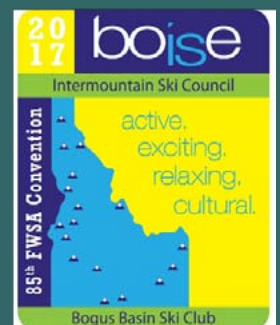


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*Far West Ski Association
85th Annual Convention
Boise, Idaho
June 7-11, 2017
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The history of FWSA began with the founding of the California Ski Association on October 7, 1930 at a meeting of the Winter Sports Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Over the course of 87 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 9 regional councils, 150 clubs, and approximately 50,000 members in 12 western states.

We have developed strong relationships with our ski industry partners. Four ski resorts and their lodging partners sponsor our annual recognition awards with one week ski trips to the award recipients:

- Council's Man & Woman of the Year – Big White Ski Resort, Canada
- Safety Person of the Year – Telluride Ski Resort, Colorado
- Western Ski Heritage Award – Steamboat Ski Resort, Colorado
- Environment Award – Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado

Many other industry partners sponsor our annual Convention activities and donate ski trip packages for our Convention Silent Auction. A full list of all industry partners is available on our FWSA website.

Travel -- We have very exciting travel opportunities in the year ahead. Randy Lew led his annual FWSA Dive Trip, Sep 23-30, 2017. The destination was the Mayan Princess Beach & Dive Resort on the Island of Roatan in the Caribbean. Our annual North America Ski Week will be in Banff, Feb 3-10, 2018. Our Mini Ski Week will be to the Alaska Iditarod and Alyeska, Feb 25-Mar 4, 2018. The annual International Ski Week will be to Les Trois Vallées-Brides les Bains, France, Mar 4-18, 2018. We are also planning an adventure trip to India later in 2018. All of our trips are available to members of all FWSA clubs and direct members. For more information look at the travel articles in this edition of *The Councilman* or visit our website.

Convention -- Our 85th Annual Convention was held in June 2017 in Boise, Idaho. Intermountain Ski Council and Bogus Basin Ski Club showed us that Boise is a special destination. Charlie Linville, our keynote speaker, was the first U.S. combat-wounded veteran and amputee to climb Mt. Everest (May 19, 2016). Charlie, a native of Boise, presented a fascinating story of his life and accomplishments and received a well-deserved standing ovation. Other celebrities attending the Convention were Billy Kidd (1964 Olympic Slalom

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Silver Medalist), Sarah Hendrickson (2013 World Champion and 2014 Olympic Ski Jumper), and Eve Chandler (Idaho ski historian and author). I would like to give a huge thank you to our friends in Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council and to the entire FWSA Convention Committee who did an excellent job organizing this Convention.

New this year are the Convention videos of the Keynote Speaker presentation and the three Snowsport Leadership Academy Seminars. These videos are professional quality and available for viewing on the FWSA website. Please share these videos with members of your clubs.

The 86th Annual FWSA Convention will be held in June 7-10, 2018 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada. Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League & Council have joined together to bring us a convention we will not forget. Check out the Convention article in this issue of *The Councilman*.

Volunteer and Participate -- FWSA has a very strong and experienced Board of Directors who are committed to working hard for our membership and industry partners. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President for another year and I encourage any of you to share your ideas with me and other members of the FWSA Board of Directors.

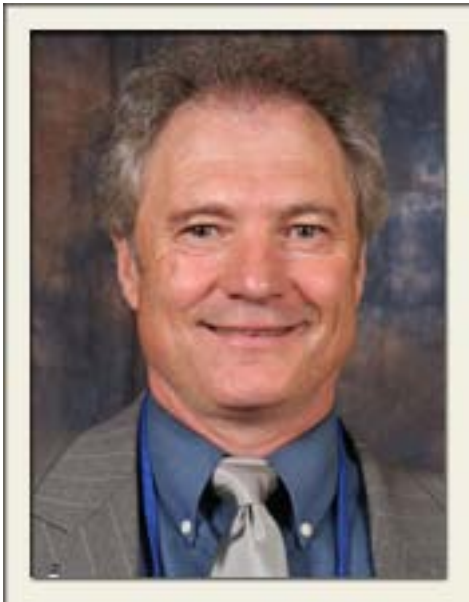
We are always seeking new volunteers. If you are interested in joining this special group we want to hear from you. You can contact me or any other member of our Board of Directors, Trustees, Council Presidents and Committee Chairs. All board contact information is on our website at www.fwsa.org.

Yes, I am having a difficult time giving up the sailing and other activities of the summer but I am looking forward to the many skiing opportunities in the year ahead. I hope to see you on the slopes in 2017-18 and at the 2018 Convention in Reno.

Steve Coxen
FWSA President



Charlie Linville on his way to conquer Mount Everest



boISe Is Excited. . .to have Hosted the 2017 FWSA Convention

by Michael Bouton, Host Council Convention Coordinator

After five years of planning, the 85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is a wrap. It started with a question mark on the weather and ended with bright sunshine and nice temperatures. Guests enjoyed The Grove Hotel, and Convention events held at the newly expanded state-of-the-art Boise Centre. Located in downtown Boise, attendees had easy access to many restaurants, shopping, museums, the capitol building, and much more.

This year's Convention was hosted by Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council. The city of Boise rolled out the red carpet, with the Mayor issuing an official Proclamation proclaiming

June 7-11, 2017 "*Far West Ski Association Days*".

The Convention kicked off a little earlier this year, on Wednesday, with a group participating in A Taste of Idaho, touring Boise and the surrounding area, with a stop for a dip in the famous Springs in Idaho City. The day culminated in a fabulous Dutch Oven Dinner in the Penthouse of the CW Moore building, offering spectacular views of the city of Boise. Thursday featured an exciting Rafting Trip on the Payette River. *Cascade Raft and Kayak* gave the participants a trip experience of a lifetime!

Friday morning started early for golfers, with the 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at the Quail Hollow Golf Course, nestled in the Boise Foothills. A group of adventurous bikers had a fun ride to the MK Nature Center, which included lunch and a stop at Coiled Winery. It was unfortunate that the greenbelt was flooded, so riders could not get the full effect of the area. Other outdoor enthusiasts headed for Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area for A Day on the Mountain - riding the lift, enjoying lunch, an afternoon hike and learning what makes a ski resort run. A large group of participants attended the Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl that evening, visiting four local hot spots in downtown Boise.

The FWSA's first ever Fountain Party took the place of the traditional pool party, on the newly refurbished Grove Plaza on Friday afternoon. The Oinkari Basque Dancers were a unique introduction to their culture, and some Convention attendees joined in the dancing!

Local club members and snowsports enthusiasts were out in force to bid on great packages at the 32nd Annual Silent Auction and Snowsports Trade Show on Friday evening. Ski industry and resort representatives from North American and international destinations, were present to share information about their resorts, outdoor activities, properties and products. A portion of the proceeds from the Silent Auction was donated to The College of Idaho Ski Team, who served as bid runners.

Saturday started off with a continental breakfast and a brief opening session. Next was the Travel Expo, where club members personally met with resort representatives and tour operators to discuss and plan future snowsports and adventure trips.

The Keynote Speaker following with Luncheon was Charlie Linville, a Boise native, who became the first military amputee to summit Mount Everest. He spoke about how he worked with "The Hero's Project" on his mission. He was very poignant with his message, that success in anything in life is possible with enough determination. After two failed attempts in 2014 (avalanche), and 2015 (earthquake), he conquered the summit in 2016.

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Other highlights of the Convention include the Public Affairs panels and Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions. This year's panels and sessions featured a wide array of snowsports leaders, experts and celebrities. Three Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions were offered this year: "How to Build a Successful Ski Club", "Making Love to your Members – Building and Bridging Relationships for the Long Term", and "How to Keep your Skis in Tip Top Shape and What Goes into a Great Boot Fitting". Industry partners presented bids for the 2019 FWSA North American Ski Week, and ski council honorees met with judges for the selection of this year's Councils' Man and Woman of the Year.

Saturday evening's theme was "boISe Magic" and it was "truly magic" with a terrific dinner, awards, and dancing. The Band, *Winewood* played some magical music and kept people dancing up to closing time.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients at this convention, especially to our local winners: Chadd Cripe, writer for the "Idaho Statesman", Bill Berry Award, Hard News; Bob Greenwood, Snowsports Builder Award; and Mark Barnard, Councils' Man of the Year.

Sunday's program consisted of FWSA's Annual Business Meeting, including election of officers and resolutions. Clubs and councils and their dedicated volunteers were recognized for outstanding Community Service and Communication activities. A delicious brunch was served to the Convention delegates.

A special "Thank You" is extended to all the FWSA, Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm in hosting such a successful Convention. We also extend our appreciation to our industry partners, who support FWSA by participating in the Silent Auction and Travel Expo, and supporting our Convention events and programs with sponsorships.

This year's convention was very special to me. My goal was to ensure that all delegates, guests, and industry representatives had a memorable and enjoyable time in Boise. All 75 of our local volunteers did an amazing job and made sure that our guests enjoyed themselves while here in our beautiful city.

Read more about this year's FWSA Convention programs and honorees in this issue of *The Councilman*.

The Keynote Speaker presentation and the Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions were recorded by Videographer Tony Okun of Oh Show! Productions. Please log into www.fwsa.org to watch these outstanding, educational videos.

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\$80 (Sun - Thurs) **\$129** (Fri and Sat)

Room Registration Deadline May 17, 2018

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- World Class Casino
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- Indoor & Outdoor Pools & Outdoor Whirlpool Spa
- 8 Award Winning Restaurants; 10 Bars & Lounges
- Atlantis Family Entertainment Fun Center
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- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention

Transportation

- Air transportation is via Reno-Tahoe International Airport, located just 15 minutes from the Atlantis
- The Atlantis offers free airport shuttle service (4:30 am - 12:15 am)

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**
 - ° Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
 - ° 12th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - ° Spa Day
 - ° Hike at Lake Tahoe
 - ° Kayaking
 - ° Pool Party

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit TBA.

www.fwsa.org

Event Sponsors

85th Annual FWSA Convention
by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 85th 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 2017-2018.

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**, **Grouse Mountain Lodge** and **Karbon**.



Safety Award

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

2017 Convention Sponsors



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A Taste of Idaho
Wednesday Afternoon



Rafting
Thursday



Wine Wobble
& Pub Crawl
Thursday evening



Golf Tournament
Friday Morning



A Day on the Mountain
Friday



Boise Green Belt &
Nature Center Biking
Friday Morning



Fountain Party
Friday Afternoon



Fountain Party
Friday Afternoon



Fountain Party
Friday Afternoon



Silent Auction
Welcome Party
Friday Evening



Silent Auction
Welcome Party
Friday Evening



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Friday Evening



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Wine Service
Friday Evening



Silent Auction DJ
Friday Evening



Continental Breakfast
Saturday Morning



Luncheon
Saturday



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Saturday Lunch



Beer Service
Saturday Lunch



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Saturday Lunch



Wine Service
Saturday Lunch



Keynote Speaker
Saturday Afternoon



Banquet Wine Sponsor
Saturday Evening



Banquet Wine Sponsor
Saturday Evening



Awards Banquet &
Musical Entertainment
Saturday Evening



Banquet Wine Sponsor
Saturday Evening



Eye Opener Hosts
Sunday Morning



Brunch
Sunday Morning

Silent Auction & Travel Expo – 2017 Participants

by Jeannine Davis, Silent Auction Chairperson, FWSA
Fran Long, Travel Expo Chairperson, FWSA

The Far West Ski Association, Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 32nd Annual Silent Auction and 16th Annual Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2017-2018.

Alpine Lodging & Condo Rentals, UT	Four Mountain Sports, ID	Ski.com, CO
Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT	Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Canada
Aspen Skiing Company, CO	Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ	Skigroup.net, CA
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, NV	Huntley Lodge, MT	Snakedance Condominiums, NM
Bahia Principe, Mexico	Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, CA	Snowmass Ski Resort, CO
Betty Donellan, TX	Idaho Ski Area Association	Snowmass Tourism, CO
Big Sky Resort, MT	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY	Solitude Mountain Resort, UT
Big White Ski Resort, Canada	Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY	Sports America Tours, CA
BikeTours.com, TN	Kandahar Lodge at Whitefish, MT	Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., CO
Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area, ID	Limelight Hotel, ID	Stonebridge Inn, CO
Boise CVB, ID	Mammoth Mountain Inn, CA	Sunshine Village Resort, Canada
Boise Centre, ID	Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, CA	Sun Peaks Ski Resort, Canada
Brian Head Resort, UT	Mayan Princess Resort, Roatan	Sun Valley Resort, ID
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID	Miracle Springs Resort and Spa, CA	Tamarack Resort, ID
Club Med, FL	Mountain Lodge, CO	Taos Ski Valley Resort, NM
Copper Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Norquay, Canada	Telluride Ski Resort, CO
Cowboy Adventures, ID	Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites at Sun Peaks Resort, Canada	The Crestwood Hotel, CO
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO	Roatan Charter, FL	The Lake Louise Ski Resort, Canada
Crystal Inn, UT	Outdoor Exchange, ID	The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT
Deer Valley Resorts, UT	Payette Brewing Company, ID	Vail Resorts, CO
Destination Residences Snowmass, CO	Powder Mountain, UT	Val D'Isere Condos, CA
Drury Hotels, Various	Premier Skis, ID	Visit Salt Lake, UT
Eddie Bauer, ID	Proletariat Wine Company, ID	Westin Snowmass, CO
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Canada	Revelstoke Mountain Resort, Canada	Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada	Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID	Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Foot Dynamics, ID	Silver Mountain Resort, ID	Wyndham Vacation Rentals, CO
	Silver Star Mountain Resort, Canada	Zermatt Resort, UT

Convention Volunteer VIPs

Far West Ski Association President	Steve Coxen
FWSA Convention Chairperson	Jane Wyckoff
Host Council Convention Coordinator	Michael Bouton
Convention Sponsorship Chairperson	Debbi Kor
Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show / Travel Expo	
Silent Auction Chairperson	Jeannine Davis
Travel Expo Chairperson	Fran Long
Silent Auction Accounting	Cindy Krupp
Silent Auction Bid Runners Coordinator	Alyson Totten, Robb Margrave
Host Council Silent Auction Volunteer Coordinator	Kim Hovren
Auctioneer	Patrick Rice
FWSA Awards	
Service Awards Chairperson	Catherine Ohl
Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson	Cindy Krupp, Paul Vlasveld
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition	
Chairperson	Gene Fulkerson
Reception Hostess	Mary Pribble
Graphics and Design, Pins	Catherine Ohl
Convention Shirts	Michael Bouton
Council Volunteer Coordinator	Carol Peterson
Registration	
Convention Delegate Registrar	Karen James
Registration Tote Bags	Carol Peterson
Delegate Registration Volunteer Coordinator	Betsy Gudmundsen
Celebrity Guests and VIP Registration	Randy Lew
Celebrity Guests and VIP Hostess	Barbara Lee Blase
FWSA Convention Treasurer	Randy Lew
Snowsports Leadership Academy, Credentials Chairperson	Jane Gutierrez
Optional Events	
A Taste of Idaho	Michael Bouton
Rafting on the Payette River	Doug Baker
Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl	Paul Markowitz
11 th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament	Vince Zappy
A Day on the Mountain	Mark Barnard
Boise Greenbelt & Nature Center Biking	Jeffery Rosendin
Fountain Party	Michael Bouton
Door Prize Donations	Debbi Kor
Publicity	Michael Bouton
Convention Video	George Stewart
Decorations	Vicki Kuebler
Greeter and Ticket Taker	Suzette Newsome
Greeter and Information Coordinator	Rosie Rosco
Hospitality Room Coordinator	Don Pribble
FWSA Event Signage Coordinator	Jeannine Davis
Convention Website - Webmaster	Catherine Ohl
Delegate Book Editor	Jo Simpson
Nominations & Elections	Gloria Raminha
Parliamentarian	George Kish
Resolutions	Randy Lew
Convention Photographer – <i>Cindy Sherman Photography</i>	Cindy Sherman
Convention Cinematographer – <i>Oh! Show Productions</i>	Tony Okun
Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show DJ – <i>VCI Audio Entertainment</i>	Vince Cavanaugh
Awards Banquet Band – <i>Winewood Band</i>	Ross McIntyre
Signage - <i>Starbright Creations</i>	Emilio Trampuz

Our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers from Bogus Basin Ski Club, Intermountain Ski Council and Far West Ski Association for their assistance in making the 2017 FWSA Convention a success

2017 Communication Award Recipients

Category	First	Second	Third
Tollakson — Club of the Year			
Masters	Reno Ski & Recreation — Dianne Hilliard, President	Pacific Rim Alliance — Catherine Ohl, President	Skiyente — Amanda Moran, President
Wentworth — Outstanding Publications			
NL—Masters	Pacific Rim Alliance — Catherine Ohl, Editor	Mountain High — Emilio Trampuz, Editor	Reno Ski & Recreation — Lynn Wilbur, Editor
NL—Novice	Don Diego Ski Club — Karl Cikste, Editor	Skiyente — Karen Frost, Editor	Altair Ski Club — Janice Warden, Editor
Outstanding Web Sites			
WS—Masters	The Unrecables — Dee Armstrong, Webmaster	Pacific Rim Alliance — Catherine Ohl, Webmaster	
WS—Advanced	Reno Ski & Recreation — Sandy Stocks, Webmaster		
WS—Novice	Mountain High — Emilio Trampuz, Webmaster	Idaho Falls — Bev Novak, Webmaster	Altair Ski Club — Janice Warden, Webmaster
WS—Council	Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs — Bonnie West, Webmaster	San Diego Council of Ski Clubs — Laura Meldrum, Webmaster	

2017 MILESTONE PARTICIPATION AWARDS

- 5-Year Award
Bike Tours, Wyndham Vacation Rentals - Steamboat
- 10-Year Award
Huntley Lodge, Ski Dazzle, The Crestwood
- 15-Year Award - Betty Donellan
- 20-Year Award
Holidaze Ski Tours, Silver Star Mountain Resort, Sports America
- 25-Year Award
Big Sky Resort, Deer Valley Resort
- 30-Year Award
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

2017 Door Prize Donors

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- Shred & Slytech
- Newton Screen Prints
- Stage Ideas
- U.S. Ski Team
- Brian Head
- Ski Big 3

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Jeannine Davis,
FWSA Silent Auction Chair
Shawn Daus -
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort



Brant Giovanetti - Whitefish Mountain Resort
Corinna Ceballos - Grouse Mountain Lodge



Dave Zimlicka, Mike McKimson
and Guest - Premier Skis



Connor Hourihan -
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa,
Barbara Blase and
Debbie Schroeder



Mary Ann Mudge - Brian Head
Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing



David Bessette and Andrew Kwang
Vail Resorts
with Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing

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Kevin Bracken - Sun Valley Ski Resort
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Jeaninne Davis,
FWSA Silent Auction Chair
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Mary Manning - Aspen Skiing Company
Karla Baker - Snowmass Tourism with
Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing



Sandy Gaudette and Stephen Hall - Ski Group.net
Megan Schafer - Ski Big 3 with Debbi Kor,
FWSA VP Marketing



Brittany Williamson and
Matt Lesperance - Bike Tours
with Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing

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2017 CONVENTION AWARDS WINNERS - SERVICE AWARDS



Debbi Kor, the **2016 Hans Georg Award** recipient, presented the 2017 Award to Arleigh Meiners. This is the FWSA's most prestigious recognition for an individual who has made significant contributions to skiing over many years.



Karen James, the **2016 Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award** recipient, presented the 2017 Award to Cindy Krupp, with Steve Coxen, FWSA President. This award is given to a Far West woman who has made a decisive contribution to skiing during the past two years or in a prior year.



Bob Greenwood, a Boise Ski Pioneer who showed how skiing is a lifetime of fulfilling activity, received the **Snowsports Builder Award**. Accepting on his behalf was his son, Jim. The Greenwood family is truly proud of his many accomplishments.



George Stewart (left), received the **2017 J. Stanley Mullin Award**, presented by George Kish, the 2016 recipient. The award is given to a Far West man who has made a decisive contribution to skiing during the past two years or in a prior year.

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2017 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS - SERVICE AWARDS



Nancy Ingalsbee, who provided a Skiers' Voice in Washington, DC for many years, was the recipient of the **Snowsports Builder Award**



Kate Togneri, the 2017 Vertical Express Event Director in Squaw Valley for Can Do MS, received the **Jimmie Heuga Award**, presented to an individual who, like Jimmie, has made a significant contribution to disabled skiing and/or has overcome a physical disability and been an inspiration to others.



Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra was the recipient of the **Jordan-Reily Award**. Mark Spieler, Director of Operations, accepted the award from Steve Coxen, FWSA President. The award is given to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to disabled skiing.



Chadd Cripe, writer for the **Idaho Statesman - Outdoor and Urban Recreation**, was the recipient of the **Bill Berry Award for Hard News**, awarded for outstanding print coverage of skiing.



Dennis Heffley, Sales Representative for **Sun Peaks Resort**, accepted the **Bill Mackey Award** on behalf of John Douglas, General Manager for **Nancy Green's Cahilly Hotel & Suites**. The award is given for outstanding service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee.

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2017 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS - SERVICE AWARDS



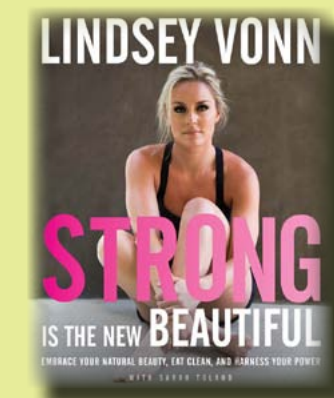
Mike Hibbard, owner of Sports America Tours, is presented with the **Tommi Tyndall Award** by Steve Coxen, FWSA President. The award recognizes a ski area, ski area operator or tour operator who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing.



Laura Priess, ROKKA League President, received the **Terry Smith Award** from Bob Ellis, FWSA VP Racing, given to an individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of recreational ski racing.
(Photo by Nancy Ellis)



Travis Rice, Brain Farm Digital Cinema, **The Fourth Phase**, a movie released in October 2016, was the recipient of the **Warren Miller Modern Media Award**. This award is presented for outstanding service to skiing by the film, television, radio, and electronic media.



Lindsey Vonn, author of the book, **Strong is the New Beautiful: Embrace Your Natural Beauty, Eat Clean, and Harness Your Power**, was the recipient of the Bill Berry Award for a Feature Article.

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2017 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS - PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Todd Hood, MC for the Awards Banquet and Snowsports Leadership Academy presenter for several years, received a President's Award from Steve Coxen, FWSA President.



Michael Sanford, a FWSA Past President, VP of Public Affairs and long time volunteer, received a President's Award from Steve Coxen, FWSA President.

2017 COUNCILS' MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Honorees at the Awards Banquet. The candidates are chosen by their peers based on their contributions to clubs, council, race league, FWSA and nationally. The award has been sponsored by Big White Ski Resort since 2001.



Mark Barnard, Intermountain Ski Council and Jane Gutierrez, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs, were named this year's Councils' Man and Woman of the Year.

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2017 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS - PROGRAM AWARDS



Eve Chandler (left), Historian and Author of the book, *Building Bogus Basin*, was the recipient of the *Western Ski Heritage Award*. This program recognizes interest in Far West History through the collection, preservation and protection of appropriate articles and materials.



Emillio Trampuz (middle) was named the *Safety Person of the Year*. Ryan Dohnal, Group Sales Manager for Telluride Ski Resort, program sponsor with Mountain Lodge Telluride (left), presented the Award with Steve Coxen (right), FWSA President. The award is for the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs.

2017 RACING AWARD WINNERS



Debi Phelps, Open League Race Chair, accepts the *Roma McCoy Trophy* from Maxine Hanlon, Schuski League Race Chair. The *Roma McCoy Trophy* is for the most points per racer start at the Far West Racing Association Championships.

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2017 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS - PROGRAM AWARDS

Open League won the Most League Points for both the Adult Race Division and the Junior Race Division at the Far West Racing Association Championships. John Walsh, Singles League Race Chair, presented the plaque to Debi Phelps, Open League Race Chair.



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CHARITY & COMMUNITY AWARDS



Sigrid Noack, Charities/Our Communities Chair presents Diamond 1st Place Award to Jane Gutierrez, President of Four Seasons Ski Club, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



Sigrid Noack, Charities/Our Communities Chair presents Double Diamond 1st Place Award to Gene Fulkerson of Pacific Rim Alliance of Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs and San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



Sigrid Noack, Charities/Our Communities Chair presents Diamond 2nd Place Award to Kim Hovren, President of Bogus Basin Ski Club, Intermountain Ski Council



The 2017 participants of the Charity & Community Awards

Charity & Community Awards Photos courtesy of Catherine Ohl



2017 FWSA Councils' Man and Woman of the Year By Gene Fulkerson, Chair, Councils' Man and Woman of the Year

Mark Barnard, Intermountain Ski Council, and Jane Gutierrez, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs, were named the FWSA Councils' Man and Woman of the Year at the annual Convention in Boise, Idaho on Saturday, June 11, 2017. There were nine outstanding honorees.

We appreciate **Big White Ski Resort** for their continuing support and sponsorship of the FWSA Councils' Man and Woman of the Year program since 2001.

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

David Baird has been skiing for over 50 years and has been a member of Inskiers Ski and Snowboard Club for the past 15 years. David served as his club's president for 3 years and loves to cook meals for his fellow skiers at their club cabin.

Kat Severin has been skiing for 20 years and has been a member of Rusty Bindings Ski Club for the past 7 years. Kat was the 2015 FWSA Safety Person of the Year recipient. She developed a YouTube video to educate skiers and riders about protecting their eyes from the sun's UV rays.

Intermountain Ski Council

Mark Barnard is rather new to skiing and is a member of Bogus Basin Ski Club. In a very short time, Mark has had a considerable positive impact on his club's fund raising revenue. In addition, Mark was the event leader for "A Day on the Mountain" at Bogus Basin.

Carol Peterson has been skiing for 20 years and has been a member of Bogus Basin Ski Club for the past 5 years. Carol has been her club's Communications Director since 2014. In that time she has completely reformatted and edited her club's newsletter. She also maintains her club's website, sends email blasts and designs point-of-sale material for her club.

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Aaron Algazy has been skiing and a member of Century City Ski Club for the past 16 years. Aaron served as president of his club for the past two years. He has been instrumental in bringing social media for his club to the forefront. His postings in *Meetup*, where he maintains multiple accounts, has brought in a significant number of new members.

Jane Gutierrez has been skiing with Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club the past 28 years. Besides serving as her club's president since 2012, Jane is also the FWSA VP of Membership, the National Ski Council Federation (NCSF) Secretary and a board member of the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS).

Northwest Ski Club Council

Alan Bean has been skiing for 42 years and a member of Mountain High Snowsports Club for the past 8 years. Alan has been his club's Director of Racing for the past two years. Alan volunteers at club recruiting events

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like the first Portland “Snowvana” this past fall.

Sandi Shaub has been skiing for 56 years and is a member of Skiyente Ski Club for the past 28 years. Sandy has held the office of President and Vice-President of her club. She is also involved in her club’s many fund raising and community events including Adopt-A-Highway, Holiday Baskets, Plant Sales and Bottle Drop Organizer.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Nick Cowell has been skiing and a member of the North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club for 26 years. Nick has served as his club’s President, Vice-President, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. He is an advocate of safety and volunteers at the Lakeside River Park Conservancy in San Diego.



*Mark Barnard of Intermountain Ski Council
and Jane Gutierrez of Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs
2017 Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year*



FWSA Charity Involvement Recognition by Sigrid Noack

The 11th annual FWSA “*Charity & Community Service Recognition*” was another smashing success. A great big thank you to the four clubs, that took time out of their busy schedules to apply for this prestigious competition. The groups were asked to present a picture board to display and share their wonderful charitable activities with our industry friends, our FWSA family and guests at the Convention in Boise. It continues to amaze me just how caring the members in our FWSA clubs are.

As in the past couple of years, those clubs, that have previously won first place in the Charity Recognition apply in the *Double Diamond Class*, and other clubs apply in the *Diamond Class*. The two separate levels give all groups an added incentive to apply, and then to apply again in future years. The first prize in each club category is a \$200 FWSA check and for second place a \$50 check to be donated to the club’s favorite charity. The top two clubs in each category are invited to display a picture board at convention. In the councils group, the winner receives \$100.

The groups that were involved this year, they are all winners for the wonderful charity work they do all year! Double Diamond Ski Clubs: **Pacific Rim Alliance** (SDSC & LAC); Diamond Ski Clubs: **Bogus Basin Ski Club** (IMC), **The Unrecables** (LAC), and **Four Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club** (LAC). No ski councils applied this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2017 FWSA “*Charity & Community Service Recognition*” winners:

Our runner-up ski club in the *Diamond Class* is **Bogus Basin Ski Club**. President Kim Hovren’s club donated the \$50 check to Bogus Basin Ski Patrol. The winning club in the Diamond Class is **Four Seasons West**. President Jane Guitierrez’ club donated the \$200 to **Jenesse Center**, a Domestic Violence Intervention program. Our 2017 ski club winner in the Double Diamond Class is **Pacific Rim Alliance**. President Catherine Ohl’s club donated the \$200 to **Can Do MS**, formerly known as the Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis, which was founded by our good friend Jimmie Heuga.

Thank you to all the groups and congratulations to our winners, who spend a huge amount of time supporting so many charitable organizations. Keep up the wonderful and amazing work, that you have been doing.

Looking ahead to the 2018 FWSA Convention in Reno! It is time NOW to plan your charitable giving. FWSA is planning to continue the “*Charity & Community Service Recognition*” program this coming year, but there will be some changes. We are thinking that you may be able to present your club or council charity picture board digitably! Stay tuned...

Contact Sigrid for any suggestions or recommendations. Please make a note of this new e-address: skisig@gmail.com.



Cindy Krupp, VP of Communications

We have a great team of dedicated volunteers that all contribute to keeping you informed and engaged in Far Wes Ski Association Activities.

Connie Burdette publishes *The Councilman* twice per year, and we have changed to an electronic format. Leigh Gieringer published another beautiful *Far West Skier's Guide* this year and Debbi Kor puts together and sends out the *Far West News Flash* every month. If you want to be kept up on what FWSA is doing, sign up at <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/NewsFlash/NewsFlash.html> and enter your email address. You can also see current and past issues on that page.

George Stewart continues to produce more multimedia programs which are posted at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>. In addition to the videos produced by George, we also have the videos posted from the 2017 FWSA Convention—you have got to check them out!

We are also looking for volunteers to help us post on *Facebook* and *Twitter*. It is great to see more members getting involved in the posts with comments and reactions. If you see something and like it, others will too. If you are willing to help us connect with our members, let us know!

Catherine Ohl is managing the website (<http://www.fwsa.org>) which is updated frequently. If you have any questions or comments about the website, please direct them to me at cindy.krupp@gmail.com.

We are also working on improving our *PayPal* features to include payment options for more trips, services, etc. As a reminder, *FWSA Connect*, Far West's interactive portal located at <https://connect.fwsa.org> continues to include not only Far West trips and online payment options, but also Council and Club trips are posted there too. All of the Councils and Clubs hosting trips they want to advertise are encouraged to post them. To post trips leaders will need to create an account on FWSA Connect and then let me know to add them to the list of members authorized to post trips—probably the most reliable way to contact me is to send an email to cindy.krupp@gmail.com with the subject "FWSA Connect Help Needed". Once authorized, you can post, update and remove your trips. You can upload fliers and brochures, as well as links to websites with more information. We look forward to seeing your trips on FWSA Connect!

If you have any other questions, comments or feedback, please let me know!



Jo Simpson, VP of Council Services

Communications & Outstanding Club Awards Submissions Increase After Changes in Submission Process

The simplified submissions process for the Club and Council Communications and Outstanding Club Awards resulted in significant increases in submissions. There were 13 club newsletter entries (6 in 2016 + 1 council). Five clubs and 2 councils submitted their websites (3+2 in 2016). Four clubs entered the Outstanding Club competition (1 in 2016). We evaluated the 2017 program in July and are making some refinements for the 2018 submissions process.

We deeply appreciate the work of Paul Vlasveld and Cindy Krupp to set up the application and judging procedures. Without their considerable technical skills, we would not have been able to make the dramatic changes for 2018 in such a brief time.

The Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Recognition had nine candidates from five councils. New this year was the reimbursement of one night's lodging for candidates and the candidates were listed in the convention delegate book with a brief statement of their accomplishments. Sheri Parshall is the new chair for this program. We are deeply grateful to Gene Fulkerson for his service and leadership for the past few years, as well as Donn Bryant before him.

The Charities and Our Communities Recognition, chaired by Sigrid Noack, had five submissions—two Double Diamond (previous winners' category) and 3 Diamond applications.

I want to commend all the Council Services Committee Chairs for their good work in administering their programs.



Debbie Stewart, VP of INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL



Endless opportunities await you as you join FWSA participants on some of the international travel experiences. The FWSA International Travel Team strives to inspire those who travel the world seeking a well-managed trip experience so you can revel in new freedoms, have the challenges answered and produce the finest trip experience of all times!

There is a growing demand for visitors to be able to get the inside angle, to have a unique experience that is creative and intensely local. Then ask yourself, are you a “Team Local” traveler, “Team Luxury” traveler or both? These ideas in tourism vary greatly, such as Team Local is all about immersion where one gets the greatest reward by seeing how the locals live and join them in their lifestyle. FWSA offers this opportunity while participating in the upcoming India adventure trip. In the other corner, Team Luxury believes that vacations should be fun, comfortable and that you owe it to ourselves for some pampering and especially in challenging destination such as our annual scuba dive trips and next year’s international ski week in Les Trois Valleys/Brides les Bains.

FWSA’s 8th annual Scuba Dive trip to Roatan, Honduras

Our scuba dive trips are becoming more popular for both the scuba diver and the non-divers and 34 participants had an outstanding vacation experience. We were excited to offer an incredible price at the Mayan Princess Beach Resort in Roatan, Honduras September 23-30, 2017. This all-inclusive resort included 7 nights lodging, all meals, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, 5 days of 3 tank dives plus 1-night dive, PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Dive operation and much more. Non-divers also joined us at this beautiful resort for a special getaway vacation.

2018 International Ski Week - Les Trois Vallees/Brides les Bain, France March 4-11, 2018 with an optional extension or Stand-Alone trip to Lyon, Beaune and Paris March 11-18, 2018

FWSA and Holiday Ski Tours are delighted to be offering such an exciting trip with an incredible price and exceptional value which just happens to be the largest Ski Area in the WORLD. This is an experience over 90 people will enjoy March 4-11, 2018! Everyone will be staying at The Mercure Grand Hotel des Thermes in Brides les Bains with easy access on the 18-minute tram to Meribel.

Les Trois Vallées (French pronunciation: [[le trwa vale](#)]; *The Three Valleys*) is a ski region in the [Tarentaise Valley](#), [Savoie département](#) of France, to the south of the town of [Môûtiers](#), partly in the [Vanoise National Park](#). Since 1973, it has been possible to ski the interlinked valleys using a single ski pass. Thus, the largest ski area in the world which is connected solely by ski lifts and slopes. It claims to have about 370 miles of ski slopes. Les Trois Vallées has 183 ski lifts, which can transport 260,000 skiers per hour. Their ski area includes 424 ski patrollers and 1,500 ski instructors. Les Trois Vallées are home to eight ski resorts that are linked together by a unique network of ski lifts and ski runs. Brides-les-Bains is a spa resort

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Monkeys of India



Holy Ganges River

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community with focus on health and wellness.

The land package includes 7 nights lodging, breakfast daily and 5 dinners at the hotel with 2 nights – on your own to enjoy the local French cuisine. We will have a “Night on the town in Meribel” where one can enjoy their restaurants and local activities.

We also are offering an optional extension and Stand-Alone trip to Lyon, Beaune & Paris. 50 participants will be staying in 4-star hotels spending 2 nights in Lyon and Beaune, then 3 nights in Paris. During the day, we will explore each city by walking and bus tours. We will enjoy wine tasting in the wonderful areas of Beaune, known as the Burgundy capital of the world!

Lastly, we will adventure around Paris. We will have a guided tour, cruise the Seine River, visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and so much more.

2018 India Adventure Trip – October 2018

Plans are under development to whisk you from your normal everyday activities to the Magical Journey of India. If you have dreamed of being immersed in enchanting Indian culture...we can make your dreams come true.

India is spiritual and colorful, noisy and serene, mystical and majestic, and mesmerizing at every turn. It is a very special and fascinating country where the cultural diversity and rich history dates to prehistoric times. India has had many rulers including the Portuguese who ruled for over 450 years and the British ruled for over 250. There are 33 UNESCO monuments in India which makes it very intriguing.

Geographically, India has 28 states and 5 of them have more Himalayan Mountains than Nepal. We will travel The Golden Triangle – Delhi, Jaipur & Agra. We will visit old and new Delhi which has a population over 32 million. And, yes there are cars, people, rickshaws, tuk-tuks, pedicabs, mopeds, motorcycles, cows and camels pulling carts all going along the same narrow roads. A sight to be seen, not just imagined.



Worship at the Ganges

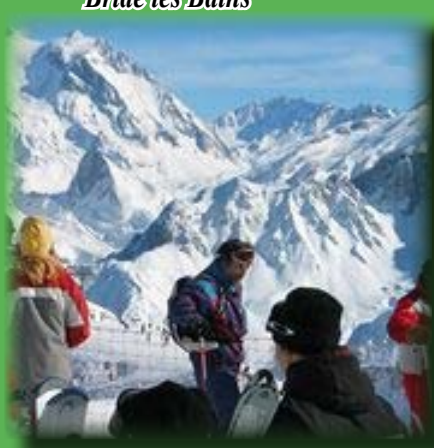
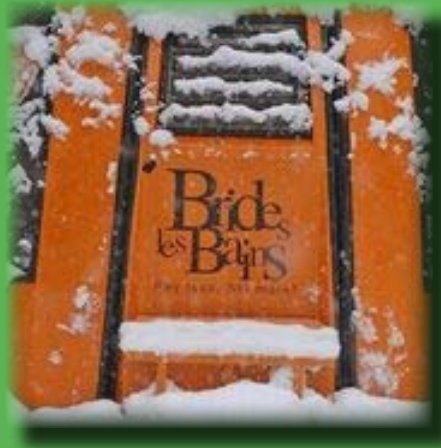
The Ganges River flows from west to east beginning from the glacier to create the largest delta in the world. India has a large technological community, yet fifty percent of the people work in agriculture. The satellite city of Gurgaon has 150 of the top Fortune 500 companies. Many are outsourcing business from English speaking countries such as the UK and US.

India is a very spiritual country where Hinduism is a way of life rather than just a religion. There are many holy and spiritual cities in India including the Varanasi cities which are at the gates of the Holy Ganges River. The people believe that every living thing has a “Soul” and should be treated as such.

We will travel to Jaipur – referred to as The Pink City due to its pink architecture... ***Pink City, Jaipur, India***



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represents wealth, health, prosperity and good luck therefore they treat them like gods. The monkeys are also sacred and considered to be good luck. Cows are sacred animals because they are very practical animals – milk, hides, dung but NOT for meat. No beef burgers at their McDonalds!

We will visit the city of Agra to visit the dazzling Taj Mahal, a magnificent and moving testament to a Mughal emperor's love for his wife. The translucent white marble structure will be a feast for the eyes, embedded with semi-precious stones throughout this enormous totally symmetrical monument.

We are staying in luxurious 4-5 Star hotels while offering our FWSA trip participants a well-rounded travel experience to include not only the big cities, but adventures to more rural areas to have a uniquely balanced and educational experience. We will accomplish this by traveling to the Kerala region. Kerala is undoubtedly blessed with a distinctive feature called the Backwaters. The backwaters are formed by the accumulation of sea water at the beach. As the waves moved to and fro, they made their way tearing the ground forming backwaters. The best way will be for us to take a cruise on these inland lakes connected by a network of canals. We will be entertained by the locals, see the fisherman casting their nets and watch the barges pass by carrying coconuts, rice and other prominent food in the Kerala district. We will enjoy the scenery and the wildlife alike where peace and tranquility permeate this stunning region.

Just think of how envious your friends will be! You will return home having visited the world's sacred places – temples, churches, hallowed ground, which is a way of connecting different cultures with yourself. There are many spiritual places to experience, plus some destinations that will reinvigorate your sense of being.

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

What's Ahead...A lot! Mark your calendars now!

2019 Int'l Ski Trip to Japan – details TBD

2020 Int'l Ski Trip to Davos, Switzerland and extension trip TBD

2020 Int'l Adventure trip to Croatia – details TBD

For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program:

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



Farming in India



Elephants in India



Red Fort, Delhi



Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

Another Awesome Year

What a nice long ski season we had in 2017. Some resorts, like *Mt. Bachelor* and *Mammoth Mountain* did not even shut down until July! This was the year to take full advantage of all the snow that anyone could want! Then, we launched into an incredible summer that rushed by us so fast, it left our heads spinning.

In thinking back to all the exciting and fun things that happened over the summer, the most notable one, in early June, was one that many of us shared. The 85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention was held in beautiful Boise, Idaho. This was a first for Far West. Hosted by the Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council, this five-day get-together included such fun activities as a Wednesday Night Dutch Oven Dinner, rafting on the Payette River, an awesome Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl through downtown Boise, biking around Boise State University District, golfing in the 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, and who can forget the great Fountain Party on Friday evening prior to the Silent Auction and Trade Show?

The Fountain Party was the precursor to the Silent Auction and Trade Show, which was hosted by *Aspen Skiing Company*, *Snowmass Tourism*,

Sun Valley, and *Telluride Resort*. The Silent Auction was a success, with a portion of the proceeds going to the *College of Idaho Ski Team*, who provided our bid runners for the Silent Auction, and did a wonderful job.

Saturday morning began with an Educational Session on How to Build and Maintain a Successful Ski Club. This session was offered for those who were looking for something besides the Travel Expo. We extended the number of meetings required in the Travel Expo, and added an extra 5 minutes on to each meeting, to give our Industry Partners a bit more time in their one-on-ones. At the end of the sessions, Megan Schafer, from *Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine*, drew an entry from all those who were eligible to win the trip to *Banff* in January, 2018 for the annual Far West Ski Week. Sigrid Noack was the lucky winner. Congratulations, Sigrid. I am sure you will have a fabulous time.

Saturday's luncheon, sponsored by *Vail Resorts* and hosted by *Ski.Com*, *Copper Mountain*, *Big Sky Resort* and *Sports America Tours*, was the time to honor several of our guests, and to listen to our Keynote Speaker, *Charlie Linville*, speak about his experiences as the first U.S. disabled veteran to scale Mt. Everest. It took Charlie three starts to be able to make the climb, the first two called off due

to unforeseen natural disasters, but in May, 2016, he and his Sherpa made it to the top to claim victory! Thank you, Charlie for such an inspirational story. You are a remarkable young man. Thank you too, *Bike Tours* for sponsoring Charlie.

Saturday evening's Awards Banquet, sponsored by *Idaho Ski Area Association*, *Ski Group.Net* and *Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine*, was devoted to honoring our many industry partners, sponsors, and participants of Far West Ski Association, who were presented with FWSA Service Awards, the Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year, the Western Ski Heritage Award, and the Safety Person of the Year Award.

I would like to personally thank all of our wonderful industry partners for your continued support and long-time sponsorships and 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 Reno, Nevada next June 7-10, when our Bay Area Council of Clubs and Sierra League and Council will be hosting the 86th Annual Far West Convention. Watch out. A *High Sierra Stampede* is headed to Reno.



Jane Gutierrez, VP of Membership

FWSA Brings the Seminar to You!

Once again I am proud to have been involved with the production of a wonderful gathering! Idaho was a fantastic host at the 85th Annual Convention. As VP of membership, I presented my PowerPoint on "Convention 101" a PowerPoint presentation explaining the ins and outs of the weekend activities. On Saturday, due to popular demand, the Snowsports Leadership Academy was extended to several topics which happened concurrently throughout the day. This year we focused on material which focused on building organizations and gear technology.

The morning sessions began with a group of speakers from Idaho Falls Ski Club. These knowledgeable board members led by Peggy Henman, Bev Novak, Donald Rasch, discussed a conglomeration of successful techniques that they use for membership recruitment and satisfaction. The late morning session was led by Todd Hood, who once again spoke on a popular and needed topic, "How to Make Love to your Members". This topic focused on techniques that make a member want to stay bonded to your organization.

The afternoon session was split into two short topics run by businessmen from Boise. The first half was presented by Bruce Woolstenhume and Chuck Cremer of *Sun Valley Ski Tools* (www.syst.com) with a physical demonstration on how to keep your skis in tip top shape. The second half was presented by Dave Hall of *RaceWerks* (www.race-werks.com) who discussed proper boot fitting tips.

Do to the Board's determination to bring more learning content to the masses, we are very pleased with the outstanding videography provided at the 2017 Convention by Tony Okun of *Oh Show! Productions*. George Stewart, our FWSA Media Producer, has uploaded 4 of these SLA videos on *YouTube*. If you were not able to make it, you missed out on the fun but you did not miss out on the learning! Please distribute the video YouTube links to your club members.

I would like to remind everyone that our direct membership cycle now is from May 1 through April 30 of each year.

The video links are on www.fwsa.org.

The *YouTube* links are as follows:

"How to Build and Maintain a Successful Ski Club"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LQWeL2hPeI>

"Making Love to your Members"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96UFlv9b2s0>

"How to Keep your Skis in Tip Top Shape"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh8V9sLrHak>

"What goes into a Great Boot Fitting"

https://youtube/LC66cE_cOyo



Nancy Ellis
VP of North American Travel

FWSA TRIP INCENTIVES PROGRAM

North American Travel has added an incentives program for ski councils and clubs who want to enter into a partnership with FWSA to participate in the mini ski trips and adventure trips. Councils already have a partnership with the North American annual ski week program and they earn lodging and lift comps based on the number of spots that they sell on the trip. Now clubs and councils have the opportunity to earn money based on the number of people they sign up from their club/council for other FWSA trips. The amount varies by the type of trip. Basics of the program:

- The club/council President completes the Incentives Program registration form;
- The club/council selects a contract person to promote the trip by announcing it at club/council meetings; sending out emails; noting it in club/council newsletters; putting on websites; or whatever communication forms the club/council uses with its members;
- Pass out the trip registration paperwork, collect initial deposits, and get 12 or more people signed up for the trip;
- Club/council contact works with the FWSA trip leader as needed;
- The club/council receives an amount per person after the trip is over for their promotion of the trip and signing up their members.

This program is available for most FWSA North American trips except the annual ski week. Contact Nancy Ellis, V.P. North American Travel, if your club/council is interested in participating in this program.

2018 BANFF, CANADA SKI WEEK

Banff in Alberta, Canada is the location of the 2018 Ski Week, February 3—10, 2018. Banff is the gateway to the Canadian Rockies and Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The area is known for its exceptional natural beauty, wildlife, abundant landforms, and world famous hot springs. It services the ski areas of Lake Louise, Sunshine Village, and Mt. Norquay. One lift pass will give access to the three ski areas and a shuttle to get to them.

People have their choice of staying in Banff at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel or in town at the Ptarmigan Inn, Banff Park Lodge, or Bow View Lodge. There are many restaurants and shopping venues in the area and a host of activities to keep everyone, including non-skiers/boarders busy.

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A few of the activities: dog sledding; spas; shopping; Banff Gondola to Sulfur Mountain; Banff Upper Hot Springs; cross country skiing; snowshoeing; tubing; Johnston Canyon Icewalk; Grotto Canyon Icewalk; Yamnuska 8 Wolfdog Sanctuary; Heli Sightseeing; Snowmobiling; Wildlife Tours; and Heli Ski and Boarding.

Our Welcome Dessert Party and Farewell Après Ski Party will be held at Banff Park Lodge in the town of Banff and the Banquet/Dance will be held at the Banff Springs Hotel. The theme for the Banquet/Dance is Snowball Gala. Participants are encouraged to dress in formal, cocktail, or party attire. We will have a photo booth and people can have pictures taken with their friends.

Contact your Council Trip leader or Nancy Ellis, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net for more information and how you can reserve a spot on the trip.

2018 ADVENTURE/SKI TRIP--ALYESKA RESORT & IDITARODS

We are excited to be going to Alyeska Resort for our mini trip and then to Anchorage, Alaska to see the ceremonial start of the Iditarods. Dates for the trip are February 25—March 4, 2018. Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier ski destination and we have options for a variety of activities in addition to skiing.

THE HOTEL ALYESKA is a luxury ski in/ski out hotel set within the Chugach Mountain wilderness. Relax after a day on the slopes in the saltwater whirlpool. From the resort you can spot wildlife, the tides of the Turnagain Arm, and seven hanging glaciers.

ANCHORAGE is the site for the ceremonial start of the Iditarod dog sled races. We will stay at the Hotel Captain Cook located in downtown Anchorage and within walking distance to the Opening activities and the Fur Rendezvous.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- *Wildlife Tour*
- *Dog Sledding*
- *Glacier Walk*
- *Glacier Cruise*
- *Heli-ski/Cat Skiing*
- *Sleigh Rides*
- *Anchorage Museum*
- *Flightseeing Tours*
- *And more.....*

There is still time to sign up for this “once in a lifetime” trip. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, at Garski2011@gmail.com.

2019 STEAMBOAT, COLORADO SKI WEEK

We are going to Steamboat Resort February 2—9, 2019 for our North American Ski Week. Nearly \$30 million in on-mountain improvements have taken place since FWSA was last there for a ski week in 2007. Steamboat has a wide variety of lodging options with the majority of them located in and around the Mountain village. Spring 2014 marked the completion of several bars, restaurants, stores, and a new music venue in Steamboat.



The mountain has almost 3,000 total acres, 165 trails (including glade tree areas), 18 lifts, and 3 terrain parks. There is something for all ages and ability levels.

Council Trip Leaders will go to Steamboat this coming January to preview all the lodging properties and party venues, and become familiar with the amenities on the ski hill village, and town so that they can plan the appropriate trip for members of their councils. Council Trip Leaders will have information and pricing available in spring 2018 and will start taking reservations. Watch for more information on the Far West website: www.fwsa.org.

2019 WINTER PARK, COLORADO MINI TRIP

March 25—29 are the dates for the 2019 mini ski trip to Winter Park, Colorado. We will be staying at the Vintage Resort Hotel which is located in the base area of Winter Park. Hotel rooms will be the standard units (double occupancy) and Studio units which have 2 Queen beds, small fridge and microwave. Lodging is located 300 yards to the lifts with shuttle service available.

Non-skiers/boarders can enjoy snowshoeing, snowcat and snowmobile tours, and mountaintop dining in the Lodge at Sunsport. Clubs/Councils may partner with FWSA and earn incentives for promoting and selling this trip! The FWSA website (www.fwsa.org) will have information about this trip and start taking reservations in the Spring of 2018. Credit card payment option will be available.

2019 ISLAND WINDJAMMER CRUISE—BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Save the dates May 19—26, 2019 for this first-of-its kind FWSA adventure trip! Sail from Tortola and explore the fabulous British Virgin Islands on a 6-night, 7-day cruise on the Island Windjammer vessel *Sagitta*. Visit the islands of Virgin Gorda, Norman Island, Cooper Island, Jost Van Dyke, and Tortola and enjoy all the adventures those islands have to offer. Cruise price includes all port taxes, meals, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Air fare to Tortola must be booked separately by individual, arriving on Tortola no later than Saturday, May 18th. Lodging options for the pre-and post-cruise lodging are still to be arranged. This trip is limited to 24 passengers and we are selling the trip **NOW**. Check the FWSA website for information or contact Sheri Parshall, Trip Leader, at www.cougskier@aol.com; 503-706-0522 to sign up. Credit card payment option is available.

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

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

Banff, Canada • Feb. 3—10, 2018



- Package Includes:
- Welcome Party
 - Mountain Picnic
 - Racing
 - Banquet
 - Farewell Party
 - 5-6 day lift tickets
 - Optional Activities Available

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ALYESKA--IDITAROD

Far West Ski Association

2018 Alyeska/Iditarod Trip

February 25—March 4, 2018

Package price range \$ 1,130—\$1,410

Air/Ground NOT included

Optional Activities NOT included

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FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program 2017

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program has been a very successful program since its inception in 2004 and continues to evolve as a resource of funding for junior USSA racers throughout the western United States.

Last season, Far West sponsored 14 racers throughout the west who were awarded scholarships that totaled \$13,750. We are looking to exceed that this year. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, competitive ranking, academics, and community service.

The 2017-2018 fundraising campaign began in January this year at Far West Ski Week in Breckenridge, Colorado, with \$1,700 raised from the **Karbon** raffle where the winner is awarded a new ski jacket and pants from the Karbon catalogue.

The next fundraising effort was at the convention in Boise, Idaho this June. **Whitefish Mountain Resort** and **Grouse Mountain Lodge** in Whitefish donated ski packages for the live auction on Saturday. In addition, the **U.S. Ski Team** again donated items. Finally, an additional 10 prizes were donated by individuals. Total raised: \$5,370.

Notification for next season's applications were sent out to ski clubs affiliated with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association's (USSA) Far West, Pacific Northwest, and Intermountain Divisions last March. These three divisions make up all the USSA junior racers in states with affiliated councils in Far West. 21 applicants are currently being evaluated for the coming season.

Junior racers need to raise approximately \$20,000 per season; a formidable financial challenge. That need will no doubt increase. With the help of individuals, ski clubs, and our industry sponsors, we look forward to another successful year for the scholarship program. For more information on the scholarship program, please visit our website at www.fwsa.org.

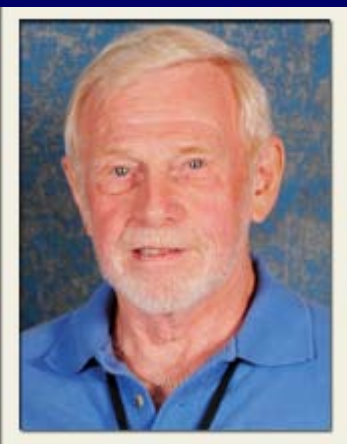
The upcoming season looks promising as we have several races scheduled throughout the west coast. PACRATS in Oregon have several races scheduled, Sierra, Open and Singles League have their schedule prepared, and ROKKA and ULLR at Mammoth Mountain have their race schedule set in stone. All we need now is some snow, and my meteorological sources tell me we should have a good snow year this season. I hope that is true!

This year the Far West Ski Association Ski Week will be at Banff, Canada in February. We plan on having a great time there, with plenty of races planned during the Ski Week at Lake Louise Ski Area. We plan on having two Giant Slaloms, and of course the Dual Giant Slalom Council Challenge race with teams racing for bragging rights. Our races include 11 skill classes, 4 age classes and classes for women and men, so we have a race class for anybody and everybody.

The Far West Championships will be held at Mammoth Mountain this year on April 6-8, 2018, so plan on coming to Mammoth Mountain for some great skiing and some competitive racing. This year we plan on having two runs on each course for every participant, so they can get their money's worth on each day of racing.

We look forward to another fun year of racing and we hope the weather and the economy will be better so more people can enjoy this wonderful sport.





Arleigh Meiners, Arizona Ski Club



Arizona Ski Council Clubs are very Active!!!

The Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents six clubs with about 600 members primarily in the Phoenix metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the state of Arizona. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders and social members.

Six members from the Arizona Ski Council attended the FWSA convention in Boise, Idaho as Delegates. **Arleigh Meiners of the Phoenix Ski Club received the Hans Georg Award at the convention.**

The Scottsdale Ski Club and the Phoenix Ski Club each had their election of officers during the month of April 2016. Cindi Campbell was elected as the President of the Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club. Ellen Odart was re-elected as the President of the Phoenix Ski Club.

The Arizona Ski Council had their election of officers at their April board meeting. Results of that election are: President, Arleigh Meiners, Vice President, Wanda Himler, Treasurer, Dodi Bailey, Secretary, Marge Fons, Race Coordinator, Bill Behnke and Past President is Judy Upton. Linda Westlund represents the Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club. Mike Miller represents Arizona Outdoor. Glenn Pyle represents Boeing Employee Adventure Club. Gary Giertz represents Partytime Sports and Mike Rogers represents the Sailing Adventure Club. The ASC hosts weekly Happy Hours during the hot summer months for all the clubs to participate in. ASC will have about 40 people going on the FWSA ski week trip to Banff, Canada.

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AzOTC), has changed their name to ARIZONA HIKING AND TRAVEL CLUB. AHTC is mostly a hiking club, and they continue to have hikes all year long. From September 15 through September 28, 2017, AHTC will be doing a Bike and Barge trip on the Danube River in Germany. AHTC has about 2 hikes every week of the year. AHTC sends out a weekly e-mail to their members telling them about the hikes and other activities happening during the week. Go to www.azotc.com for more information on these and other exciting trips.

Boeing Employee Adventure Club is a corporate club of the Arizona Ski Council and continues their social schedule and family events around town. Employees may contact www.boeing.com for more information about recreation activities that are planned!

The Phoenix Ski Club, (PSC), has their 2017-2018 ski trip schedule on their website. PSC is going to Park City, Utah in December 2017. This is a ski college package that the club is doing on a yearly basis. PSC is doing a ski trip to Purgatory, Colorado during the 2018 New Year's Holiday. PSC will be going to Telluride, Colorado in January 2018 for what is called ARIZONA DAYS. In February of 2018 PSC will be going to Sunrise Ski Resort (in Arizona) on President's Day weekend for a family ski trip. In March of

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2018 PSC is going to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon for a week of skiing. PSC will wrap-up the ski season with a 4-day ski trip to Copper Mountain, Colorado in April of 2018. In October of 2017 PSC is doing a Casa-blanca Cruise. PSC is going to Egypt and Jordan in March of 2018 and in October of 2018 PSC is doing a Rhine River Cruise. Other summer activities for the PSC include a Casino day, a Lake Powell House Boat weekend, hikes, swim parties, happy hours and many other activities. Please go to phxskiclub.org for more information about the Phoenix Ski Club.

Sailing Adventure Club, (SAC), which is a member of the Arizona Ski Council, is a social club based in Phoenix, Arizona with activities ranging from local sailing, and non-sailing events, to out of country sailing adventures. Due to challenges finding someone to maintain the website and newsletter, SAC moved towards being a Meet Up group only. In doing so, they have attracted about 125 new members. SAC is in the process of planning a sailing trip in the Bahamas. SAC is no longer charging dues, so anyone can join via **Meet Up**.

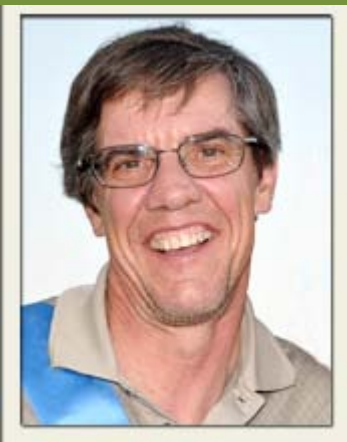
Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC), is an adult ski and social club. SS&SC has happy hours every Friday evening. The SS&SC has their 2017-2018 ski trip schedule on their website. SS&SC is going to Salt Lake City over the 2018 New Year's holiday for their first ski trip of the season. In January of 2018 SS&SC will be joining the PSC on their annual ARIZONA DAYS ski trip. SS&SC will wrap-up the ski season with a ski trip to Taos, New Mexico in March of 2018. In July of 2017 SS&SC went to Curacao Beach for a dive vacation, and in September of 2017 the SS&SC did a cruise to Alaska. SS&SC is also joining the PSC on the Casablanca Cruise in October of 2017. In May of 2018 SS&SC is planning a trip to Machu Picchu and in September of 2018 SS&SC is planning a Boat and Adventure trip to Croatia. For more information about all the other SS&SC activities go to www.scottsdale-skiclub.com.

Partytime Sports, (PTS), is an adult ski, boating, and social club that plans boating trips to get them through the summer heat. During the winter they do a ski trip to Telluride, Colorado during Arizona Days. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

Feel free to check out any of the clubs activities through **Facebook** or links for the Council website (www.arizonaskicouncil.org).

Submitted By
Arleigh Meiners
ASC President

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*Paul Vlasveld
President, Bay Area Snow Sports Council*



Friendship Bridge, Boise, Idaho

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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 new BOD other than yours truly:

Secretary – Karen Davis
Treasurer – Keith Wilson
Membership/webmaster – Kathy Wilson
Travel – Gail Burns
Industry Liason – Norm Glickman
Past President – Dennis Heffley

I am very excited to announce the debut of our new website (<https://www.skibac.org>). Thanks to Cathy Wilson our webmaster and Jenn Wilson her daughter, the website a totally new look. I think the website will help showcase BAC.

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.

We will do this with our 12th Annual BAC Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A's Baseball Game & Fireworks Show benefiting the Dodge Ridge Disabled Sports program. This event has grown over the years. Norm Azevedo again stepped forward to coordinate ticket sales and we had 40 participants enjoying a fantastic tailgate BBQ with tri-tip and chicken put on by Bill Silveira and the Modesto Ski Club.

Plans are already being made for the Bay Area Snow Sports Councils 7th Annual WinterFest Celebration Meeting. When we started this event we had only 3 resorts participate. Now . . . it has grown to great heights! This event will take place Monday November 6, 2017 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!

In addition, BAC is planning another Hockey Night with the San Jose Barracudas. Last Year, the BAC president donned the Hockey uniform and the ski club attendees could take best shot.

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

In 2017, BAC organized a mini-trip to Park City. All the participants had a great time.

In 2017, BAC will have another mini-trip. It may go to Taos, New Mexico or Winter Park, Colorado, who knows? I know that Gail Burns our travel director will determine another exciting and fun ski resort for us to go. BAC may also have an international Bike and Barge trip in Italy.

In addition, BAC has approximately 50 members signed up for the ever popular FWSA Ski Week to Banff, Canada in 2018. BAC has an extension to the Ski week to Jasper National Park.

In 2018, 86th FWSA Convention in Reno will be co-hosted by BAC and Sierra Council with the FWSA Convention. We hope we can live up to all the past conventions to make this a fun and exciting convention. I hope to see all the councils there.

I am proud of our, 2017 BAC Woman and Man of the Year. Pat Severin from Rusty Bindings Ski Club and David Baird from Inskiers Ski Club showed the other candidates why we are proud of them. Congratulations to both of them!

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

***Respectfully,
Paul Vlasveld: Bay Area Snow Sports Council President 2017***



***David Krupp, President
Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs***



The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs currently consists of 26 snowsports clubs that cover a large area from Santa Barbara to the north, the Inland Empire to the east and Long Beach to the south. There is much diversity in terms of the club makeup in the council and the activities that result.

The home base for most of the council clubs is Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, a five hour drive from central Los Angeles. Mammoth offers a myriad of outdoor activities all year for the club members. Los Angeles Council also participates in the FWSA Ski Week each year with VP of Travel, *Sandy Blackwell* at the helm for the LA contingent.

The council has 2 main events it hosts during the year on an annual basis organized by VP of Programs, *Leslie Eastham*: The Presidents Luncheon was held in August and the Snow Gala will be held in November. Both are excellent opportunities for the clubs to get together and share in the ski lifestyle we all enjoy. VP of Membership, *Todd Hood* gave a presentation on succession planning this year and our Man and Woman of the Year will be selected at the Gala.

The 85th FWSA Convention in Boise, Idaho in June this year was a not to be missed. The council had 18 members in attendance. In addition to the many activities offered, one of the highlights is the awards banquet held on Saturday evening. Congratulations go out to the following LAC recipients: Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award, *Cindy Krupp*, Terry Smith Award, *Laura Priess*, President’s Award, *Todd Hood*, FWSA Councils’ Woman of the Year, *Jane Gutierrez*, Charity and Community Award, *Four Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club* (Jane Gutierrez, President), *Pacific Rim Alliance* (Catherine Ohl, President), Tollakson Award, *Pacific Rim Alliance* (Catherine Ohl, President), Wentworth Award, *Pacific Rim Alliance* (Catherine Ohl, Editor), Outstanding Website Award, *The Unrecables* (Lee Armstrong, Webmaster), *Pacific Rim Alliance* (Catherine Ohl, Webmaster), and *Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs* (Bonnie West, Webmaster).

Los Angeles Council is well represented at the Far West level as members of the board and its various committees. With 9 members currently who have been part of the group in the past (some for many years), *Paula Hazzard* (Edelweiss Ski Club) was elected as VP of Public Affairs. In addition, the following were re-elected to the Far West Board: *Cindy Krupp* (VP Communications), *Jane Wyckoff* (Trustee), and *Jane Gutierrez* (VP Membership).

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

David Krupp, President
Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



***Barbara Bousum, President
Northwest Ski Club Council***



With more than 40 snowsport clubs and organizations in Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii, Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) represents thousands of Alpine and Nordic skiers, snowboarders, and other snow enthusiasts. We do not just ski; we enjoy year-round activities! Living in such beautiful parts of the country, we enjoy nature in all seasons. And for the couple of months that our rain faucet is turned off, we enjoy a beautiful summer. Club members hike, picnic, bicycle, canoe, camp, backpack, wind-surf, sail, and enjoy a seemingly endless list of activities. Thanks to our clubs, members can add camaraderie to the pleasures of enjoying the outdoors.



Our annual election of officers and directors was held in June. Elected were Barbara Bousum, President; Sue Rimkeit, Vice President; Jeanne Reinhardt, Secretary; Bill King, Treasurer; and Directors at Large: Christine Ciardi and Linda McGavin. Additional directors were appointed at our first meeting in June, and our annual planning retreat takes place in August. We are busy making plans for our new fiscal year and anticipating another season of (we hope!) wonderful snow to enjoy.

Sheri Parshall is leading the effort in renewal and recruitment of our Commercial Members. We highly value these members and work with them on many projects through the year, including travel, racing, shopping, trip planning, events and much more.

Annually, NWSCC offers a Ski and Ride Challenge for members of all clubs to experience the many ski areas in the Northwest, primarily our Commercial Member resorts. The winner is the one who skis or rides the most resorts in the season.

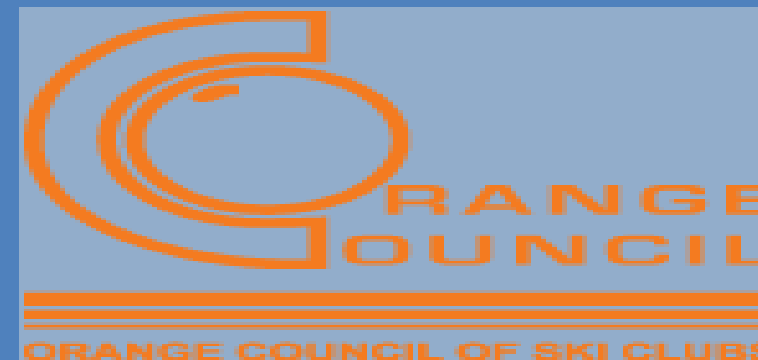
PACRATS recreational ski racing organization is a part of NWSCC. For more than 30 years, PACRATS has provided the exciting opportunity to participate in a recreational alpine racing league on Mt. Hood every January and February. Participants have fun racing down the mountain with both old and new friends. Even novices can learn to compete at their own skill level and see improvement 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. They are busy fine-tuning their trip schedules for the 2017-2018 ski season. Our council is looking forward to participating at the annual FWSA Ski Week in beautiful Banff in February. It is always fun to visit beautiful places in the company of both old friends and new.

--Barbara Bousum, NWSCC President



Sheila Van Guilder
President, Orange Council of Ski Clubs



Orange Council of Ski Clubs Article by Maxine Hanlon, Communication Chair

Originating from the Southern Council (which before 1971 was LA, Orange and Riverside clubs) to better serve the high concentration of skiers and snowboarders in this area, Orange Council was established in May, 1972. But our scope is much wider. Our clubs and members extend into Los Angeles, north and to the Midwest. Our council is and has always been an active member of the Far West Ski Association and is also a member of the National Ski Council Federation. Each year our council shares the information and the opportunities that flow from these organizations with our clubs and club members. Over the years and into the future, our members also serve these organizations. Sheila Van Guilder as Council President is on the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors. George Kish, our Council Treasurer is the FWSA By-Law Chair. George also serves as Orange Council webmaster. Jess Gorman is the Orange Council Trip Coordinator for the Far West Association Trip to Banff, as V. P. of Travel. Maxine Hanlon is V.P. of Racing and Communication Chair. As Schuski Race League Chair, she represents the league and council on the Far West Racing Association Board and with ROKKA

Race League. We also want to thank Anne Barneson who serves as Council secretary.

Orange Council club members attended a very well run convention in Boise. Well done!! We look forward to the Reno convention in 2018, which we know will be a great experience. We look ahead to the 2019 FWSA Convention at Indian Wells, California, which our Council will host. Judy Thurman has accepted the position of Council Convention Chair 2019. Join us at one or both upcoming events. See the link to FWSA on the orangecouncil.org site.

Being so close to the ocean (at least most of our clubs are located near the seaside), such events are high on our list of summer attractions. Summer outdoor picnics, BBQs, and so much more can be found on our clubs' schedules

This year a number of our clubs have scheduled weekly Bay events such as kayaking and paddle boarding. Wet Wednesday is a big event for Fountain Valley Ski Club. Biking events are also great summer adventures for Snowbounders Ski Club. Check out the [YouTube](#) video of Huntington Beach Ski Club for on the water workout inspiration. Tennis is the main stay of Balboa Ski and Sports Club for summer activities

Our local weather provides us the opportunity to play tennis, to bike, and to inline skate, as well as participate in snow sports. Thus our council is truly blessed. Add to that the friends that we have found in our ski clubs through sharing our good times and those blessings are boundless.

Each year, we sponsor a trip to the Far West Ski Association Ski Week. In the past, we have joined FWSA for Aspen, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Steamboat Springs, Jackson Hole, Lake Louise, Whistler/Blackcomb, and Sun Valley (to name a very few). February 3-10, 2018, we plan to attend FWSA Ski Week at Banff, British Columbia, Canada. A number of our members also join FWSA on other adventure and international trips. Our Council plans to be a part of the 2019 Steamboat Springs, Colorado FWSA trip in 2019.

Most of our clubs concentrate during the winter season, and this year into spring and summer on skiing at **Mammoth Mountain Resort**. Some of our people took pride in skiing through the 4th of July and into August. We had a wonderful season at Mammoth this year. Our clubs are all looking forward to a great future on

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the slopes this year at Mammoth. Other club trips are being considered for Whitefish, Park City and other destinations. Not all plans have been finalized at this time. Check our site for more up to date information.

Our Clubs also have other interests. This year, Huntington Beach Ski Club will participate in "Bike MS- Bay to Bay" Event on October 20 and 21, 2017. Their support is very personal, since one of their members has MS. Vand Bakke Ski Club ran in an event supporting organ donations on April 17, 2017 at Cal State Fullerton. Balboa Ski and Sports Club members have for years supported Komen Race for the Cure in Fashion Island, Newport Beach, CA. Other support for charities such as USARC, Disabled Sport, Eastern Sierra, and Packages of Gratitude for military persons overseas are a few items also high on the list of clubs' activities.

For the third year, Orange Council welcomes the club member attendees and guests at the annual Orange Council Picnic on October 21, 2017 in Newport Beach. It is a Orange council sponsored event which is financed by the council. Fields for games and tennis courts await pleasure. Our annual Presidents' Dinner is again scheduled for February 19, 2018. In 2017, we had Jane Wyckoff as a speaker

and a presentation on ski and beach related resorts by Club Med representative, Graeme Landenslager.



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Chris Gill, President San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



The mission of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) is to support and promote the sport of recreational skiing, racing, snowboarding and international travel in the Southern California area. Currently the council has 9 active clubs. Many of our clubs enjoying biking, hiking, bowling, golf, and day trips for wine tasting in Baja or museum tours. The best parts of course are the bus and fly away ski trips.

This spring the San Diego Council started off with one of two international trips. Our first trip took 41 of us to Provence on another famous Bike & Barge tour with bike operator, Girolibero. We started our trip in Aiguies Mortes. We had the awesome experience of visiting a bull farm with a Spanish style lunch, beautiful luminaries of rotating wall art in a lime stone cave in Les Beaux, Roman Aqueducts at Pont Du Guard and wine tasting at Chateauf-nef-du-Pape.

We then headed to Epernay for champagne tasting. Our final destination was the Loire Valley in Amboise. There we stayed at a private chateau. The rooms were incredible. Our tours took us to view Leonardo Da Vinci's home, and canoeing down the Lorie River in the pouring rain. One of the best days was when we were able to visit a wine cellar by our tour operator and blend are very own red wines.

Our second SDCSC international trip will be taking the group to Croatia on a large yacht. There is also a pre-trip to Mestre, which will end in Dubrovnik. The boat will cruise along the Dalmatian coast.

The SDCSC had their council appreciation dinner in June. We invited all of our club presidents to attend. This dinner is a thank you to all our board members and club presidents for their hard work throughout the year.

The council had their Summer Happy Hour at an outdoor venue called the Farmer & the Seahorse. Raffle prizes were given out as token of appreciation to our club members.

The SDCSC is getting ready to go ahead an update the current website to make it more attractive and more efficient.

The SDCSC is getting ready for our annual Gala on November 11, 2017. This is where we honor Council Man & Woman of year. We also have the Joe Harris award that is given to a person who has done outstanding work within the club or council.

Club meetings in the fall will be busy with ski trip sign ups. Some clubs are doing fly a ways to Steamboat, Big White and Telluride. A few of our clubs will also be doing bus trips to Mammoth and Big Bear this year.

The SDCSC will also do the annual December Aspen Ski trip. This will be the 19th year. Taking at least 66 people.

The San Diego Council will end the year with our Holiday Happy Hour in mid December.

Hope everyone has a great ski season.

Chris Gill, President of San Diego Ski Council



Jo Simpson, President, Sierra League & Council



Sierra Members Celebrate the Season and Enjoy Summer

Sierra Council celebrated the still continuing ski season June 3 with a picnic and barbeque at the home of our race director, Nan Carnal and her husband John Stubbs in Tahoe Donner. Amazingly, Squaw and Mammoth were open well into July.

Happily, all our 2016-2017 officers volunteered for 2017-2018 and were re-elected. The following officers were elected: Jo Simpson, President; Debbie Stewart, VP Travel; Debi Phelps, Secretary; Nan Carnal, Race Director; Bill Ramoni, Head Gatekeeper; Pavel Bosin, Webmaster; and Beth Perryman, Newsletter Editor.

Our larger Sierra Clubs are enjoying summer activities, while looking forward to the coming ski season.

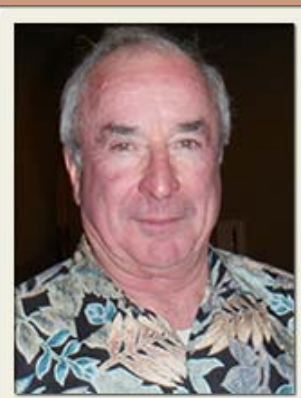
The Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Club has been escaping the scorching heat by attending summer theater performances at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, which is at a higher (hence cooler) elevation than Las Vegas. They have started a golf group that plays three times a month at area courses. They have a wine tour to Temeucla, California, scheduled for September.

The Reno Ski and Recreation Club held their annual Facademies party and awards evening in June. The annual event involves both serious and humorous awards presentations and the dinner and dance. They held their second annual chili cookoff, also in June. They celebrated the 4th of July at a barbeque and fireworks at the Reno Aces baseball game. They will be camping at Jackson Meadows and biking at Lake Tahoe in August.

The Cabernet Ski and Race Club held their annual summer party at the home of Carlene Boutacoff in Tahoe Donner.

Our race league schedule is in progress. We managed to have six of our scheduled eight races last season. Two had to be canceled because of a huge snowstorm. We will be having our annual budget and planning meeting in early fall to get ready for the coming season.

We are looking forward to co-hosting the 2018 FWSA convention with the Bay Area Council. We are responsible for the optional activities and plans are underway for the pub crawl on Thursday evening. Friday activities include the annual golf tournament, a spa day, kayaking and a hike in the Sierra foothills.



Paul Markowitz
President, Intermountain Ski Council



All of our clubs in the Intermountain Ski Council are gearing up for their local area events and ski trips. Many of the clubs sponsor ski swaps and sales. These are exciting times with all the ski gear that is changing with improved technology. We all want the latest and greatest, don't we? Not all can afford new skis or boards from the retail shops, so these swaps are very useful for most of us. Please bring in your lightly used gear and put a favorable price on it so someone new can get more skiing or boarding days.

The Bogus Basin Ski Club will be sponsoring the Warren Miller Film Festival for the 62nd continuous year, at the historic Egyptian Theater in Boise. It is scheduled for November 16-18, 2017, and is the largest fund raiser of the year. The club shares revenues with the volunteer ski patrol, Recreation Unlimited, and the Ski Education Foundation.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new club in our council, The McCall Winter Sports Club. This is a group that supports youth racing and instruction. It is a very active group of parents that want to have some options for their activities as well. Check them out when you visit Brundage Mountain.

The council will sponsor a rendezvous ski trip to Sun Valley this winter. It is open for all FWSA members and guests. It is scheduled for January 2-7, 2018. If you are interested in attending, please call Sun Valley and make your own reservations. The rates are very attractive with half price lift tickets, so just mention "Intermountain Ski Council" to get the best rates. You can come to enjoy the best skiing

terrain in the country all week or just for the weekend. The council will sponsor a reception with food and beverage Saturday night. I can only say that it was a blast last year and encourage other clubs to join us. It has been a while for FWSA skiers to enjoy the hospitality of Sun Valley, Idaho.



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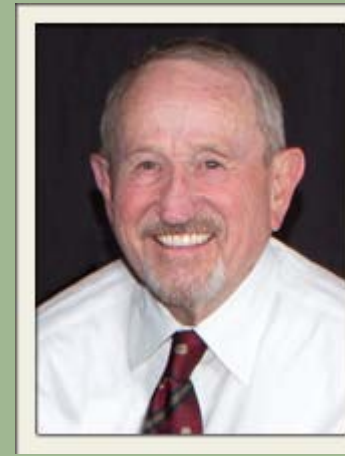
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