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Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019-2020

Far West Ski Association is Turning 90: FWSA was founded during a lunchtime meeting in the *Palace Hotel* on **October 7, 1930**. We will return to the Palace on October 10, 2020 to commemorate our origins. The historic evolution of the Association, from the birth of skiing as a sport in the gold camps, to today's multi-state organization, with ten ski councils, will be recounted by expert witnesses to its accomplishments. To stay informed of the plans for the birthday commemoration, send an email with *FWSA90* in the subject line, to fwsa.watson@gmail.com. Invitations will be sent out in the summer of 2020 to persons on this list. Seating will be limited.

Happy Anniversary: Bogus Basin Ski Club celebrated their 81st Anniversary in March of this year. Bogus Basin is part of the *Intermountain Ski Club Council*. Reno Ski and Recreational Club, a member club of *Sierra League and Council*, celebrated their 40th anniversary in May. The Portland Trailblazers, in the region of *Northwest Ski Club Council* are celebrating their 50th Anniversary, in 2020.

Happy Birthday Sesame Street: This wonderful, iconic children's program, that entertained our own children and currently our grandchildren, turns 50 this month. How many times did you sit down with your kids to count with *The Count*, or make cookies for *Cookie Monster*? Here's to many more years of entertainment.

Amazon Smiles with Far West Ski Foundation: Did you know that FWSF is a participating charitable organization with Amazon. Please consider signing up for the Amazon Smile Charitable program and select the *Far West Ski Foundation* as your charity. Amazon will then donate a percentage of each purchase to FSWF. There is no added cost to you. Amazon makes the donation from their proceeds.

Far West Skier's Guide: The *Far West Skier's Guide* is out and should be in your hands by now. We've been handing them out at all of our local ski shows, and throughout Certified Folder locations. The **NEW** digital version is also available at: <https://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2019-20/>. Thank you, Leigh Gieringer, Editor, for all of your hard work on both versions of the Guide. A big "Thank You" also goes to Jane Wyckoff, Assistant Editor. It takes a lot of time and effort to put these annual issues of the Far West Skier's Guide out. The work that is done is professional, beautifully laid out, and easy-to-read.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

2020 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK: *Big Sky, Montana* is the site for the 2020 North American Ski Week, January 25 – February 1, 2020. *Big Sky* is **BIG**... with four mountains, giving access to more skiing than anywhere else in the United States. The Big Sky lift ticket, or IKON pass, gives skiers/boarders access to 5,800 skiable acres. Ski runs up to six miles long, and glades and bowls covered in 400+ inches of annual snowfall, give every age and level of skier and boarder something different. Check with your council trip leader or the FWSA.org website for more details.

2020 MINI SKI WEEK: *Big White* is the destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. *Big White* is home to the best snow in British Columbia and the longest season in the Okanagan Valley, and the largest totally ski-in, ski-out village. It has 18 on-mountain restaurants cafes delis, pubs, and night clubs. Dates for this trip are March 29-April 3, 2020. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, at: garski2011@gmail.com for additional information.

FWSA DAVOS, SWITZERLAND SKI TRIP: **THERE IS ROOM for more** on this trip to *Davos*! If you're interested in going, get in touch with Debbie Stewart **NOW**. The dates for the *Davos Basic Ski Week* are February 28-March 7, 2020. We will be working with *Holidaze Ski Tours*. The *Portugal Extension Trip*, which will be from March 7-13, 2020, is currently sold out. However, there is a **wait list**, so don't hesitate if you still want to go. For any questions, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: FWSAIntTrvl@prodigy.net, or 559-737-0882

FAR WEST 2020 ADVENTURE TRIP: Far West will be offering an Adventure trip to *Croatia*, September 3-13, 2020. We will be working with *Alpine Adventures* on this particular trip. This will be a land and boat/yacht trip, limited to a minimum of 30, and maximum of 40 participants. Group air will be based out of **LAX**. Ground transportation will be by air-conditioned motor coach. Trip includes: Welcome reception, dinner and Farewell Dinner. Daily breakfast is included, along with 6 lunches, and 4 dinners. Explore Plitvice National Park, the most famous park in *Croatia*. Guided walking tours, visiting several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Diocletian's Palace, Trogir, the highest peak of Croatia – Vidova Gora, with beautiful views of the Adriatic, Korcula, the birthplace of Marco Polo, and much, much more!

2020 DIVE TRIP: Cozumel will be the location for the 2020 Far West Dive Trip. The dates will be October 3-10. Lodging will be at the *Iberostar Cozumel Resort*, and will include 2 cenotes dives on the mainland. Flyers and registration forms are currently being drafted, and will be available by December 1.

FWSA 2021 SOLDEN SKI WEEK: This trip will have an extension to *Southern Spain*. Three bids have been submitted, and bid comparison analysis is currently being worked on and should be decided on soon.

FWSA SUMMER 2021 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP: *Valle Nevado, Chile* ski trip with extension to *Atacama Desert* currently being researched for details of Atacama Desert conditions. Possible dates would be late July or August, 2021.

OTHER FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS UNDER CONSIDERATION: FWSA International Ski Week, 2022 to *Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy* was voted on at April, 2019 Board meeting. An *Africa Adventure Trip* has been approved for 2022, going to central and east Africa. And, a *Galapagos Adventure Trip* has been approved by the FWSA Board for 2024.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: Iceland – Land of Fire & Ice: A Mayflower Tour Cruise, Aug 5-11, 2020. Your 7-day trip includes: adventures of volcanoes, waterfalls, Blue Lagoon entrance, whale watching, a full-day Golden Circle tour, Reykjanes Peninsula. Price is \$2,349 without air.

(SDSCC) - Romantic Villages of Alpine Europe-Grand Circle Tour: This trip is OCTOBER 3-18, 2020. Visit Italy, Switzerland, Austria-Germany, 15 days. \$3495 without air. 24 meals, 9 guided tours, 8 Discovery events, with local Grand Circle Program Director. Pre-trip *Lake Como*; Post-Trip: *Salzburg* - priced separately.

Intermountain Ski Club Council: The Intermountain Ski Council will be hosting the annual rendezvous trip at *Sun Valley*, January 5-12th, 2020. Lodging and lift tickets are half price, or use your Epic pass, to ski the best mountain in North America. Call Sun Valley and book your own reservations, just mention ISC for the best rates. Call Michael Bouton for further information. 208-703-0444.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

SIX Months & Counting: Far West Ski Association's 88th Annual Convention is schedule to take place May 27-31, 2020. Put those dates on your calendar **NOW!** Northwest Ski Club Council is planning a terrific five-day-event for you all next May. The theme will be "Rollin' on the River", with a Riverboat Gambler idea in mind. We will START OFF with a *Dinner Cruise on the Willamette River* on Wednesday evening, and follow with a *Mt. Hood Adventure Day* on Thursday, as well as the Annual Far West Pub Crawl on Thursday evening. Friday will bring the "Not Your Daddy's" Golf Tournament on Friday morning at McMennamins, Edgefield. We are also planning a Wine Tour and a Bike Ride on Friday (no, not together! That would be 'Not Your Daddy's Bike Ride'). Along with our typical Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, we plan to have both musical entertainment, and Casino tables set up for your enjoyment.

Portland, the "Rose City", due to its' many gorgeous rose gardens, is a beautiful place to visit! You really must plan to come early and stay late. You'll not get tired of the many things to do and see in our fabulous city! We will also be celebrating Far West Ski Association's 90th Anniversary during this event. Lots of history, lots of stories, and hopefully a few Very "Special" Guests from the Pacific Northwest: A.J. Kitt, Phil & Steve Mahre, and others. This event will be held at the beautiful Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. See you all there!

FAR WEST HISTORY

Far West Historic Ski Clubs: Far West currently has nearly 30 clubs with 50+ years of service to skiing. They've all been verified by FWSA with evidence of their continuous operation. Looking at all of our clubs and councils, we know that we can double our listings of historic ski clubs. Evidence of eligibility is established by applying, presenting proof of operation (minutes, newsletter, newspaper article, incorporation doc, etc), and submitting a high-resolution, reproducible of your logo to the *History Committee prior to the March 31 deadline*. Go to the Far West web site (clubexpressfwsa.com), click on Recognition/History/ Historic Ski Clubs for info and application. Being a Historic Ski Club entitles your club to use the historic medallion on your web page and stationery. And start using the Historic Ski Club as subtext to your club name in rosters published in the Far West Skiers Guide, council roster and other related placements. If you're entitled to this recognition, make use of it! Start now to find your archival documents and be ready to submit them to the chair before the spring deadline. Certificates of Recognition will be printed and presented at the FWSA convention.

FAR WEST FOUNDATION

THANKS TO THESE GREAT SKIERS: ...Our Foundation can pursue its missions, only if great skiers provide the resources needed. We conduct an annual grant program using virtually all that they provide. Some of these great skiers make donations on a recurring basis, some donate through clubs and councils, others through businesses, individuals, and some donate when they can. Every bit helps support racer scholarships, the route to adaptive skiing, museums and education, and international athletic competition.

Join this team of great and dedicated skiers: *Whitefish Ski Resort, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, Skiyente Ski Club (Erin Nicole), Sierra League & Council (Frank App), Castro Valley Ski Club, Mountain High Snowsports Club, Northwest Ski Club Council, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs, KARBON, Far West Racing Association, Fire and Ice Ski Club, U.S. Ski Team*, along with many, many individual donors.

You can be on our team. Use PayPal to direct your contribution to Far West Ski Foundation or send your check to John Reinhardt, Treasurer FWSF, 6105 SW Sheridan St, Portland, OR 97225. Thank you on behalf of racing students, academies, and ski schools that enable the disabled, museum curators and librarians, and our international team mates.

FAR WEST DIVE TRIP 2019

A total of 15 people, were on the amazing 2019 Dive Trip to the *Azure Dive Resort* in *Dauin* and the *Marco Vincent Resort* in *Puerto Galera* the end of September. The highlights at the Azure Dive Resort included the Whale Shark Dive in *Oslib*. Other dives included sightings of frogfish, turtles, beautiful corals, and banded sea snakes. Above sea, some spectacular sunsets and sunrises were viewed, just steps from the beach.

The *Marco Vincent Resort* participates in a program developed by Randy Lew, Trip Leader, and Past President of FWSA, to remove plastics and garbage from the ocean. Congratulations to *Fernando Buchner*, SnowDrifters Ski Club, for winning a \$200 certificate, good on a future FWSA Dive Trip, for removing the most garbage! In all, the dive participants removed 66 pounds of plastic and garbage from the dive sites in Puerto Galera. Good job, everyone!