

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 Black (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.

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.