Ski & Snowboard Club, where's she's organized trips, and worked to solicit items for an annual auction. She is currently the travel director for Bay Area Snowsports Council. At the age of 10, she fell in love with skiing as a member of the Trolls Ski Club in Illinois.

Intermountain Ski Council

Tama Lamm and Colby Nielsen

Tama is a member of McCall Winter Sports Club, and member of their board of directors for over 6 years. Tama is team manager of the clubs U10 race team, the Little Ski Hill After School Program, and the Payette Lakes Ski Club.

Colby, also a member of the McCall Winter Sports Club, has been a board member of the club for 3 years. Colby is also the general manager of the Little Ski Hill in McCall, and works with several outside organizations to secure the future of the organization.

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Regina Reilly and Victor Chan

Regina, a member and current president of Wailers Ski Club, has been successful with streamlining club on-line accounting, developing procedures for board positions, and recruiting. She is also a member of the National Ski Patrol at Snow Valley.

Victor is a member of the Unrecables, and is has been an instructor for the club for the past five years, helping with equipment and using advanced video techniques to enhance training. He is working to design and develop new equipment which can be used by club members, enjoys attending club fundraisers and other events.

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National Brother of Skiers – Western Region

Teri Allard and Todd Hood

Teri is the current president of Inland Empire Ski & Sports Club, and has also served as newsletter editor, VP and trip coordinator. She's worked to promote activities and experiences to underserved and "never-ever" youth. Teri is Western Region Director of the NBS, and a board member of the NBS.

Todd is a member of Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena, where he is a past board member. He is currently VP Membership of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs, and a National Board Member of the NBS. He also works in several capacities with FWSA.

Northwest Ski Club Council

Becki Robinson and Ryan Rooper

Becki is a member of the Bend Ski Club and is the social media director. She has been a successful fundraiser and outreach coordinator. Becki is on the NWSCC board as social media director and regional rep for Bend and Eugene, OR, and a social media contact for the National Ski Council Federation.

Ryan is a member of Cascade Ski Club, where he has been the liaison for youth racing since 2014. He is the club racing coordinator for PACRAT and NASTAR. Ryan also participates on the board of the Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing Association and coaches for a local high school.

Orange Council of Ski Clubs

Sheila Van Guilder and Drew Young

Sheila is a member of Balboa Ski & Sports Club, where she has served in several board positions. She is currently the president of Orange Council, and is also serving as the Host Convention Chairman for this year's fabulous convention!

Drew, also a member of Balboa Ski & Sports Club, has been a director for five years. Drew has worked hard on charitable events, including sending packages to deployed military, and collecting Toys for Tots for families of deployed military.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Mary Jo and David Arnold

Mary Jo is a member of North Island Snowdrifters, where she's held several positions, including treasurer (present), Mammoth Club Trip leader and co-travel director. She races in the Alpine League, and has participated in several FWSA ski weeks, and is "always in costume"!

David, also a member of North Island Snowdrifters, is a past president as well as other board positions. He has worked on FWSA conventions, and is current Vice President of San Diego Alpine League.

Sierra League & Council

Debi Phelps and Steven Kelly

Debi is a member of Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club, where she's provided active support to numerous ski- and non-ski-related club activities year-round. She is the current BAC race director, and Sierra Council Travel director. Debi is also on the board of the Far West Racing Association.

Steven is a member of the Reno Ski and Recreation Club. He has served as secretary of the club for two years, and as club president.



FWSA Man and Woman of the Year

Todd Hood and Becki Robinson



FWSA Man and Woman of the Year Honorees



Joe Harvis

VP Communications

It has been a very busy few months migrating our existing website to Club Express and building our member database. We are very close to launching the new website and member management system. While we don't have a specific launch date yet, we should be live before you see this issue of the Councilman go to press.

Our long-time editor of the Councilman, Connie Burdett has decided to step down after the publication of the Spring 2019 issue. We wish Connie a fulfilling retirement and thank her for her many years of service to FWSA.

We welcome Nick Cowell as the new Editor of the Councilman. Nick came on board at the June convention and he was anxious to get started. The Fall 2019 issue is his first edition. Join me in welcoming Nick to the team.

Leigh Gieringer is our editor/publisher and Jane Wycoff our assistant editor of the Far West Skier's Guide. They both put numerous hours proofreading all the articles and formatting each issue. Please congratulate them on publishing issue number 32.

Debbi Kor is the editor and distributor of the Far West News Flash. The News Flash is a monthly newsletter informing us of current and future events within the Far West community. Thank you Debbi for all you do for FWSA. If you want to be kept up on what FWSA is doing, sign up to receive the News Flash at <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/NewsFlash/newsFlash.html> and enter your email address

All our publications are in digital format and are accessible from the Far West website at <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/publications.html>.

George Stewart, our multimedia chair, continues to produce more videos and slide shows for us. They can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>.

With our new website going live this fall we send many thanks to Catherine Ohl, our long-time webmaster who is vacating this role. Please join me in thanking Catherine for her many years of service to FWSA.

Now that our new website is live, you will see many new features to make adding and registering for trips, conventions and other events much easier including making your payments. It will also simplify many of our administrative tasks too.



Chris Gill

VP Council Services

The Vice President, Council Services together with the presidents of the 10 FWSA member councils manages programs and initiatives that benefit our clubs—the grassroots of FWSA. We have a talented and involved group of council presidents and program chairs who work hard to administer the programs that we manage.

Council Services oversees the following FWSA programs: Club and Council Communication and Outstanding Club Awards, Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Recognition, Charities and Our Community, and Family and Youth Involvement.

The club and council awards provide an opportunity to reward hard working volunteers. Our committee chairs strive to administer competitions that are relevant and that are easy to enter.

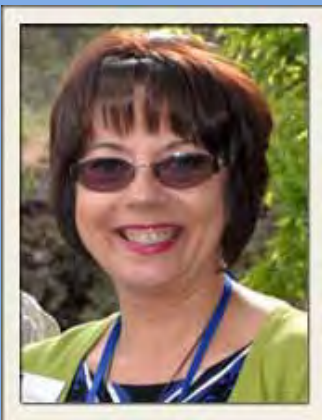
The Charity & Community Service recognition, chaired by Sigrid Noack, highlights the good work our clubs and councils do to benefit their communities. Our councils and clubs provide an amazing amount of support to local and national charities. The considerable charity and community work of FWSA clubs is further detailed by Sigrid on page 36. The yearly club and council charity awards program provides clubs and councils the opportunity to document and showcase their good work for their communities. The top scoring clubs and councils are invited to bring a display board or slide show to the annual FWSA convention so that participants can see all the good work that they do that makes them top scorers.

The Councils' Man and Woman of the Year program invites councils to send an outstanding man and woman from their member clubs to the annual FWSA convention, where they are honored, and compete for the FWSA Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Award. Sheri Parshall chairs this award and has made changes to ensure that each candidate has a wonderful convention experience. The 2018 council candidates and the FWSA winners are highlighted on the awards page here. We are grateful to Big White Ski Resort for their sponsorship of this program over many years. They provide a ski trip for two to the resort to the FWSA winning man and woman candidates.

The Club and Council Communications and Outstanding Club Awards saw significant changes in the application and judging process two years ago. Bill King has finished his first year as chair and we are pleased that submissions in all categories increased significantly over 2018. He has plans in mind to further streamline the application and judging process for 2020.

The Family and Youth Program is chaired by Linda Coxen. She worked with the FWSA Outreach Committee on how to attract new, younger members into our clubs.

Council Services strives to provide our hundreds of FWSA ski clubs with tools and information to successfully serve their members. We welcome ideas and feedback from club members and anyone reading this publication. Please contact me with your ideas and requests for information at chrismgill@me.com. I look forward to hearing from you.



Debbie Stewart VP International Travel

FWSA's 10th Annual Scuba Dive trip to the Philippines



We successfully worked with Roatan Charter, Inc. as our tour operator for the 2019 Philippines Dive Trip. 17 scuba divers and non-diver participants enjoyed their tropical vacation September 28 – October 12, 2019. They departed the US and flew into Manila, Philippines.

The Philippines, Center of the World's Marine Biodiversity, consists of more than 7,600 islands in the western Pacific Ocean and spreads across over 132,000 square miles. It has an uncountable number of coral reefs, deep and shallow dive sites, 3,000+ marine species that spoil divers forever! Every dive was a new experience from whale sharks to juvenile frogfish, from flamboyant cuttlefish to ghost pipefish.

The full two-week trip included 5 nights at the Azure Dive Resort in Dauin/Dumaguete area on the island of Negros where we dove with whale sharks at Oslob along with some great muck diving in the Dauin Marine Sanctuaries with Blennies, seahorses, and juvenile frogfish along with an amazing number of different nudibranches.

When they completed their 5 nights at the Azure, the group flew back to Manila and shuttled by bus and boat to the wonderful Marco Vincent Dive Resort, where they spent 9 nights there enjoying the renowned "White Beaches" of Puerto Galera on the island of Mindoro. This area was declared a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Man and Biosphere Reserve in 1973. Famous dive sites included Verde Island and Apo Reef.

Whether you're an experienced or beginning diver, or just want a gorgeous vacation escape...you'll love the FWSA annual dive trips!

FWSA's 11th Annual Scuba Dive trip to Cozumel

We're planning ahead...and you should too! Working with Roatan Charter, Inc., we'll be offering another amazing adventure trip for the scuba diver and non-diver alike. The dates are October 3-10, 2020, so mark your calendar now.

We'll be staying at the beautiful Iberostar Resort, located close to the 2nd largest reef system in the world. The Iberostar Cozumel provides you with all the necessary elements for an unforgettable 5-star vacation in Mexico's Caribbean. Perfectly combining rustic elements with modern touches, this resort features bungalow suites that provide a unique getaway. With a beautiful beach-front lo-

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cation, it is the proud holder of the Green Globe Certification. The beauty and abundant marine life of Cozumel scuba diving has been documented by famous oceanographers such as Jacques Cousteau. Scuba diving in Cozumel is made even more amazing by the ocean's crystal clear waters, providing incredible visibility.

The land package will include 7 nights accommodations; the resort is all-inclusive including all meals and drinks, 5 2-tank morning dives, 2 dives in the Cenotes, 1-night dive and complimentary Nitrox. Roundtrip airport transfers to the hotel are included plus all hotel service fees, resort fees and taxes.

2020 Int'l Ski/Adventure trip to Davos, Switzerland with Portugal extension trip

If you're looking to go big, then a Davos ski vacation is right up your alley! Organizing with Holidaze Ski Tours, we will be enjoying our International Ski Week from February 28-March 7 and the Extension trip March 7-13, 2020. When in Davos, we will be staying at the 5-Star SEEHOF hotel, offered at some incredible prices.



Davos is an alpine town and municipality in the Prättigau/Davos region in the canton of Graubünden, Switzerland. Davos is located on the river Landwasser in the Rhaetian Alps. The alpine village consists of two parts – the Davos Dorf (village) to the northeast towards Klosters and Davos Platz (place) to the southwest which opens into the valley. Davos in Grisons is a place of superlatives. The largest ski resort in Switzerland and the highest city in Europe, Davos features 5 separate skiing areas: Parsenn - the largest with pistes for all levels and the longest downhill run. Jakobshorn – renowned for its snowboarding as well as a variety of skiable terrain. Pischas, Madrisa and Rinerhorn – all family friendly with many outdoor activities on and off the mountain. Davos is very well known for excellent

skiing, the prestigious conference center which holds the world's Economic Forum and reputation for high quality Wellness Centers. Davos offers many opportunities for both skiers and non-skiers alike...a FWSA International Ski Week trip you won't want to miss.

During the Portugal extension trip we will stay 3 nights in Lisbon, 3 nights in Porto. We will venture out from each of these cities for our day tours along with free days to explore on your own. As soon as we arrive in the capital of Portugal, and Europe's second-oldest capital, Lisbon, we will understand why everyone talks about its special light. The almost constant presence of sunshine and the close relation with the River Tejo transforms the Portuguese capital into a mirror of infinite colors – highlighting the city's unique architecture and beauty. There are so many things to see and do in Lisbon that you will be happy to lose yourself in the streets... As you walk through Lisbon you will find streets filled with heritage monuments, belvederes with breathtaking views, and the narrow typical streets of the old neighborhoods where the city was first developed. The modern side of the city will also captivate you, with architectural masterpieces that deserve a stop to be admired. At night, the options are also endless! You can discover more about the soul of the city in a 'Fado' house or visit the bohemian bars and riverside clubs at Bairro Alto and Santos.

We will enjoy the charm of Porto and of course...enjoy the Port! We hope Lisbon will captivate you and be engraved in your best travel memories forever!

Trip registrations are being taken NOW...don't hesitate to sign up...for this exciting Ski Week and Adventure Trip you won't want to MISS!

2020 Adventure trip to Croatia

FWSA and Alpine Adventures have coordinated this 2020 adventure trip to Croatia September 3 – 13, 2020. We will visit

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all the must-see locations, such as Split, Zagreb, Plitvice National Park, Dubrovnik and . the beautiful Dalmatian Coast. While in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia we will experience the local culture, arts, architecture and, of course, the local gastronomy. The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik with its 16th century stone-walled old town is popular and known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic”. Its popularity has been bolstered to global recognition after serving as the filming location for The Game of Thrones. Split, as the second largest city, offers a similar blend of modern and ancient charm. The spectacular landscapes in the Plitvice National Park will certainly be scenery to remember with its breathtaking terraced lakes and many waterfalls. Plitvice Lakes are a natural phenomenon you won’t want to miss, consisting of 16 natural lakes joined by waterfalls that extend into limestone canyons. This too is a UNESCO World Heritage site and we can’t wait to explore this area.

This Balkan country adventure trip with its 3,625-mile long Adriatic coastline and over 1,000 islands will certainly be a bucket list item to be checked off.

You Spoke...and We Listened!

Planning is underway for the FWSA SUMMER 2021 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP!

We will be going to Valle Nevado, Chile in our summer season 2021, which is their winter. Our plan is to travel from the US to Santiago, transfer to Valle Nevado (which currently has a partnership with Alterra, which is offering the IKON Pass – stay tuned if the partnership changes). You will have the opportunity also to ski at nearby resorts - La Parva and El Colorado. Keep checking the FWSA website for the latest information.

2021 Int’l Ski/Adventure trip to Sölden, Austria and Southern Spain extension trip

The Austrian charm and hospitality are incomparable. Sölden ski area offers 3 areas: Sölden, Obbergurgl and Hochgurgl. They kick off the winter season with the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Opening in October. And...it has one of the action scene sites for the James Bond movie “Spectre”. The huge number of slopes and ski trails for all levels and abilities coupled with the perfect grooming with 91 miles of slopes make Sölden a truly unique winter sports center; 32 state-of-the-art ski lifts and gondolas with a total capacity of 70,000 persons/hour guarantee ultimate skiing fun without queuing.

BIG 3 – Think BIG, Think SÖLDEN! Sölden is Austria’s first resort offering no less than three mountains peaks beyond 10,000 ft. Sölden’s marvelous BIG 3 peaks mark a new dimension in skiing and experiencing the Alpine scenery, opening new perspectives with their viewing platforms. Snow is guaranteed from October through May thanks to its high alpine location of the slopes up to 10,958 ft., 2 glacier ski areas and excellent snow-making systems covering about 75% of the slopes with 350 snow guns.

Sölden is synonymous with sports and entertainment. Besides the great variety of skiing and snow sport activities, Sölden also offers a wide range of entertaining highlights. You will enjoy great après-ski atmosphere as well as weekly events such as night skiing and Sölden Party.

Our Southern Spain extension is being planned for a variety of activities and tours. Our goal is to have central hotel locations that will allow us to venture out daily from the hotel, yet not having to pack & move daily. We’re planning on exploring Malaga, Sevilla, Tourmalinos, Granada and much more!

What’s Ahead...A lot! Mark the following trips on your calendars now!

FWSA 2022 Ski Week – Madonna di Campiglio, Italy

We are planning mid to late February 2022 to go back to the amazing Dolomites.

FWSA 2022 Africa Adventure Trip

Research is being done for central and east Africa, since we did South Africa last time.

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Debbi Kor

VP Marketing and Sponsorship

Another One For The Record Books

Here we are in the Dog Days of Summer, thinking about how nice it will be when we can start thinking about cooler weather, and SNOW! We're in that part of the year where we want to hold on to summer, but we're also anxious to get back to what we all know and love. The Ski Shows have been scheduled, club trips have been planned for the coming year, and we're just holding on to these final days of sunshine, golfing, biking, swimming, and backyard barbecues.

This past Spring and Summer was one of the busiest with European travel for many, many of our Far West friends, who explored France, Italy, Greece, Scotland and Ireland, to mention a few places. What an amazing time they all had! However, the most notable event, in mid-June, was one that many of us participated in. The 87th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention was held in the beautiful, but hot, desert of Indian Wells, California. Hosted by the Orange Council of Ski Clubs, this four-day get-together at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, was a great way for our clubs and councils to meet for Fun in the "O.C". Sun.

Thursday morning, 14 members of our group had a guided tour by veterans from the Korean and Viet Nam wars at the Palm Spring Air Museum. PS Air Museum has one of the world's largest collections of flying machines from WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. Our group was actually able to climb into a WWII bomber to check it out. We also had a group who took a Tour of Celebrity Homes, which is always a fun way to see Palm Springs. Thursday evening was the time for the *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.-sponsored* Pub Crawl, which went to the Renaissance Hotel, Indian Wells, then into Palm Springs to wander through the Street Fair before returning to the Hyatt for dessert and a night cap.

Friday morning was the time for the 13th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored once again by *Club Med*. A Spa Day, at the beautiful *Agua Serena Spa*, was co-sponsored by *Aspen/Snowmass and Snowmass Tourism*, and a trip for 30 of our guests, who took a beautiful tour bus out to the Palm Springs Aerial Tram. They were able to take the Tram up, hike around a bit and then had lunch in their dining area before returning to the hotel in time for the *Jackson Hole Mountain Resort-sponsored* Pool Party. Friday Night was devoted to the Silent Auction and Trade Show, hosted by *Aspen/Snowmass, Ski.Com* and *Sun Valley*. The Silent Auction brought out a few of the locals and some of the hotel guest, along with our many delegates. A portion of the proceeds from the Silent Auction went to the *U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center* at Bear Mountain. USARC provided our bid runners for the Silent Auction this year, and did a wonderful job. Thank you for all your efforts!

Saturday morning was the time for the Travel Expo. It is always a big hit with our Industry Partners, as it allows them to have one-on-one time with club and council representatives who are planning trips for their groups. This is an amazing way for our clubs and councils to meet with Industry representatives to get answers to questions they may have about lodging and activities in the resort area that they are planning for their club to travel to. For the time spent in this almost-two-hour session, the participants work to get their Travel Expo Passport signed by those reps that they meet with, in the hopes of winning the Grand Prize of the weekend, which is a trip to the next years' Ski Week.

Saturday's luncheon, sponsored by *Vail Resorts* and hosted by *Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Sports America Tours and Big Sky Resort* was the time to recognize a number of our guests, and to listen to our Keynote Speaker, *Dr. Jon Kedrowski*, Author and Ski

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Michael Bouton

VP Membership

I had intended to present these ideas during the SLA session at the convention this year, however, time constraints did not allow me to do so.

After hearing the resolution for membership development at last year's convention, I have been thinking and polling members of my club and council regarding increasing membership and attracting younger members. Your club can probably come up with some terrific ideas to recruit new and younger members. These may create a start.

Engage younger skiers and boarders through Instagram and a photo contest that will have some substantial prizes. It will be presented across several social media platforms and have a special identifier, #skiclubcontest.

1. Introduce to your club an idea of championing a series of FUN Runs in your community, targeting participants ages 30-60. The individual can identify separate charities to benefit monetarily from the entry fees and the clubs can benefit with the engagement of the participants.
2. Through ski resorts, clubs can organize special challenge courses with fun activities; stressing safety, conditioning, and mentoring. This can be orchestrated through Boys and Girls Clubs, Y Clubs, and other youth groups. This process is to recruit the parents of these kids.
3. Overall, people of any age want to have relationships with others of similar ideals and interests. I believe that new ways of engagement will allow people in our communities to investigate what a ski and board club is all about. However, clubs will need to re-invent themselves to accommodate some of these ideas.
4. If a club or any organization is not "Growing" they are dying by way of their own demise. If a club is "Thriving" by the activities they offer, they will continue to exist into the future. "Complacency Sucks"
5. Find a younger (under age 50) member that has ideas and put that person in a leadership position. Step back and allow them the opportunity to welcome younger members into your club. You'll be surprised as to how this will work.
6. Have a raffle contest in your club and see how many tickets 2-3 teams can sell. Get e mail addresses from the buyers and let them know what your club is doing on a regular basis.





Nancy Ellis

VP North American Travel

ISLAND WINDJAMMER CRUISE

19 Far West Ski Association members had a fantastic time sailing the British Virgin Islands aboard the Vela March 19—26, 2019. Our crew of 8 spoiled us for the week with gourmet meals, delicious foods during Happy Hours, took us to snorkeling spots with lots of colorful fish, ferried us to pristine beaches, provided us with Stand Up Boards (SUP) and floaties to play with, took us to the best

Night life spots on each island, and even let some of us hoist the sails! We had a fun time meeting new people and renewing friendships with others that we haven't seen in a while. Thank you to Island Windjammer and our crew for a wonderful time: Capt. Patricio; Mate Luis; Eng. Jeff; Chef George; Cook Philbert; Bosum Steelo; Deck Mark; Steward George; Steward RonRoy; Ops Manager Leah.



BIG SKY SKI WEEK—JANUARY 25—FEBRUARY 1, 2020

Councils are busy selling the Big Sky Ski Week! People can register on their council's on-line registration site. All paperwork and trip options are done on-line this year, and people have the option to send a check to Sports America, our Tour Operator, or pay by credit card on-line. People can select their lodging and bedding options when they sign up. You

find out when you sign where you will be staying—no more waiting for the trip leader to tell you where you're staying!. We will have a day trip to Yellowstone for either a snowmobile or snow coach tour, and another trip option to visit the Wolf and Grizzly Bear Sanctuary. We have some great lodging for our group—The Huntley Hotel; The Summit Hotel; Shoshone Condominiums, and The Village Studios. All properties are in the main village close to the ski hill and ski week events. We also have the Big Horn Townhomes, a short way from the village. It has a shuttle and a poma lift to access the ski hill. There are many great restaurants in the base village and in the town a short shuttle ride away. Big Sky is on the IKON pass so those purchasing their pass online with their registration will get an additional benefit of either \$30 or \$50 off their lodging package based on the type of pass they purchase. Contact the Council Trip leaders located on the fwsa.org website for more information.

BIG WHITE MINI TRIP—MARCH 29— APRIL 3, 2020

Big White is our destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. We will be staying at the Inn at Big White which features an outdoor heated pool, hot tub, games room, fitness center, complimentary Wi-Fi, heated underground parking, and ski locker storage. Each Superior Room has a gas fireplace, 40" HDTV, and its own Galley Kitchen which includes an induction cooker, mini -refrigerator, microwave, and sink. Dishes, cookware, and utensils are included. Most units are 1 queen and 1 murphy bed. Each room (double occupancy) will receive 2 FREE lift passes per night booked. The trip package includes a Welcome Party, Farewell Dinner, and complimentary Snow Host Mountain Terrain Tour. Activities include ice climbing, horse drawn sleigh rides, dinner & sleigh rides, dog sled rides, snowmobile rides, day spas, tubing, ice skating, snowshoe tours, and local hockey games. Clubs and councils are encouraged to bring a group of 12 or more on this trip and earn the per person incentive for promoting the trip to their club and getting sign ups. This trip qualifies for the "club incentive" program which means that clubs/councils bringing a group of 12 or more receive money for the club! Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, for more information about this trip or the club/council incentives program: garski2011@gmail.com.

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ZERMATT UTAH RESORT & SPA/PARK CITY CANYONS—March 21—26, 2021

We're heading to Utah to Zermatt Utah Resort and Spa for the 2021 Mini Ski Trip. This is a 4-star hotel and villa property with a full-service spa and wellness center, indoor/outdoor pool, hot tubs, 2 restaurants, bar, and bakery all on site. The resort is 45 minutes from Salt Lake Int'l airport, 11 minutes from Deer Valley Ski Resort, and 18 minutes from Park City Mountain. Sundance skiing is just 20 minutes away. Enjoy a soak in a 10,000-year old crater hot springs! Ski.Com will be our Travel Partner and they are planning the various activities for our group. There will be fun activities for both skiers/boarders and non-skiers! Gloria Raminha will be the trip leader for this mini ski trip: 661-800-8229 or 661-829-5996; garski2011@gmail.com. Trip registration starts April 1, 2020.

SUN VALLEY SKI RESORT—January 30—February 6, 2021

Sun Valley Ski Resort was selected as the destination for the annual Far West Ski Association All Councils Ski Week. Sun Valley has more than 3,400 vertical feet and over 2,000 acres of varied terrain on two mountains. Bald Mountain's consistent pitch, lack of lift lines, and variety of terrain have earned it the reputation as one of the world's best ski mountains. It features 17 chairlifts, 105 runs, and 30 acres of glade ski and boarding terrain for all. Participants can select from the following lodging options: Limelight Lodge (Ketchum); Sun Valley Lodge 2-bedroom Condos; Sun Valley Lodge (Hotel rooms); Sun Valley Inn (Hotel rooms); and Sun Valley Lodge 2- or 3-bedroom apartments. Want to take a day off from the slopes? You can use unused lift tickets for a variety of activities such as 1- hour of bowling; Sun Valley dining; 1- hour horse-drawn sleigh ride; \$40 credit off purchases in Sun Valley Resort, a ski tune, or Spa Services; and several other amenities. There are many activities for skiers/boarders and non-skiers/boarders such as ice skating, bowling, sleigh rides, Nordic skiing, and movies. Save the dates and watch for more information from Council Trip Leaders or information posted on the Far West Ski Association website, fwsa.org beginning in early spring 2020.

2021 NORTH AMERICAN ADVENTURE TRIP

Plans are being made for a 2021 Alaska Inside Passage Cruise with an extension to Denali National Park and Preserve. The date will be sometime in June/July 2021. People will have the option to do the Cruise and extension package or Cruise only. Trip information will be available on the Far West Ski Association website, fwsa.org, beginning in January 2020.

Looking forward to seeing you on one of the Far West North American trips! Contact Nancy Ellis at fwsatravel-nancy@sbcglobal.net or www.fwsa.org for updates on the FWSA North American Travel Program.





Fran Long
VP Public Affairs

Summer Occupancy is Down; Rates are Edging Up
Destimetrics

Western mountain resorts are reporting current summer occupancy figures that are down, compared to nearly seven years of consistent year-over-year growth, according to Destimetrics. Lodging stats among 18 mountain communities, in six western states, is starting to experience small, but measurable, declines. Modest declines that started appearing over a year ago are continuing as a slight, but consistent, negative trend.

For the month of June, actual occupancy was down 4.5 percent compared to June 2018. And even though the Average Daily Rate (ADR) for the same period was up 3.1 percent, the decline in occupancy led to a 1.6 percent decrease in revenues for the month.

The full summer period from May through October showed a similar pattern. As of June 30, occupancy is down 3.4 percent compared to the same time last year with reduced year-over-year occupancy in all six summer months. In contrast, ADR for the summer months is up 3.4 percent and continues to help offset the declines in occupancy, though not enough to push aggregated summer revenue higher than last summer. The result is a slight 0.5 percent decrease in summer revenues this year.

“For the first two months of the summer season, lodging performance in western communities has not been as robust as we’ve seen in past years,” said Tom Foley, senior vice president of Business Operations and Analytics for Inntopia. “Although rates are continuing to tick up, they are increasing at a slower rate than any time in the last six years, and the cooling occupancy figures are pulling revenue figures down for the summer to essentially flat year-over year.”

Future bookings taken in June for arrivals during the upcoming six months were also down. Bookings showed an aggregated 9.4 percent decline compared to the same time period last year. Bookings for the month of November were up 21.1 percent, but the other five summer months were down. September had the most dramatic decline, being down 31 percent. Among the participating properties, bookings have been down for four consecutive months.

“Western mountain destinations are clearly experiencing a different set of circumstances this summer than for the past six to seven years when consistent increases in occupancy and rates delivered steady revenue growth,” Foley explained. “Metrics for the summer are softening, a pattern we first detected back in 2018. The declines are not yet dramatic but the increasing demand for summer mountain recreation and lodging has put pressure on the supply which has led to rising rates,” he continued. “Those rising rates are starting to lower demand, and while properties have been able to maintain and raise rates thus far, occupancy is continuing to slide and it will be interesting to see how properties strike the balance between maintaining visitors and revenues for the remaining summer months,” concluded Foley.

Destimetrics tracks reservation, occupancy, and revenue data from resorts in six western states: Colorado, Utah, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Wyoming.

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First U.S. Indoor Snow Centre

After a series of ownership changes, financing issues, construction delays, and legal challenges, the American Dream Meadowlands retail and entertainment complex, first proposed in 2003, is now set to open on October 25, 2019. The public is welcome to attend its opening on Friday, October 25, 2019, where they will feature the launch of the property's indoor Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park and DreamWorks Water Park, 16 acres of fully enclosed family amusement experience; Big SNOW Ski and Snowboard Park, North America's 1st indoor snow sports center; the Ice Rink, an NHL-size skating and hockey facility; Angry Birds 18-hole Miniature Golf experience; and unparalleled experiential destination shopping.



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SNOW Operating, the business behind Terrain Based Learning at 32 resorts across North America including Killington, Jiminy Peak, Camelback, Aspen Snowmass and Whistler Blackcomb will manage the indoor snow park.

“We know that the community has been eagerly awaiting the launch of this incredible global destination,” said Don Ghermezian, President of American

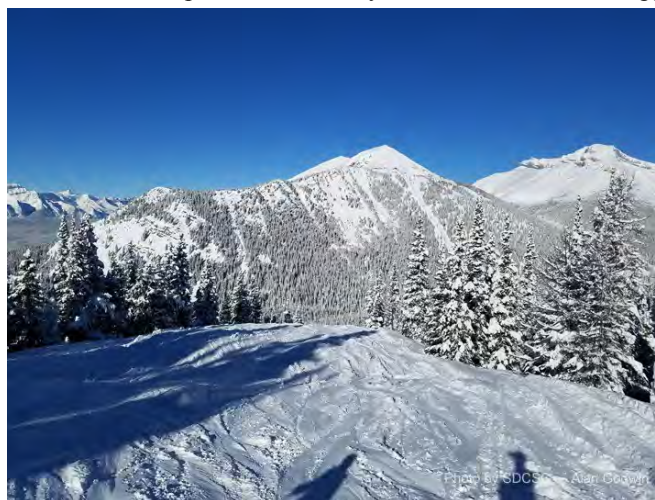
Dream. “We have a one-of-a-kind property that will reshape the way people think about entertainment, theme parks and shopping and we are so excited to reveal our incredible Nickelodeon Theme Park, DreamWorks Water Park and Big SNOW Ski and Snowboard Park.”

American Dream will house hundreds of diverse retail, dining, entertainment and fashion experiences including: the Coca-Cola experience, featuring the Coca-Cola Social Lounge; Merlin Entertainments' LEGOLAND Discovery Center & SEA LIFE Aquarium; CMX Luxury Movie Theatre; Munchies Food Hall; Kidzania, world-renowned role-playing experience for kids; American Dream Observation Wheel; Performing Art Center; and over 100 dining and specialty food offerings including over 20 full-service restaurants within its approximately 3 million square feet.

American Dream, developed by Triple Five Group, will offer customers a unique dining, shopping, and entertainment experience. Planning a trip to New Jersey? Check it out!

Awards

As you have been perusing this Councilman, I'm sure you noticed all of the awards given at the convention in June. Current applications for Environment Award and the Safety Person of the Year Award are now on the website: www.fwsa.org. What are you/your club doing in the areas of safety and environment? Each award winner receives a nice ski reward for their efforts. Aspen/Snowmass sponsors the Environment Award, and Telluride sponsors the Safety Award. Check out the applications, and consider applying.





Bob Ellis VP Racing

This year has been very challenging for skiers and racers alike due to the huge amount of snow we have received in California. There was near record snow in Northern California and Southern California this year.

Sierra League, Singles League and Open League were able to complete 6 races. Southern California leagues have had low attendance this year.

The Far West Championships were held on March 22-24th at Heavenly on the Nevada side at the Stagecoach lift. The slalom was on Saturday, and the Giant Slalom was on Sunday with 2 runs for all racers on both days. Naturally, we got more snow on Saturday morning, but we were able to push the snow off the course and have a great Slalom race day, Sunday went off smoothly with no new snow and everybody that raced had a great weekend at South Lake Tahoe.

The results of the Far West Championships had Open League in first place in points for the Overall Award, with Singles League in second place, and Sierra League in third place. The Roma McCoy Award was won by Singles League, with Open League in Second and Sierra League in third place. Open League had the only Junior racers and won the Overall and Points Per Racer Awards for Juniors.

This year we had Ski Week at Steamboat Ski Resort, and we had a great time, the race courses were very firm with fresh snow on top, for all our race days. In the Council Challenge Match Race, we changed the format to the team with the least difference from the first run to the second run. Once again, the Los Angeles Council team was first with only 1.76 seconds, Sierra Council took second with 2.37 seconds difference, and Sierra Council 2 was third with 3.29 seconds difference. In the Costume Division, Sierra Council took first with the best costumes and San Diego Council was a close second.

In the two GS races, the results for the Lake Louise Top Council Award was won by Bay Area Council with 760 points, in second was Los Angeles Council with 398 points, and third was Sierra Council with 356 points. The Joe Ross Award for Top Club was won by Rusty Bindings with 282 points, second was Cabernet with 244 points, and third was Aerospace with 187 points. The individual results had Don Shafe being the fastest man both days, and the fastest women were Joyce Hedlund on Monday and Kathy Brewington on Wednesday. Congratulations to all of the racers in all the classes!

At the Far West Convention in Indian Wells, John Walsh was the recipient of the Terry Smith Award from the Far West Racing Association.

Next year we will have Ski week at Big Sky Resort in Montana, and we will have the Far West Championships at Mammoth Mountain on April 4, 2019.





David Krupp

Athletic Scholarship Chair

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program is entering its 16th year, growing from an initial \$1,500 in scholarships in 2004 to \$16,500 and 19 recipients in the 2018-2019 season. The total awarded since the program's inception is now over \$150,000 to over 100 recipients.

The program is designed to provide financial assistance to junior ski racers throughout the western United States where FWSA has a presence. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers affiliated with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) and must participate in racing programs in states where FWSA has regional councils. These include California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, athletic performance, academic achievement, and community service.

Skiing is an expensive sport and the costs involved in ski racing cannot be left up to the parents alone to incur. For younger athletes the costs are modest. However, for 16 through 20 year olds, where competition becomes national and even international, the costs can be significant. Without the help of outside resources, many junior racers simply cannot compete. For a top competitor, expenses can reach \$20,000 per year. This is not a seasonal sport for these racers; it includes a full year of ski-related involvement. After the winter race competition has concluded, competitors engage in dryland training; then off to summer camps. Camps typically run about \$1,200 per week, not including transportation.

Winter training costs range from \$1,000-\$1,500 each season. Most applicants work part time to offset expenses. The demands on their time is significant. They must balance their time between training, competition, school, work, and community service. Despite these demands, the average GPA for these recipients consistently exceeds a 3.9 average. Our scholarships are modest compared to the need, but they do make a difference in the overall scope of the resources they require.

The funding of the scholarships come from a number of sources: raffles, auctions, club and council partnerships, and direct contributions from club members, clubs, and councils. The FWSA has greatly benefitted from the generous support from its sponsors including Whitefish Mountain Resort (www.skiwhitefish.com), a year round winter and summer resort; Averill Hospitality, a premier choice in mountain resort accommodations; Schure Sports, Inc. (www.karbonmail.com), maker of the Karbon line of snowsports apparel, the US Ski Team, and the Far West Racing Association. Their contributions of vacation packages, snowsports apparel, and cash bring in approximately \$10,000 per year as raffle and auction proceeds, as well as direct cash donations.

In addition, our partnership program through clubs and councils afford us approximately one third of our scholarship funding each year. Finally, the Far West Ski Foundation (www.farwestskifoundation.org), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, is a valuable resource for encouraging tax exempt donations. For more information on the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program, please visit www.fwsa.org.





Sigrid Noack

Charities and Our Community Chair

A great big THANK YOU to all our FWSA clubs and councils for being so involved with charitable activities. It's amazing how many charities, and what a huge variety of organizations, have been impacted by our FWSA members' generosity.



This year we honored the Rusty Bindings Ski Club of BAC with the FWSA Charities & Our Community medallion. This group of wonderfully enthusiastic members worked hard and diligently this past year under the leadership of president Janet Spencer with many charitable organizations. The Care Bear Donations program was a fun activity involving sewing and stuffing bears to distribute to needy and homeless children and dementia patients. The club donated 100's of bears to many of their local charities: Vestia Incorporated assists those at risk in the community, Bay Area Crisis Nursery provides safe housing for families in need, the Monument Crisis Center provides many programs to underprivileged adults and children, Bright Star Care provides in-home care to dementia patients who will cuddle the bears for comfort, The Shelter Inc. provides homeless services and housing assistance, the Bykes for Tykes charity received bikes along with the cuddly bears! The Concord Police department received two bears, and the United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County carry two bears in each of their 28 engines, just in case there's a need! Club members also organized a Christmas gift wrapping program for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Rusty Bindings members enjoyed supporting the Achieve Tahoe Disabled Sports program for people of all ages who need assistance in performing outdoor sports. The club has provided teams that participate in their charity ski events benefitting the Disabled Sports USA Wounded Warriors program.

This 13th annual Charity Recognition program was a wonderful success. A great big thank you to Rusty Bindings members, who took time out of their busy schedules to apply for this prestigious competition. They presented a beautiful picture board to display and to share their wonderful charitable activities with our industry friends, our FWSA family, and guests at the Convention. It continues to amaze everyone just how caring the members in our FWSA clubs are.

Looking ahead to the 2020 FWSA Convention in Portland, Oregon!

The FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition program will receive a face lift this year. We are planning to recognize more of our clubs and councils for the unbelievable amount of charitable work, that they do. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, continue with your enthusiasm and devotion, that you have been giving to favorite charities! And then share your program information with us at next year's convention.



Contact Sigrid for any suggestions or recommendations at skisig@gmail.com.





Fran Long Environment

Far West Ski Association Environment Award

Are you interested in doing something to affect the negative changes that are taking place in our environment, especially our snow-sports environment? Would you enjoy spending 5 days skiing at Aspen/Snowmass with your lodging, lift tickets, air, and rentals all paid for you upon arrival? That is exactly what the 2019 Environment Award winner received. FWSA wishes to thank Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant Aspen, and The Crestwood Condominium Hotel for their generous sponsorship of the 2019 award. As an early leader in the ski industry reducing their carbon footprint, Aspen/Snowmass proposed this award for FWSA in 2015.

About the Award

The environment Award is designed to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made an impact in the community.

Conduct or arrange an event(s) for your club, council, or the general public that focuses on the principles of “Protect Our Winters (POW)”. The mission of POW is to engage and mobilize the snowsports community to lead the fight against climate change with a focus on educational initiatives, advocacy, and community-based activism. Stage an event based on one or more of the seven actions of the POW pledge.

Learn more about POW at: www.protectourwinters.org.

Work with your club or council and your local ski area to develop or improve your ski area’s “Sustainable Slopes” program. This program was adopted by the ski industry in 2000. It provides an overarching framework for ski areas on sustainability and enhanced environmental performance.

Learn more about Sustainable Slopes and NSAA’s Environmental Charter at: www.nsaa.org/environment/sustainableslopes.

Who is Eligible

The Award is open to any individual who is a member of a Far West Ski Association Club or Council. You too could be the recipient of this award and potentially a generous ski package as well.

Additional information can be found on the FWSA website: www.fwsa.org; or by contacting Fran Long, Environment Award Chair: fancat87@gmail.com. The 2020 application will be available soon.





John Watson History Chair



CREATING FAR WEST HISTORY

FOUNDERS DAY – EARLY OCTOBER, a newly launched history appreciation program. Far West was founded in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco October 7, 1930. All our clubs and councils have founding dates scattered through the calendar. But why not schedule your organization for a Founders Day season kickoff event? We suggest it be a daytime event outdoors, involving family foods and probably involving some sports activity. I would be very appropriate to bring children and grandchildren to a Founders Day and include them in your club event. Think of it also as a long range demographic effort to sustain a robust membership. A great Founders Day opportunity will be available at the **California Ski Library's Open House on October 6, 2019 in Norco**. It's the Library's 15th year. You would be astonished at the ski related materials acquired by FWSA Snowsport Builder Ingrid Wicken.

HISTORIC SKI CLUBS AND COUNCIL, 2019. Five clubs and San Diego Council were authorized the designation "Historic" at the FWSA convention June 16, 2019. This brings the Historic total to 28 clubs and two councils; the roster remains open for additions in 2020. The Historic BAC presented Modesto (1936), Marin (1938) and Nisei (1958); Orange presented Orange County SC (1964) and San Diego presented Torrey Pines (1961) and the San Diego Council itself (1963). It's the easiest history program to enter. All you need furnish the History Chairman an application, proof of founding date 50 or more years ago and in continuous operation and a high definition digital logo. There are a lot of eligible clubs in BAC and LA Councils.

Deadline to get your historic proofs to the History Chair is March 15, 2020.

FWSA HEROES. Got an unrecognized or under-recognized hero in your memory bank or in your organization? We try to remedy this with recognition panels at the convention. At the 2019 convention, we posted portraits of Jimmie Heuga – Olympian and humanitarian, Lila Lapanja – US Ski Team aspirant, Lindsey Van and Sarah Hendrickson – US Ski Jumpers, Royall Brown – Public Lands Advisory Board, Bruce Campbell – 10th Mountain Division, and Doug Pringle – DSUSA Founder. These were easy and most have been recognized in some way. There is a host of people who undeservedly remain in obscurity. Help us spotlight them. Just send your nominee's name to the chair, with an image that can be digitally reproduced and a brief paragraph or more, citing the reasons the candidate is a hero. Send em when you gottem, but **the standard cutoff is March 15.**

[FWSA Club and Council History Recognition](#)

The Association offers an opportunity for clubs and councils to showcase their history at the annual meeting. An archive of histories will be created at museums in Far West; this will show not only the development of skiing in a district but the roles of the organization in the community at large. It is a project that will require research of records, the collection of images (with identifications), writing and assembly according to a set of guidelines. Guidelines, not just checking off the boxes, are available on FWSA.org. A number of clubs, and one council, have competed for this recognition. The club list includes Sequoyah, Fresno, San Diego, North Island, Skiyente, Snowchasers, and Single Ski Club of LA – who won the Western Ski Heritage prize in 2019. Bay Area Council won the recognition in 2016, the only council to do so to date. Work is progressing on an LA history and San Diego has a good start by being designated a Historic Ski Council. Deadline for 2020 is March 15. Contact the History chair at fwsa.watson@gmail.com if you're thinking of making a club history or have questions. Application form is available on FWSA.org.



John Watson, President

The Far West Ski Foundation held its annual meeting June 13, 2019 at the start of the Far West Convention. Joe Harvis was named a Trustee and Sandra Knapp the Recording Secretary. Several new Friends were named. In addition to Scholarship grants in the name of 19 racers totaling \$16750, grants of \$500 each were authorized for the High Fives Foundation, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and Big White Adaptive (first time three such grants were made in one FWSF meeting). Grants of \$500 were each made to the Squaw Valley Museum Foundation and to the California Ski Library. The Friday silent wine auction raised enough for an adaptive grant. Joe Harvis, assisted by Tom Bundgard, conducted the auction after our Friends helped set up the venue and banners. During the Sunday General Session of FWSA, a number of continuing and NEW contributions for scholarships were made.

Contributions may be made by check or email or no-fee Pay Pal to Far West Ski Foundation.org. Also on the web at farwestskifoundation.org. And if you buy from Amazon or ship by FedEx or deal with any other companies that offer a companion donation to your favorite charity, remember FWSF. Your gift may be undesignated or assigned to one of the four missions of the Foundation: scholarships, adaptive, international competition or education (museums). A number of namesake funds are available in each of these categories.

FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize

In Partnership with  **Steamboat**

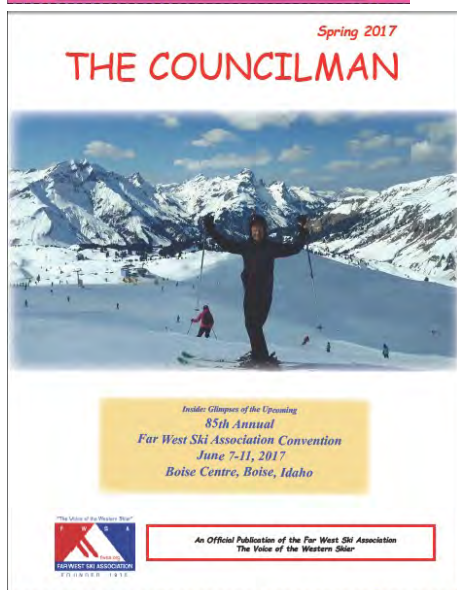
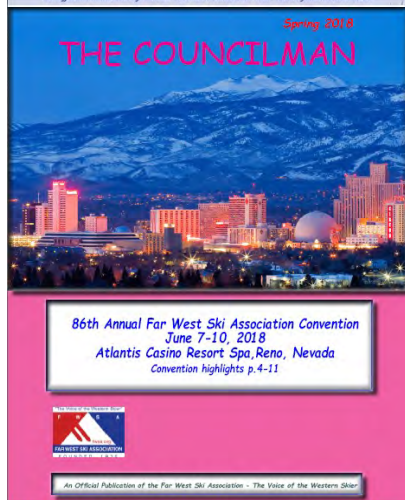
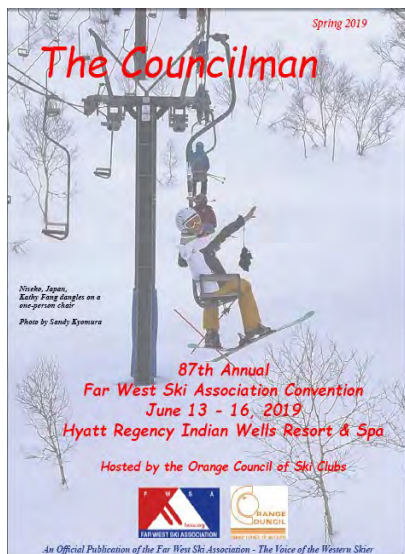
From time to time, we have the opportunity to honor a prior but unsuccessful Heritage candidate or an exceptional club history with the Western Ski Heritage prize. Such a club history was submitted in 2011 by the Single Ski Club of Los Angeles, which went dark in 2013. The history though was an exceptional piece of pictorial history, one which covered that club's first 50 years. The book was available in both digital and paper copy, now only in digital and available on request to the History Chair at fwsa.watson@gmail.com



Historic Ski Clubs & Council

Historic Club	Location - Council	Founded
Cascade	Portland, OR Northwest	1928
Fresno	Fresno, CA Central	1934
Longview	Longview, WA Northwest	1935
San Diego	San Diego, CA San Diego	1935
Sequoia	Visalia, CA Sierra	1935
Modesto	Modesto, CA Bay Area	1936
Mt. Hood Ski Patrol	Mt. Hood, OR Northwest	1937
Bogus Basin	Boise, ID Intermountain	1937
Marin	Marin County, CA Bay Area	1938
Long Beach	Long Beach, CA Los Angeles	1938
Bay Area Council	San Francisco, CA Bay Area	1940
Schnee Vogeli	Portland, OR Northwest	1942
Idaho Falls	Idaho Falls, ID Intmtn	1947
Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ Arizona	1948
Grindelwald	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles	1949
Vand Bakke	West Covina, CA Orange	1950
Desert	Richland, WA Northwest	1953
Hawaii	Aiea, Hawaii Northwest	1953
Balboa	Newport Beach, CA Orange	1955
Skiyente	Portland, OR Northwest	1955
Wailers	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles	1957
Nisei	San Francisco, CA Bay Area	1958
Cheyenne	Cheyenne, WY Intmtn	1959
Single *	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles	1960
Torrey Pines	San Diego, CA San Diego	1961
Snowbounders	Anaheim, CA Orange	1962
San Deigo Council	San Diego, CA San Diego	1963
Orange County	Fountain Valley, CA Orange	1964
Bergfreunde	Portland, OR Northwest	1967
4 Seasons West	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles	1967

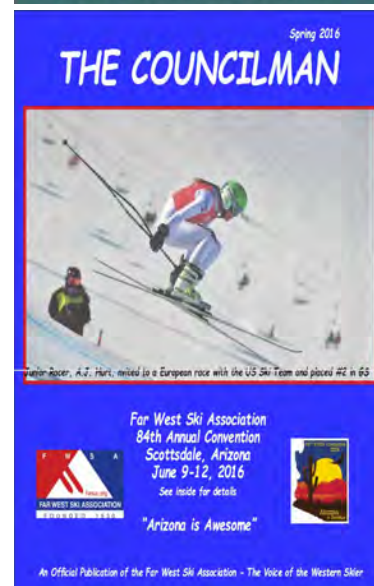
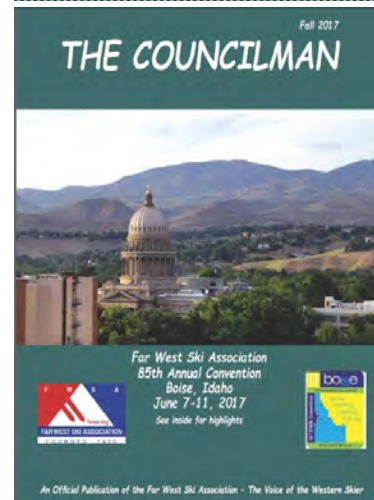
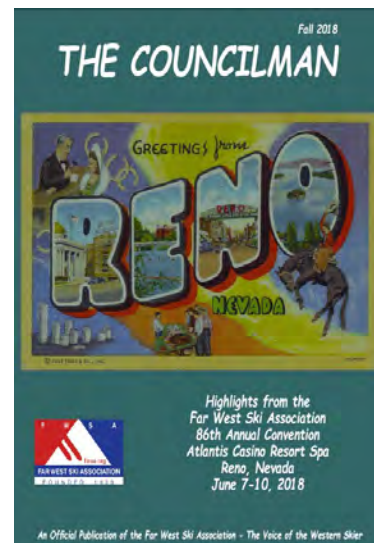




The Councilman is 50 Years Old

John Watson, Founding Editor

In the summer of 1969, I had just been elected President of Southern Council and impressed with its scope and possibilities. In the prior months, I had researched the numbers and identities of all the council or council-like organizations across the nation and had compiled a modest library of information. There were big Councils in the Midwest, none in the Northeast, and a Federation in Pennsylvania. This knowledge base came in very handy in promoting the USSA National Ski Weeks which were conducted for the next 15 years. But there were things to do and initiatives to pursue in Southern Council. We needed a communication vehicle and the simplest thing we could do was to publish a newsletter. So, with the office skills of Martha Perez and a little help from a fellow club member, we composed and produced a mimeographed newsletter on legal size paper. Volume 1 was published in July 1969. It carried on as a mimeographed newsletter until FWSA News was started by Russ Tiffany. That became Far West News. Both were tabloids.





Dr. Richard Lubin

Safety Chair

LISTs

How do you get things done?

One thing that always helps me is making a list. And oh yeah, strong coffee helps. These can be for improving, but also for staying on track. It's for whatever you want. Place it somewhere prominently, like your refrigerator so you can confront it daily.

Start by identifying the goals that are most important to you. Make small steps to make them easily attainable and keep it simple.

This is a short example. In a longer version you might address many other issues like finances, relationships, house, job, vehicle, vacation etc.

Sample Categories

Health

Food, More water, salad, teas, probiotics, greens, nuts, seeds, backyard veggies, farmers market. Don't eat late, eat slowly quit before full.

Exercise

Stretch every day throughout the day, twenty minutes three times a week. Play playlist in podcasts for motivation. Strength training three times per week, flex, posture mindfulness, breathe. Visualize Snow, a downhill run. Edge to edge stability, visualize smooth balance coordination.

Improvements

Swollen? Try something challenging every single day. Why be normal? Meet at least one person a day. Find new podcasts and music. Be and act smarter every day

Goals

Perfection or some sort of it. Never stop learning. Try something new every day. Do something fun for yourself every day. Do something exciting every day. Improvement continuum. Augment your orientation. Use different parts of your brain. Keep it novel and practice progression

Hopefully this helps reinforce something you may already do or gives you a new idea.

Whether it is preparing for the new Ski season or just getting through your daily life,

LISTs can keep you on track.

For me the list is not the engine, its the rudder that helps me steer the ship.

..... oh and strong coffee helps!

FWSA Safety Person of the Year Award

So, who can be the FWSA Safety Person of the Year? Any person who is associated with FWSA can apply for the Safety Person of the Year Award. This yearly award honors the person who has done the most to promote safety consciousness within the association. This can be done through a variety of methods including safety articles, on mountain activities, presentations, public speaking, working ski patrol, creating posters or banners, and many other activities.

FWSA is a proponent of safe skiing and riding by all participants, at all times. We believe safety should be given the highest regard by both ski resorts and snowsports participants. Safety is no accident, safety is having fun consciously! The Safety Person of the Year Award is designed to encourage others to take action in making snowsports safer for everyone, and to recognize outstanding efforts in this area.

The 2019 Safety Person of the Year received a 5 day/4 nighttrip to Telluride, Colorado for two people, with lodging, rentals, and lift tickets. Thank you, Telluride for your sponsorship of the 2019 award.

Who is Eligible

The Award is open to any individual who is a member of a Far West Ski Association Club or Council. You too could be the recipient of this award and potentially a generous ski package as well.

Additional information can be found on the FWSA website: www.fwsa.org; or by contacting Fran Long, Environment Award Chair: fancat87@gmail.com. The 2020 application will be available soon.





Linda Coxen Youth & Family

Our mission is to disseminate club and council activity information in regional areas to sustain and grow the family and youth market.

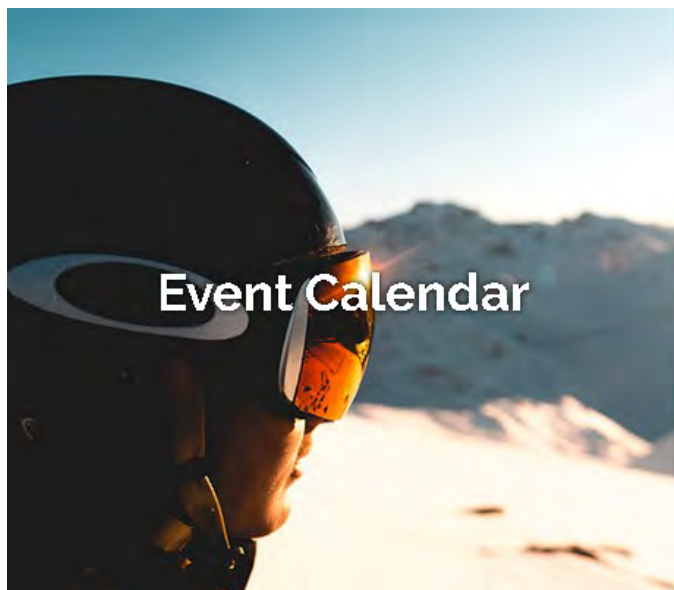
To meet our mission we will be setting up regional “Meetup Groups” to post trips and other family and youth activities your clubs and councils are organizing. Look for links coming soon to the meetup groups on the FWSA website.

Other options for getting out our message will be:

FWSA Events Calendar

Social media – Facebook

Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page. (hyperlinks below)



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FWSA will be traveling to other than those listed above: Sun Valley, Idaho; Zermatt Resort, Utah; Alaska Cruise; Croatia; Solden, Austria; Chile; Madonna di Campiglio, Italy; Africa, and The Galapagos Islands. Visit our website at www.fwsa.org or follow us on our Facebook page for more information about our travel program, annual convention and to learn more about our organization.

I'd like to thank our outgoing officers, Jane Wyckoff, Trustee and Connie Burdette, Councilman Editor for all their efforts and time during their terms of office. and I'd like to welcome our new officers, Jo Simpson, Trustee and Nick Cowell, Councilman Editor to the Board. These officers along with the rest of the Board of Directors, Council Presidents and Committee Chairs and have been working diligently on our FWSA programs along with our Committees to continue executing the existing programs and developing new programs to add value to our membership.

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FWSA 2024 Galapagos adventure trip

Research is underway for the 2024 adventure trip to the Galapagos and possibly Machu Picchu or another destination. Stay tuned for the announcement of this trip.

As FWSA VP of International Travel, I realize that your vacation days are precious. The best ones are those that leave you feeling recharged, inspired and that your explorations are worthwhile, ones that your most cherished souvenirs are those that can bring you the grandest memories.

For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program:

Debbie Stewart at: FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net

Mobile – 559/737-0882

FWSA Travel Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc/videos>

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Mountaineer. Jon had just returned from leading a group on a Mt. Everest Basecamp trek and then went on to Tibet, where he did the back side of Everest, and even skied some from the north side route before making his way to us in Indian Wells. It was great to hear of some of his remarkable climbs that he has made. Jon has also authored two books: "*Classic Colorado Ski Descents*", and "*Sleeping on the Summits: Colorado Fourteener High Bivys*" which earned him the 2019 Bill Berry Award for Featured Article. Thank you, Jon. You are always welcome to return as our Keynote speaker, or Public Affairs panelist.

Saturday evening's Awards Banquet, sponsored by *Diamond Peak Ski Resort* was devoted to honoring our many industry partners, sponsors, and participants. Also honored, were several outstanding people involved with Far West Ski Association, who were presented with FWSA Service Awards, the Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year, sponsored by *Big White Ski Resort*; The Western Ski Heritage Award, sponsored by *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp*; the Safety Person of the Year Award, sponsored by *Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain Lodge Telluride*; and our Environment Award, sponsored by *Aspen/Snowmass*.

I would like to personally thank all of our wonderful industry partners for your sponsorships and your participation in our annual event. You make it fun! You make it exciting! Without you, we would not be able to provide the successful event for all of our members and guests that we do. We look forward to seeing everyone in Portland, Oregon next May 28-31, 2020, when our Northwest Ski Club Council will be hosting the 88th Annual Far West Convention, and celebrating Far West Ski Association's 90th Anniversary. See you all in Portland, where we will all be "*Rollin' On the River*".

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Wanda Himler Arizona Ski Council



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) was formed to promote skiing and friendship among clubs, safety on the slopes and build camaraderie of fellow skiers and adventurers. A.S.C. represents two ski clubs, and a corporate club. The clubs are primarily in the Phoenix – Scottsdale metro-area. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, bikers and social members/adventurers.

The current clubs that participate in the Arizona Ski Council, are as follows:

- Boeing Employee Adventure Club
- Phoenix Sea Club (PSC)
- Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SS&SC)

This past year, A.S.C. participated in the FWSA Ski Week, the convention, board meetings and other events. We host Happy Hours and dinners, during the summer months. We also provided a bowling tournament. We have more planned for 2019, including a 'Topless Road Rage' and a 'Haunted Happy Hour'. We always participate in the FWSA ski week, the convention and other events. For other exciting Arizona Ski Council events, please access www.arizonaskicouncil.org.

The participating ASC clubs, are as follows:

The Boeing Employee Adventure Club a Corporate club, continue to do their hiking schedule and family events around town. Employees may contact www.boeing.com for more information about planned recreation activities.

Phoenix Ski Club, (PSC), a ski club based in Phoenix and celebrated their 70 year reunion, this past year. PSC takes pride in offering a variety of amazing activities, including cruises, hikes, ballgames and a safari to Africa. PSC has their 2019-2020 ski trip schedule, on their website. Check it out:

- PSC will be going to Telluride, Colorado in January 2020 for 'ARIZONA DAYS'.
- In January of 2020, PSC will be going to Big Sky, with FWSA.
- in February of 2020, PSC do a ski trip to Copper Mountain, Colorado.
- In March of 2020, PSC will ski at Mammoth Mountain
- PSC will wrap-up the ski season with a ski trip to Winter Park, in April of 2020 The Phoenix Ski Club isn't just a ski club, they have something for every person, whether a skier or not. They plan trips all over the world. If you don't like to travel, then come to a party or happy hour or meeting. Yes, they do it all. Check it out. Please go to www.phxskiclub.org for more information about the Phoenix Ski Club.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC), is an premier activity club and ski club, in the valley and central Arizona. SSSC is a non-profit social club, run by its members and for its members. SS&SC provides year-round activities, including snow skiing and snowboarding, hiking, happy hours, biking, kayaking, camping, boating, scuba diving, cruises and many more. The SS&SC has their 2019-2020 ski trip schedule, on their website. Check it out: Telluride, Colorado in January 2020 – Arizona days

- Big Sky in January 2020 – FWSA ski week
- Jackson Hole in February 2020
- Salt Lake City, Utah in March 2020

The SS&SC has many more adventures on the books. If you are interested in Hawaii, they have a trip. If you like to cruise and bicycle, yep you got it, SS&SC has a barge and bicycle trip. You want it, they got it. You like the movie Mamma Mia? You guessed it. They just opened up a Mamma Mia cruise. For more information about all the other SS&SC activities go to www.scottsdale-skiclub.com

Newly elected council officers:

President – Wanda Himler

Secretary/Web Master – Jim Nachbar

Club Reps:

Boeing Adventure Club – Glenn Pyle

Vice President – Karen Bonine

Race Chairman – Bill Behnke

Phoenix Ski Club – Bill Behnke

Treasurer – Dodi Bailey

Past President – Arleigh Meiners

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club – Linda Westlund



Paul Vlasveld Bay Area Snow Sports Council



You will always hear how proud we are of the volunteers within the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)!

During our January BAC General Council Meeting Paul Vlasveld was re-elected as Council President. It has been an extremely busy 6 months.

The New slate of BAC Board of Directors was elected at our April BAC General Council Meeting. The following are our re-elected BOD other than yours truly:

Secretary – Karen Davis

Treasurer – Keith Wilson

Membership – Benelia Terry

Travel – Gail Burns

Industry Liaison – Norm Glickman
Past President – Dennis Heffley
Cathy Wilson

Public Affairs – Harry Davis

Webmaster –

Our new and improved BAC website is attracting existing club members and new club members. This is due to the efforts of our webmaster Cathy Wilson and Jenn Wilson. BAC won the Council website award at the FWSA convention June 13-16, 2019 in Indian Wells

The BAC is moving forward with having many exciting events during the non-ski season to continue the focus on what our council represents and why clubs should be part of BAC. Our mission is to encourage new members to join one of our member clubs.

Plans are already being made for the Bay Area Snow Sports Councils 14th Annual WinterFest Celebration Meeting. When we started this event we had only 3 resorts participate. Now . . . it's grown to great heights! This event will take place Monday November 4, 2019 after the SnowBomb Show in San Francisco. This event allows the ski resort partners to meet our club reps and travel directors in a small focused event. We will be inviting our Industry Partners to this exciting and fun event. This way, those attending the SnowBomb Shows can plan on sharing an evening with the BAC!

At the FWSA Convention in Indian Wells this year, BAC was honored with many awards for Newsletter (Inskiers, Reno Ski Club), Council Website-Cathy Wilson, History (Nisei), and racing(BAC, Rusty Bindings). Thank you to Rusty Bindings for the distinctive charitable exhibit display which they won. They are one of the clubs that illustrates what makes BAC such a fantastic Council. I want to thank Harry Davis and Benelia Terry for attending in my place. It seems they had a great time.

I would like to congratulate Gail Burns for representing Inskiers and BAC as the BAC Woman of the Year at the convention.

Next year will be another Fun & Busy Travel Year for the BAC.

In 2020, BAC will have another mini-trip to Utah. The trip is already full. BAC may also have an international Bike and Barge trip Italy.

In addition, BAC has approximately 40 members signed up for the ever popular FWSA Ski Week to Big Sky, Montana in 2020.

I am proud of our, 2019 BAC Woman of the Year. Gail Burns from Inskiers. She is also the BAC travel director. showed the other candidates why we are proud her. Congratulations!

BAC has a very dynamic and diverse membership who have been and currently are members of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Far West Ski Association Board of Directors.



Fran Long
Central Council



Central Council invites ski, sport and social enthusiasts throughout the central California area to consider joining one of our clubs. Currently, clubs are located in Fresno, Exeter, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Salinas. Check out our Meetup site and consider joining one of our clubs. Our site can be found by searching www.meetup.com in the Paso Robles area. Contact information for our clubs can be found under 'about us'.

Central Council had a very small contingency on The FWSA North American Ski Week to Steamboat. We are already making plans and looking forward to next year's FWSA North American ski week in Big Sky, Montana. FWSA's many ski and adventure trips are great for drawing our members and clubs together for adventure, fun, but most of all, friendship.

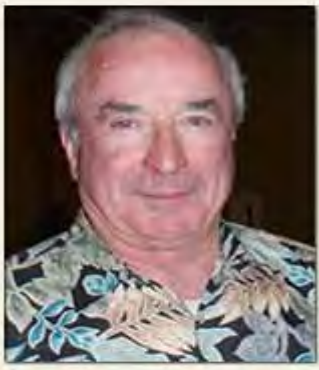
Wanting to do our part to support the organization that offers us so much fun, Central Council is again looking forward to hosting the pool party at the annual FWSA convention. This time, we're looking forward to taking our activities to the convention in Portland, Oregon. Why not consider joining this fun and educational convention, and supporting Central Council at the pool party.

And speaking of conventions, the eleven Central Council members who attended the 2019 convention last June in Indian Wells, California had a blast! Our members worked hard, learned a lot, and had fun at all the social events. The convention is a great way to continue to motivate our club leaders, and it's a great way to get others involved.

We would also like to congratulate our Environment Award winner, Janine Rands. Janine is a member of SLO Skiers in San Luis Obispo. She was honored at the FWSA convention in June for her efforts in leading a campaign promoting zero waste within our club, our communities, and our ski areas. We are proud to have her as a member of our council.



As a council, we are all about supporting our seven member clubs, building friendships, and supporting our larger organizations, Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation. Visit our Meetup site for council information, and links to our member clubs' information: <http://www.meetup.com/Central-Council-Ski-Clubs/members/184988046/>



Paul Markowitz Intermountain Ski Council



Our little council that could is still chugging along. Most of our clubs are doing summer activities such as family campouts, hikes, and bicycle winery tours. Everyone is getting in shape for early conditioning. Ski season is just around the corner.

We are down to five clubs in our council and continue to look for volunteers to lead our council. So, if any of you reading this article are interested, please reach out to President, Paul Markowitz. (e mail: pmarkowitz@cableone.net) We'd like to hear from our club representatives as to what is going on with your clubs. Without you, our representatives, we cannot pass any votes on council business. Please contact us and let us know what you would like to see from the council.

We are planning our annual Sun Valley rendezvous, January 2020. It's a great time to experience Sun Valley at half price. You can make your own reservation for the full week or just a few days. Be sure you mention ISC to get the best pricing on lodging and lift tickets.

We'll have more to report on next issue but until then keep doing those stretches.





Sandy Blackwell

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



The Los Angeles Council (LAC) of Ski Clubs currently consists of 24 clubs, which include snow sports, water sports, and a bit more social type of club, that covers a large area from Santa Barbara to the north, the Inland Empire to the east and just south of Long Beach.

Snow skiing/boarding, sailing, biking, socials, movie premieres, ski patrol, you name it, we have a club that does it – and we can because we have the most diverse area that can encompass ALL of those activities. Very few councils can boast this mix of activities available to their members. We do it all!

The home base for most of the council clubs is Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, a five hour drive from central Los Angeles. Mammoth offers an entire array of outdoor activities year round (skiing, biking, hiking, camping, jazz concerts, hot springs, and fishing) for the club members. Los Angeles Council also participates in the FWSA Ski Week each year, and our VP of Travel, Todd Hood, has had such a great response to his new way of handling the trips. The annual ski trip is working out so well. LAC is looking forward to next year's trip to Big Sky, MT, at the end of January and there is a plan to push for more people on the Big White, Canada trip at the end of March.

LAC is back from joining Far West Ski Association at the Convention in Indian Wells, in June, where our members had the pleasure and privilege to assist Orange County in putting on a great Convention with lots of fun in the OC Sun! The Convention was great fun, a lot of great information.

Los Angeles Council is also involved in a well organized race season within Far West Racing Association and is comprised of two race leagues: Rokka and ULLR, headed up by Laura Preiss and Ken Kawahara, respectively. Included on the schedule are Rokka Race Camp, the Ski, Ride & Race Week, three race weekends, the SoCal Championships, and the Far West Championships coming up in a few weeks.

The council has one main event it hosts during the year – the Snow Gala, this year being held in November. The Snow Gala is another event that gathers our clubs together for dining, dancing, and the ever important and popular Man and Woman of the Year competition. Many of the LAC level winners have gone on to be the Councils' Man or Woman of the year in FWSA, so it is a very important part of this event!

The Council's bi-monthly actual meetings are announced timely and there are always some interesting announcements of events, happenings, things to do, from the multitude of clubs in the Los Angeles area. On the alternate month, we do a telephone call meeting and while, not the same as in person, the work gets done. We have also found a little niche location in Sherman Oaks that has provided us with a really nice meeting spot, so watch for emails about it. (It's a little restaurant almost under the freeway where the 101 and 405 freeways meet). And they are very good to us there.

For details regarding all of the Los Angeles clubs and activities, please visit us at www.lacouncil.org



Todd Hood National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region



On September 29, 2018, the Presidents of the member clubs of the National Brotherhood of Skiers Western Region (NBSWR) voted to accept the invitation to join as the 10th council of the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) because in a TEAM, Together Each Achieves More! The 13 independent entities that comprise the NBSWR have joined together to benefit from economies of scale, shared information and resources, and overall camaraderie. Each organization has their own identity, yet we share common objectives of expanding interest and participation in organized snowsports. That same concept holds true for the NBSWR and the organizations that comprise the FWSA.

All Seasons Ski Club	Oakland, CA	Blade Runners Ski Club	Los Angeles, CA
Camellia City Ski Club	N. Highlands, CA	Ebony Ski & Racquet Club	W. Sacramento, CA
Executive Board Snowboard Association	Los Angeles, CA	Fire & Ice Ski Club	San Jose, CA
Four Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club	Los Angeles, CA	Inland Empire Ski & Sports	Riverside, CA
Mountain View Ski Club	San Diego, CA	Sierra Snow Gliders, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
SnowBusters Ski Club	Pasadena, CA	U2 Can Ski Club	Stockton, CA
Winter Fox Ski Association	Los Angeles, CA		

Leaders of the National Brotherhood of Skiers Western Region were excited to attend the Far West Ski Association 87th □Annual Convention from April 13-16, 2019 in Palm Springs, CA. As the 10th council to join the Far West Ski Association, the NBS Western Region made an impact:

“Brotherhood of Skiing“, the REI film about the National Brotherhood of Skiers was presented with the Far West Ski Association's Warren Miller Award – Modern Media.

Todd Hood (SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena) was awarded with the FWSA Councils' Man of the Year Recognition while serving double duty as master of ceremonies for the FWSA Awards Program

Afarah Board (Inland Empire Ski and Sports Club) wow'ed 75 participants at the Snowsports Leadership Academy on "Getting Over the Ifs, Through the Ands, and Off the Buts" - A Workshop on Overcoming Objections to Build Your Membership and Leadership Pipeline Teri Allard (Inland Empire Ski and Sports) represented the Western Region in the FWSA Councils' Woman of the Year Recognition NBS Western Region member club leaders like Yolanda Lockhart (SnowBusters), Jane Gutierrez (Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club), Frank Robertson (Winter Fox Ski Association),

Brenda Holden and Josephine Cheatham (SnowBusters); Benelia Terry (Fire & Ice Ski Club); Iris Williams and Thomas McClain (Executive Board Snowboard Association); Cleo Board (Inland Empire Ski and Sports); and Paige Hendrix, Jackie Bartlow Sales, Eric Blackmon, and Dr. Lori Moore (Four Seasons West) volunteered at and/or attended the Silent Auction, meetings, workshops, parties, and meal events.

We launched ticket sales announcing our "2020 Vision Grand Prize Drawing" for thousands of dollars of prizes, including a week-long stay in Squaw Valley, a weekend stay in Las Vegas, a free 2021 Urban Winterfest All Access Pass, and a round-trip ticket on

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Delta Airlines. For details, email GreatPrizes@nbswr.org

Congratulations, and thank you to all the Far West Ski Association Award winners, volunteers, voting delegates, registrants, participants, and supporters.

Building Essential Skills and Talents/Outdoor Youth Connection Youth Leadership Camp

NBS Western Region hosted a great B.E.S.T./OYC Youth Leadership Camp the weekend of June 21-23, 2019 in conjunction with the state of California Dept of Parks. Executive Board Snowboard Association, SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena, The Rosebud Academy, Loma Linda University Health, Glen Park Healthy Living, Zeffie Bruce of Fire & Ice Ski Club, and the Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated of Pasadena collaborated to host 35 campers and chaperones for a weekend of interpersonal and leadership skill building. Kudos to Keith Green, NBSWR Youth Director, and his team of volunteers, parents, participants, chaperones, and donors for successfully conducting this third annual youth outreach event.

Los Angeles Metro Inter-Club Beach Party

On August 17, 2019, current, past, and prospective members of the Los Angeles Metro Area NBS clubs brought beach chairs, blankets, and wood for the bonfire. There were games for adults & kids (volleyball, dominoes, cards, Giant Jenga, and more). Sun, Moon, Sand, Sea, Fun & Music! And afterwards, many participants headed to Burton Chase Park, Marina Del Rey, CA for a free concert by Leela Hathaway.

Fall Presidents' Meeting in Sacramento, CA

Leaders of the NBSWR Member Clubs convened in Sacramento in October 2019 for the NBSWR Fall Presidents' Meeting to discuss plans for the winter season, and upcoming regional elections among other business.

NBS and the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame

The US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame nominated National Brotherhood of Skiers Founders Ben Finley and Art Clay to be voted for induction into the Hall of Fame! The induction ceremony <https://skihall.com/induction> will be held in Sun Valley, Idaho on March 25-28, 2020.

The NBS that Art and Ben started nearly 50 years ago has created tens of thousands of snowsport enthusiasts responsible for generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue in the snowsports industry. The NBS' annual gathering is known industry-wide as the largest ski event in America.

Since March of 2016, a team has been working to get Ben & Art inducted to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. For the past two years, Ben & Art qualified to "be considered for placement on the ballot", however were not selected. Special thanks go out to Kim Bentley, Naomi Bryson, Peggie Allen, Jane Gutierrez, Joe Long, Billy Kidd, and the Far West Ski Association for your support in this endeavor!

In addition to Ben and Art's nomination, the National Brotherhood of Skiers is now a recognized member of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame's National Voting Panel (NVP). The National Voting Panel is comprised of the board members from:

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| -US Ski and Snowboard | -Cross Country Ski Areas Association (CSSAA) |
| -The US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame | -United States Olympics (USOC) |
| -Sports Specialists Ltd. (SSL) | -Regional Museum and Ski Area Associations |
| -The International Skiing History Association (ISHA) | -The National Ski Patrol (NSP) |

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- Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA-AASI)
- Living Honored Members of the Hall of Fame
- North American Ski Journalism Association (NASJA)
- National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS)
- Snowsports Merchandising Associations (SMC)
- Snowsport Industries America (SIA)
- National Ski Area Association (NSAA)
- X-Games
- Members of US Ski and Snowboard Awards committee
- Other appointed industry individuals appointed by the USSSHoF board Chairman

To view the 2019 nominees visit <https://skihall.com/current-election> To apply for a position on the NVP please email justin@skihall.com with your name, industry connections and resume along with one paragraph on why you feel you are qualified to vote.

On the Calendar

Both Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club and the Los Angeles area member clubs of the NBS Western Region will exhibit this year at Ski Dazzle LA <https://skidazzle.com> from December 6-8, 2019 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Please contact skidazzle@nbswr.org to participate.

As far as winter plans, members representing the 51 clubs of the National Brotherhood of Skiers and beyond will convene at Sun Valley Resort from February 29-March 7, 2020 for the NBS Mini-Summit Annual Meeting and Challenge Cup (AMCC) <http://www.nbs.org>.

Leading up to the AMCC, from January 16-20, 2020, the NBS Western Region will host "2020 Vision" - Urban Winterfest <http://www.urbanwinterfest.net> in South Lake Tahoe at Heavenly Ski Resort with a day at Northstar and a day at Kirkwood (ending with a dip in the Grover State Park Hot Springs). Urban Winterfest will include a Mountain Lunch with DJ, daily apres ski events, a "Casino Royale" theme party, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Breakfast Program, featuring presentations by Urban Winterfest 2020 Youth. Additionally, the NBSWR plans to bring a contingent to the Far West Annual Ski Week <http://skiweek.nbswr.org> in Big Sky, Montana from January 26-February 1, 2020.

Additionally NBSWR clubs will host events in their local cities as ski/board trips such as Youth Learn to Ski/Board Better (SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena), Local Youth Development Trips and a trip to Mammoth (Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club).

NBSWR information is available at <http://www.nbswr.org>

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Chris Ciardi Northwest Ski Club Council



Let the celebration begin, NWSCC is 40 years old and PACRATs (our racing league) turns 35 this Fall. We're working on an exciting party in December to coordinate with our PIE Auction for charity, and race bib pick-up. Currently all of our clubs are getting their trips organized and participants signed up. It's going to be another exciting year of many trips.

Want to do some "Rollin' on the River"? NWSCC is pleased to be hosting the 88th Far West Ski Association Convention, May 28-31, 2020, at the Red Lion Hotel on the Columbia River, Janzen Beach. Located on the scenic river, this beautiful property will be ground zero for a weekend of activities, including a bus tour of Historic Mount Hood, cycling in the Columbia River Gorge, the Annual "It's Not Your Daddy's" Michael German Golf Tournament, a bus tour of Southwest Washington wine country, and our famous Pub Crawl. Our industry partners will join us for our Friday Night Silent Auction, free to the public, where fantastic prices can be found for all kinds of vacation packages, with part of the proceeds going to local Northwest charities. Olympians and other ski industry personalities will be joining us, as well. Saturday night there will be dining and dancing at our banquet--and we're throwing in a Casino night for all of you high rollers. And the icing on the cake? We'll be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Far West Ski Association with a birthday party only FWSA can throw.

Our annual election of officers and directors was held in June. Elected were Christine Ciardi, President; Sue Rimkeit, Vice President; Jeanne Reinhardt, Secretary; Bill King, Treasurer; and Directors at Large: James Rogowski, and Tom Arnold. Additional directors were appointed at our annual retreat in July. This year we have asked several seasoned board members to take over the Industry program. We are busy making planning events for our new fiscal year and anticipating another fantastic ski season to enjoy.

For 35 years, PACRATS, our racing arm, has provided the exciting opportunity to participate in a recreational alpine racing league on Mt. Hood. Participants have fun racing down the mountain and celebrating their results with many friends. Even novices can learn to compete at their own skill level and watch for improvements through the season. In a typical year, over two hundred racers compete on teams, then celebrate the season at their annual Rat Attack party and awards ceremony in the spring.

Clubs fill the summer with fun activities, but always anticipate gearing up for the next ski season. We're in the process of updating our web calendar with all club trips. Our council is looking forward to participating at the annual FWSA Ski Week in beautiful Big Sky, Montana in February. It's always fun to visit beautiful places, ski fantastic new terrain and make new friends.



Sheila Van Guilder Orange Council of Ski Clubs



Orange Council had twenty-five attendees at the FWSA 2019 convention. Our Convention Committee is to be congratulated on the great job they did arranging and leading the optional events.

Sheila Van Guilder represented us as Orange Council Woman of the Year, unfortunately the Orange Council Man of the year, Drew Young, was ill and unable to attend. Outstanding members of their own ski clubs, they have spent many years supporting the sport of skiing. Orange Council thanks them for representing us so well.

We are planning the annual Orange Council picnic for October 6th this year. It was a big success last year and we are planning to hold it in the same location in Newport Beach. Last October we had over 40 attendees and all our clubs were represented. This annual event is free to all ski club members and the Orange Council Board of Directors barbecues burgers and dogs, providing all the trimmings for everyone. There are also tennis and pickleball courts available for the more ambitious athletes.

In 2020 our new VP of Travel, Judy Thurman will be heading up the trip to Big Sky, Montana, the FWSA Annual Ski Week. Many excited skiers have signed up to go. Fountain Valley goes ski in Vail next year and already have a full trip scheduled.

In June, July and August Balboa Ski and Sports Club holds their meetings on the Newport Bay, dinner is served and dancing follows. John Symes, a long-time member and pro DJ spins the platters. This popular venue usually brings out 50 to 75 members. Fountain Valley Ski Club go Stand Up Paddle boarding and kayaking every Wednesday during our warm months, everyone is welcome. The Snowbounders continue their monthly dine outs and hiking adventures.

If you would like to join in on any of these activities, go to the Orange Council of Ski Clubs website.





Chris Gill

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs has been very busy with updating their logo and the council website. The Council's new logo was unveiled in January of 2019. The logo reflects the 3 key areas of the council organization, which are skiing; year around outdoor activities and the red airplane for our international travel. We are now on Club Express and our very pleased with our layout and the functionality it brings.

The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs celebrated their 55th year of being a council. We had a huge reunion in which all past Club and Council Presidents, Man & Woman of the Year and the Joe Harris recipient were honored with individual ribbons for each position they held. The Council was also given a Historical Designation Award from the Far West Ski Association at this year's convention.

The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs has 9 active clubs in the area. This year several of our clubs combined bus ski trips to Mammoth Mountain. The fly away trips in 2019 were to Revelstoke, Canada (Action Ski Club), and Steamboat (North Island), and Big White (Pacific Rim). The 2020 flyaway trips are Baniff and Utah (Action Ski Club) and (North Island) will be going to Jackson Hole. The San Diego Council will be joining FWSA for Ski week in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The San Diego Council also had their annual Aspen Ski trip in December and took about 50 people. This year will mark the 25-year anniversary of this pre season ski trip. The San Diego Ski Council took over 60 people to Steamboat with Far West Ski Association as well.

The San Diego Ski Council's first international ski trip this year was a Bike & Barge trip from Amsterdam to Bruges Belgium with Girolibero. This was followed by a post trip to Greece with May Flower Tours. The group in Amsterdam got to tour the Red light District, do a nighttime canal cruise, visit the famous Kuekenhof Tulip Gardens and join in the famous national holiday, King of Orange day. It was quite an experience to see everyone dressed all up in orange and take over the central part of Amsterdam. The Greece tour took started out in Athens with a visit to the Parthenon, then a speedboat to the island of Mykonos for wonderful shopping and great Greek salads. They finished the tour in Santorini, which had the most amazing views and sunsets.

The San Diego Ski Council will be heading to Melbourne, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji starting in October with Grand Circle Tours. We are taking about 40 people. We will be visiting all the famous landmarks in each of these countries. The 2020 calendar is already filled up with another Bike and Barge Trip down the Mosel River in Germany followed by a post trip to Iceland with Mayflower tours.

The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs attended the Far West Ski Convention and had a large turn out of delegates from their clubs. The San Diego Ski Council will be hosting the convention in San Diego in 2021.

The Council will be holding their annual Gala/Party in November in which we announce our MOWY and the Joe Harris Recipient. We will also be working on helping our clubs build their memberships and participating in a lot of ski events in the up coming season.





Jo Simpson
Sierra Council



Sierra Council Enjoying Summer Activities

Many of the Sierra Council clubs are enjoying summer activities and all are looking forward to the coming ski and snowboard season.

The Reno Ski and Recreation Club members have been enjoying hikes, bike rides and camping this summer.

The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club members are escaping the desert heat to enjoy evening summer theater performances in the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. They are also enjoying hikes and playing golf.

Sierra Council kicked off summer with our annual picnic meeting and election of officers. I am happy to report that all our board members are continuing for 2019-2020. We had several new members join the board last year or move into new positions and they did a great job, as did the ones who continued. The following officers were elected: Jo Simpson, President; Corey Doolin, Vice President; Carlene Boutacoff, VP Travel; Pat Ostroff, Secretary; Nan Carnal, Race Director; Mark Ostroff, Head Gatekeeper; Pavel Bosin, Webmaster; and Beth Perryman, Newsletter Editor.

Looking forward, we will be holding our annual planning meeting in the fall and we have six races scheduled for the coming season.

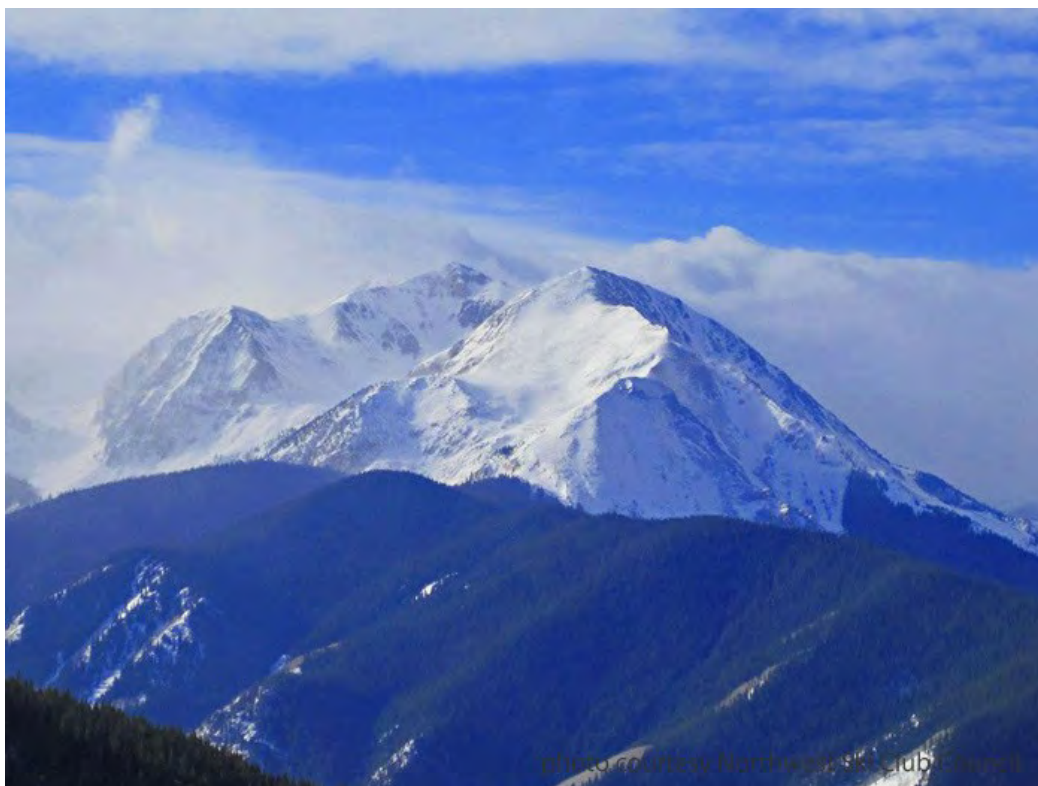


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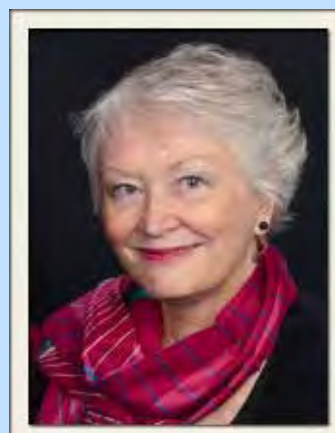
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FWSA keeps a database on members, clubs and councils. It is important that information in this database be current so that communications are received in a timely manner. Changes in club or council officers; membership addresses and phone numbers; members' club affiliations; club or council meeting location; or, requests for information from the database must be sent to the FWSA President, Gloria Raminha at president@fwsa.org. The Far West Ski Association website at www.fwsa.org has a Ski Club Officer Update Form. Clubs can upload the [Officer Update Form for 2020-2021](#).

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