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THE COUNCILMAN



**81st Annual
Far West Ski Association Convention
Reno, Nevada
June 6-9, 2013**

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*Photos from International Ski Week
courtesy of Debbie Stewart*



Connie Burdette
Editor, *The Councilman*

Cover: "The snow gods have certainly been smiling upon Aspen Snowmass this season. The resort has been getting a ton of snowfall over the past two months and it has continued into the new year. This past weekend, the community of Aspen awoke to a fresh 8 inch dump that provided skiers and riders ample slopeside playgrounds contrasted by the bluest skies you could imagine!"
courtesy of theskichannel.com

President

by Randy Lew

Climate Changes!



*Randy Lew
FWSA President*

Hello! Another ski season is now wrapping up and Mother Nature has not been kind this year. The Pacific Northwest and Canada have had great snow while California, Utah, and Colorado have had below average snowfall. The country has seen much stronger storms, yet less overall rainfall and snowfall this year. Global warming and disappearing glaciers which cause higher ocean levels and warmer ocean temperatures will have a long term effect on snowfall. The eight founding members of the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) Climate Challenge have committed to reduce overall emissions by 17% in just eight years. In reaching their Climate Challenge target, these ski areas are each expected to save \$600,000 per year in utility and fuel costs. NSAA's Climate Challenge is a voluntary program for resorts to inventory, target and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

I want to thank **Gloria Raminha** and her travel staff for the outstanding ski week at **Aspen/Snowmass**, Colorado with approximately 520 participants. We all enjoyed the great snow conditions, amazing skiing, challenging racing, and good weather at these great resorts. Many thanks to Mary Manning (**Aspen/Snowmass**), Karla Baker (**Snowmass Tourism**) and Mike Hibbard (**Sports America**) for their extraordinary efforts in providing a great experience.

Approximately 80 participants are attending our international ski trip to Innsbruck, Austria, with an exciting extension to Garmisch and Munich, Germany. **Debbie and George Stewart** have worked diligently to provide a very exciting trip.

The 4th FWSA scuba dive trip will be the 2nd week of September to Ramon's Village in Ambergris Caye, Belize for six days of amazing diving. A fall Caribbean cruise is also in the final planning stages and will be formally announced shortly.

The benefits of participating in a FWSA trip include: traveling with a group of skiers and snowboarders, friends that you already know, the opportunity to make new friends with people of like interests, value provided by volume pricing and organized activities and tours, and a trip leader to help you with agenda questions and the unforeseen issues that might arise.

I am very proud that our Athletic Scholarship Program, under the leadership of **Dick Shawkey**, has continued to grow. With the generosity of our industry partners **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, **Grouse Mountain Lodge**, and **Karbon Skiwear** we were able to award \$11,925 in scholarships to sixteen deserving junior racers. We want to welcome Sierra Council as our newest partner with their Frank App Memorial Scholarship.

Our 81st Convention, "Mountain Magic Moments" will be hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada June 6– 9, 2013. **Dennis Heffley**, BAC President, **Linda Indreboe**, BAC Convention Coordinator, and **Jane Wyckoff**, FWSA Convention Chair have some very exciting activities planned for us including a river walk, Pub Crawl, Truckee River rafting, Tahoe Rim Trail hike, the Grand Sierra "Fun Day", which includes miniature golf and bowling, a Spa Package at the Grand Sierra, and the 7th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament. They have been meeting regularly to plan all this fun. Friday will include, along with our great optional activities, our industry show and Silent Auction. On Saturday, we will have our Travel Industry Expo, some professional panel sessions, two modules of our highly acclaimed Snowsports Leadership Academy, and a session with some very special guest speakers. **Mike Sanford**, Past President is diligently working on lining up an all-star cast of celebrities including Billy Kidd, Daron Rahlves, Wayne Wong, Troy Hawks, and Doug Pringle. **Debbi Kor** is working on sponsorship for this great event.

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Experience Magic Mountain Moments at FWSA Convention

by Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chair



Jane Wyckoff
FWSA Convention
Chair

Join us for some *Magic Mountain Moments* June 6-9, 2013 at the Far West Ski Association's 81st Annual Convention in Reno, Nevada, hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. As a year-round outdoor destination, Reno offers unlimited adventures not only in the city, but the nearby greater Lake Tahoe area, as well. Come early and stay late! The Convention will be held at the spectacular Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, with a myriad of choices for entertainment and dining. The Resort features 11 restaurants, 5 bars and lounges, a casino, a fabulous spa/health club, movie theater, bowling alley and miniature golf.

There are NO resort fees, FREE parking and FREE in-room Wi-Fi. The Grand Sierra Resort is conveniently located just minutes from Reno International Airport and offers FREE shuttle service. Refer to the Convention flyer located in this publication for complete room reservation details. **All registration information and forms are now available on www.fwsa.org, as well as detailed information about the optional events.** Delegate credentials information and forms have been mailed to all clubs and councils. Included in the packet were brochures, which include the individual Convention Registration Form. This year the FWSA is offering an “**economic relief**” program. For every club registering 6 delegates (at the registration deadline), the club will receive a free registration, with the registration fee reimbursed following the Convention.

The fun begins Thursday evening with a River Walk Pub Crawl. Friday's optional events include: 7th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament; Reno Run White Water Rafting; Tahoe Rim Trail Hike, Grand Sierra Spa Day and Grand Sierra Resort Fun. Central Council is hosting a Beach Party in the late afternoon. On Friday evening, the Silent Auction/Dance is an opportunity to bid on over \$100,000 in ski and adventure trips (both domestic and international) and sports equipment. You will find unbelievable deals! Our bid runners this year are from the **Disabled Sports USA Far West Snowsports Program**, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to this very worthwhile program.

On Saturday the Travel Expo, panel sessions and Snowsports Leadership Academy give attendees great information to take back and share with club members. This year's topics are “Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club” and “Make Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done”. The Saturday speakers are always motivating, interesting and informative. Our scheduled Keynote Speaker is Daron Rahlves, the most decorated American Downhill and Super G skier in history. Visit www.fwsa.org for updates on guests and VIPs attending this year's Convention. The Saturday evening Awards Banquet and Dance is black-tie optional, and features awards handed out to well deserved volunteers and industry partners. You can expect great music, lots of dancing and a fabulous party!

Sunday is devoted to Convention business. FWSA is the “Voice of the Western Skier”, so this is your opportunity to make your voice heard. This is when officers are elected, by-laws and resolutions are voted on, and all other FWSA business is addressed. In addition, club and council recognition awards will be presented. The morning's General Session is all planned around a sumptuous Sunday Brunch.

NEW THIS YEAR! Dennis Heffley, BAC President, created a 2013 Convention PowerPoint presentation, with graphics by Catherine Ohl. You can view the PowerPoint presentation on the FWSA website, download the presentation, or download a PDF of the presentation. It has complete details about all the weekend's events and makes a great presentation for a club or council meeting. Also, new attendees to an FWSA Convention should be sure to attend Convention 101 prior to the Silent Auction, where Nancy Ellis, Convention Registrar, will review the weekend's program and answer all your questions.

For additional information about the 81st Annual Convention, please contact: Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chair, janewyckoff1@cox.net, 949.933.9607 or Linda Indreboe, BAC Host Council Convention Coordinator, bac.publicaffairs@skibac.org, 408.248.8426. Industry partners contact: Mary Olhausen, Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair, omary52@comcast.net, 503.880.7383.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Annual FWSA Convention. We know you will find the experience both fun and educational, and highly worthwhile attending.

Far West Ski Association

81st Annual Convention

Mountain Magic Moments



June 6-9, 2013

Grand Sierra Resort & Casino



2500 East 2nd Street Reno, NV 89595
(775) 789-2129 (reservations)
www.grandsierraresort.com

hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council

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Grand Sierra Resort & Casino

Reservations call 800-648-5080 or 775-789-2129

Group Name Far West Ski Association 2013

Online <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FarWestSki>

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy

Grand Sierra Room **\$79**

Summit Grand II Upgrade **\$104**

RV Spots at Grand Sierra: call 800-648-5080 or 775-789-2129

Hotel Features

- 11 Restaurants, 5 Bars & Lounges, Casino, Beach/Pool, Spa/Health Club, Movie Theater, Bowling, Miniature Golf
- NO Resort Fees, FREE In-room Wi-Fi, FREE Parking
- Rates available 3 days pre and post Convention
- FREE TRANSFER from Reno International Airport
- **Room block release date is May 10, 2013**

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi-Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- Pub Crawl
- Michael German Golf Tournament
- Reno Run White Water Rafting
- Tahoe Rim Trail Hike
- Grand Sierra Spa Day
- Grand Sierra Resort Fun
- Beach Party

Information www.fwsa.org

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81st ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, Nevada • June 6 - 9, 2013



WELCOME LETTER

January 2013

Dear FWSA Club Presidents and Convention Delegates:

Enclosed you will find the registration materials for the **Far West Ski Association's 81st Annual Convention**, to be held Thursday through Sunday, **June 6 – June 9, 2013**, at the fabulous Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, located in Reno, Nevada, hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. We are excited to be conducting our annual Convention in Reno, and are receiving great support for our event from the local Reno/Lake Tahoe community and snowsports industries. Please read all the materials enclosed in this registration packet carefully.

Deadlines:

- May 10, 2013 is the deadline** for early registration of \$149, a savings of \$26. The price goes up to \$175 on May 11.
- May 10, 2013 is the deadline** for submission of ALL event fees. These include the Thursday's River Walk Pub Crawl, Friday's 7th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, Reno Run Whitewater Rafting, Tahoe Rim Trail Hike, Grand Sierra Spa Day and Grand Sierra Resort Fun.
- May 24, 2013 is the deadline for fees at \$175.** Fees go up to \$190 beginning May 25.
- Please submit all forms and payments to: **FWSA Registrar, c/o Nancy Ellis, PO Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162**

Economic Relief Program:

FWSA is offering an "economic relief" program this year, to provide a ski club the opportunity to send more delegates to the Convention. For every six (6) delegates that have paid the full registration package, the club will receive a rebate of one (1) paid registration after the Convention.

Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!

Lodging at our group rate (double occupancy) is available at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino. Per our contract, we have **NO RESORT FEES, FREE IN-ROOM WI-FI, and PARKING IS COMPLIMENTARY**. Refer to the enclosed flyer for the FWSA contracted room rates for our group. The Grand Sierra Resort and Casino is located at 2500 East 2nd Street, Reno, NV 89595 (www.grandsierraresort.com). Make your reservations by calling 800-648-5080 or 775-789-2129 and give them our Group Name: Far West Ski Association 2013. You may also register on-line at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FarWestSki>. The Resort has an RV Park located next to it, and reservations can be made by calling the numbers above (cannot be booked online). Make your room reservations before **May 10**, when the room block is released. We cannot guarantee you will be able to book a room after the room block is released.

Transportation Information:

Flights should be booked in and out of the Reno International Airport. The Grand Sierra Resort & Casino offers FREE transfer from Reno Airport, and is located just a couple miles from the airport.

Theme – "Mountain Magic Moments":

This year's Convention theme is *Mountain Magic Moments*. Experience Mountain Magic Moments in Reno, nestled at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Awards Banquet on Saturday evening is black tie optional, with some good old rock 'n roll music.

Contact Information:

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| Jane Wyckoff | FWSA Convention Chairperson | janewyckoff1@cox.net | 949-933-9607 |
| Linda Indreboe | BAC Host Convention Coordinator | bac.publicaffairs@skibac.org | 408-248-8426 |
| Nancy Ellis | Convention Registrar | nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net | 530-582-0566 |

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate person above. Welcome to the 81st Annual FWSA Convention!

Sincerely,

Jane Wyckoff, Linda Indreboe, Nancy Ellis



81st ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino • Reno, Nevada • June 6-9, 2013
"MOUNTAIN MAGIC MOMENTS" – DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday, June 6, 2013

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| 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Delegate Registration - Delegate Neck Wallets <i>Sponsored by Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge</i> | Grand Salon |
| 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Industry Exhibitor Registration | Grand Salon |
| 5:00 pm - 9:45 pm | River Walk Pub Crawl - <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> | Meet in Hotel Lobby |

Friday, June 7, 2013

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| 6:15 am - 3:00 pm | 7th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at LakeRidge Golf Course (Optional Event) | Meet in Hotel Lobby |
| | Shotgun Start at 8:00 am | |
| 8:00 am - 3:00 pm | Tahoe Rim Trail Hike (Optional Event) | Meet in Hotel Lobby |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Reno Run Whitewater Rafting (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Brian Head Ski Resort</i> | Meet in Hotel Lobby |
| 8:30 am - 3:00 pm | Grand Sierra Spa Day (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company & Snowmass Tourism</i> | Meet in Spa |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Grand Sierra Fun - Miniature Golf, Bowling, Pai Gow Lessons (Optional Event) | Meet in Hotel Lobby |
| 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm | Industry Exhibitor Registration & Set Up | Reno Ballroom |
| 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Beach Party - <i>Sponsored by Mt. Bachelor</i> , Beer <i>Donated by Great Basin Brewing Company</i> , <i>Hosted by Central Council</i> | Meet at Hotel Beach |
| 3:00 pm - 9:30 pm | Delegate Registration | Grand Salon |
| 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only) | Carson 1 |
| 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | FWSA History Committee Meeting | Carson 1 |
| 4:30 pm - 4:45 pm | Industry Exhibitor Meeting | Reno Ballroom |
| 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only) | FWSA Suite |
| 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Convention 101 Meeting for New Convention Delegates | Grand Salon |
| 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Ski Club Social (No Host) | Grand Salon |
| 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Silent Auction Welcome Party - <i>Sponsored by Ski Dazzle</i> , Beer <i>Donated by Great Basin Brewing Company</i> | Reno Ballroom |
| 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm | Silent Auction and Dance - Musical Entertainment by TBD - <i>Sponsored by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort & Jackson Hole Resort Lodging</i> | Reno Ballroom |
| 10:30 pm - 11:30 pm | Exhibitor Booth Breakdown | Reno Ballroom |

Saturday, June 8, 2013

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| 7:00 am - 12:00 pm | Delegate Registration | Grand Salon |
| 7:00 am - 8:00 am | Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area</i> | Reno Ballroom |
| 8:00 am - 8:30 am | FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session | Reno Ballroom |
| 8:45 am - 10:40 am | Travel Expo – <i>Grand Prize - Far West Ski Week Sponsored by FWSA</i> | Tahoe Ballroom |
| 9:00 am - 12:15 pm | Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i> | Carson 3 |
| 10:00 am - 12:15 pm | Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only) | Carson 4 |
| 10:45 am - 12:15 pm | FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - "Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club" | Carson 1 |
| 10:45 am - 12:15 pm | Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers | Carson 2 |
| 10:45 am - 12:15 pm | Far West Racing Association (Invitation Only) | TBD |
| 10:45 am - 12:15 pm | Outstanding Club / Council Recognition Programs | Whitney Room |
| 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | Luncheon & Awards Presentation – Luncheon <i>Sponsored by Vail Resorts</i> , Beer <i>Donated by Great Basin Brewing Company</i> , Beer Service <i>Sponsored by Whistler Blackcomb, Coast Blackcomb Suites at Whistler, The Fairmont Hotel & Resorts</i> , Western Ski Heritage Award <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> , FWSA Safety Person of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass, The Crestwood & The Gant</i> | Reno Ballroom |
| 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm | FWSA Snowsports Multi-Media Presentation - <i>Sponsored by Mt. Bachelor & Sunriver Resort</i> | Carson 1 |
| 2:40 pm - 4:00 pm | FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - "Make Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done" | Carson 4 |
| 2:40 pm - 4:00 pm | 2014 FWSA Ski Week Staff Meeting (Invitation Only) | Carson 2 |
| 2:40 pm - 4:00 pm | Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers | Carson 1 |
| 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm | Council Caucus – Northwest / LA / Inland / Sierra / Direct Members | Carson 2 |
| | BAC / Central / Intermountain | Carson 3 |
| | San Diego / Orange / Arizona / New Mexico | Reno Ballroom |
| 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm | Reception (No Host) | Reno Ballroom |
| 7:00 pm - 12:00 pm | Awards Banquet & Dance "Mountain Magic Moments!" - Wine <i>Sponsored by Sports America</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Ski.Com & SkiGroup.Net</i> , Musical Entertainment by "One Track Mind" - <i>Sponsored by Sunshine Village Ski and Snowboard Resort & Sunshine Mountain Lodge</i> | Reno Ballroom |

Sunday, June 9, 2013

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| 7:00 am - 8:00 am | Eye Opener Party - <i>Sponsored by FWSA & Bay Area Snow Sports Council</i> | FWSA Suite |
| 8:30 am - 10:30 am | FWSA General Meeting – Elections | Reno Ballroom |
| 10:30 am - 11:30 am | Delegate Brunch - <i>Sponsored by Taos Ski Valley Resort</i> , Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities Award, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway | Reno Ballroom |
| 11:30 am - 2:00 pm | FWSA General Meeting Continued | Reno Ballroom |
| 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm | FWSA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees Meetings | Carson 1 |

Delegates are welcome to attend all events unless otherwise indicated. Participation in Travel Expo is especially encouraged and the Grand Prize will be awarded only among those who participate. Delegates with mandatory assignments to other meetings during Travel Expo will receive instructions from their Meeting Chairman.



81st Annual 2013 FWSA Convention

June 6-9, 2013, Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, NV



Registration Form

Name _____

Street/Apt. # _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Mobile Phone _____

Ski Club _____ Council _____

Delegate Status Voting Non Voting
 Alternate FWSA Direct Member

Dietary Restrictions _____

Except for your email address, which is not released, the information above will be provided to industry sponsors and donors to the Silent Auction. You may exclude your information from this list by checking this box.

Convention Packages (Fri, June 7 — Sun, June 9)

Full Package if paid by May 10, 2013 \$149 _____
 - \$175 after 5/10, \$190 after 5/24

Meetings Only (No meals or parties) \$50 _____

Saturday Expo, Meetings & Lunch \$50 _____

Awards Luncheon Only (Must be purchased in advance) \$37 _____

Awards Dinner & Dance Only (Black-Tie Optional) \$65 _____
 - Must be purchased in advance. Priority given to delegates

Extras

Delegate Book Hard Copy \$10 _____
 - Electronic DVD copy included in Full Package

Convention Vest Embroidered Microfleece \$35 _____
 [Must pay by May 1, 2013]

- Check S M L XL XXL

- Check Iron Grey True Red Forest Green Royal Blue

Optional Activities Priority given to Registered Delegates/Industry

River Walk **Pub Crawl** (Thursday, June 6) \$52 _____

Michael German Memorial **Golf Tournament** (Fri, June 7) \$102 _____

- Specify Handicap _____ OR Novice
 OR Last 3 Scores _____

- Will be Using Own Transportation

- Golf Club Rental - Check One Left or Right Handed \$25 _____

Reno Run **White Water Rafting** (Fri, June 7) \$75 _____

Tahoe Rim Trail **Hike** (Fri, June 7) \$25 _____

Grand Sierra **Spa Day** (Fri, June 7) - Check One Facial \$99 _____

Swedish Massage Aromatherapy Massage Body Scrub

Grand Sierra **Resort Fun** (Miniature Golf, Bowling, Pai Gow Lessons) \$45 _____

Make check payable to FWSA
 No Refunds after May 10, 2013.

**Submit this form and pay-
 ment by May 10, 2013 to**

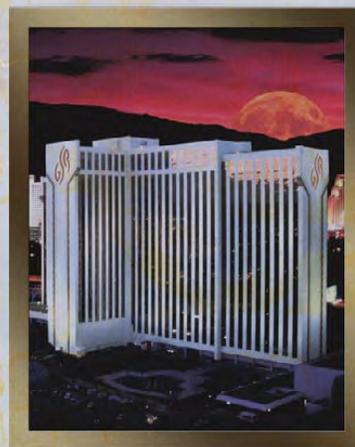
FWSA Convention Registrar,
 Nancy Ellis,
 P.O. Box 9681,
 Truckee, CA 96162.

For additional information
 visit www.fwsa.org.

Full Package Includes—

All FWSA business meetings, elec-
 tion and panel sessions, convention
 pin, delegate DVD, hosted parties, 4
 meals, complimentary beverages and
 activities.

- **Friday** - Beach Party, Silent Auction & Dance
- **Saturday** - Continental Breakfast, Travel Expo, Luncheon, Cocktail Party, Awards Dinner & Dance
- **Sunday** - Eye Opener, Buffet Brunch



Bylaws

By Robb Margrave, Chairman



*Bob Margrave
Bylaws
Chairman*

During the Annual Meeting of the Far West Ski Association, held in conjunction with its Annual Convention, at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV, 6 - 9 June 2013, delegates will be asked to approve Proposed Amendment 2013-1 to the current Bylaws. This proposed amendment is an overhaul of Article 6 which details how amendments may be made to the Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment 2013-1 is very similar to the current Bylaws, but there are some significant changes. It increases the number of endorsers from five to a number that is equal to 10% of the number of registered delegates at the most recent Annual Meeting of the Association, increases the lead time for submission of proposed amendments from 45 days to 180 days, and prohibits “wordsmithing” after the proposal has been submitted.

There is no evidence that this Article has been updated since the original Bylaws were written, probably in the early 1980’s. Since that time the Association has grown from one that was primarily in California to one that extends from border to border and from the east slope of the Rockies to the Pacific Ocean. The number of councils has grown from seven to 11. The additional time to review any proposed amendment will enable members to adequately consider the effects of the proposed amendment. Preventing “wordsmithing” ensures that the ideas presented by the original proposal will be carried through to the Annual Meeting.

The current Article 6 will be deleted and Proposed Amendment 2013-1 is to be inserted and is shown below.

6.0. AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

6.1. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by the Board of Trustees or through a Voter/Delegate initiative and may be considered and voted upon at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

6.2. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be presented, complete and in writing, to the Association Secretary or the President/Chairman of the Board of Directors. Once submitted, no changes may be made to the proposed amendment other than to correct spelling or grammatical errors.

6.3. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted, pursuant to Section 6.2, above, at least 180 days prior to the date on which the meeting at which the proposed amendment will be considered is scheduled to begin.

6.4. Proposed amendments initiated through a Voter/Delegate initiative shall bear the number of verifiable signatures of Association members equaling at least 10% of the number of registered delegates at the most recent Annual Meeting of the Association. Proposed amendments initiated by the Board of Trustees are exempt from this requirement.

6.5. Not later than 120 days prior to the meeting at which a proposed amendment is to be considered, a written or electronically posted notice of a Proposal to Amend shall be communicated to each member club and Direct Member at their last known address. The notice will include a copy of the text of the proposed amendment, and the date and location of the meeting at which the proposed amendment will be considered. Information contained in the Proposal to Amend shall be published, in its entirety, on the Association web pages and/or in such publication of the Association that is regularly sent to member clubs and Direct Members.

6.6. Proposed amendments may be withdrawn by the initiator at any time prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

6.7. Approval of a proposed amendment shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the registered Delegates at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association at which the proposed amendment is being considered.

6.8. Once an amendment is approved any section numbering changes will automatically change their appropriate reference in any other section of these Bylaws.

FWSA Elections

by Linda Westlund, Nominations Committee Chairman



*Linda Westlund
Nominations
Committee Chairman*

Elections of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting & Convention, June 6-9, 2013, at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada. Delegates will elect a president, secretary and treasurer for one year terms, and two trustee positions for two year terms. In addition, the following functional vice presidents will be elected for two year terms: VP North American Travel, VP Council Services and VP Public Affairs.

Declared candidates at the date of this publication:

President:
Treasurer: Linda Coxen*
Secretary: Wanda Ross*
Trustee 1: Jane Wyckoff*
Trustee 2: Steve Coxen*
VP Council Services: Eileen Sanford*
VP North American Travel: Nancy Ellis
VP Public Affairs:
* Incumbent

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions, please contact Linda Westlund, Nominating Committee Chairman, by email skierwesty@aol.com. Nominations for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of elections.

There are no By-Laws amendments currently proposed that have been endorsed by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors.

All candidates will have access to space for flyers and election materials at the registration area and on the tables on Sunday. In addition, each will have the opportunity to speak to delegates (see your weekend schedule for details.) The elections will be held during the general assembly on Sunday. The Nominating Committee Chairman will oversee elections. Members for an elections committee will be solicited at the Convention. All elections will be by secret ballot. Vote totals are confidential to the elections committee and records will be destroyed after verification by the committee and certified by a Trustee exercising oversight. The job descriptions for all board positions can be found on the FWSA website under "About" on the menu and then to the Governance page or by using the following link.

Web address: <http://www.fwsa.org/About/docs/FarWest-JobDescription-2006.pdf>

VP of Communications

by Linda Scott

FWSA Has A New Website!



Linda Scott

VP of

Communications

You must check out our new website at www.fwsa.org. It is fantastic, and loaded with everything you need to know about all of our fun activities and events. While there, you will also learn about other FWSA programs you may not have previously known about, including some of our award programs that recognize folks for their dedication to promoting snowsports, safety, and community service, and information about our wonderful sponsors who work to promote and make FWSA a huge success.

For instance, if you want to learn the latest about our upcoming Far West Ski Association 81st Annual Convention in Reno, Nevada from June 6-9, 2013, simply go to the website and click the “**Conventions**” tab at the top of the page, and *viola*, everything you need to know is right there. You will learn all about each day’s activities, optional events that you can sign up for, the identity of honored guest speakers, fun social events that are not to be missed, and learning opportunities to help develop your club membership.

If you have a question and want to contact one of the officers, council presidents or committee chairman, just click on the “**About**” tab and you will find photos and titles of each person. Hover your mouse over the picture and click on a picture, and you can send an email directly to that person. How great is that?

Under the “**Member Corner**” tab, you can learn all about our programs, publications and member benefits and discounts. You can even sign up for the *Far West News Flash* right there, and the FWSA monthly newsletter will be delivered right to your email box. You can also view our *Far West Skier Guide* and *The Councilman* online from the comfort of your home, or link to our *Facebook* page where you will find surprising and fun posting.

The “**Travel**” tab will give you everything you need to know about all of our trips, including our North American snowsport trips, international ski trips, dive and adventure trips. If you like cruising, we even offer an annual cruise where you can relax with your friends while the view just passes by.

We have a “**Photo Gallery**” tab that you can click to see your FWSA friends having fun on all of our trips, and attending events at our annual conventions. We even have photos of award winners, so you really must check out this tab.

Speaking of awards, if you click on the “**Awards**” tab, you will learn about FWSA’s fantastic recognition program where we recognize folks who volunteer endless hours to help promote skiing and snowsports. You will find recognition programs for volunteers at the community and club level, as well as folks who have dedicated themselves for decades to promoting skiing through safety programs, community involvement, and adaptive programs. We even recognize clubs with a FWSA Historical Designation if they have been in operation for 50 or more years!

Much of what we do could not happen without our wonderful sponsors, and the “**Sponsors**” tab helps our corporate and product sponsors make choices about sponsoring awards, prizes and events.

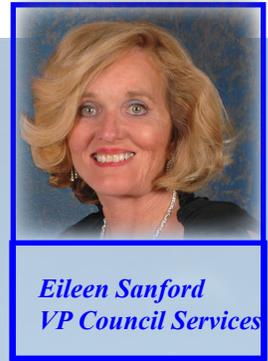
Once you visit our new website, I am sure you will want to return often to see everything new that is happening within FWSA. The fantastic site was designed and developed by long time FWSA member Catherine Ohl, whom many of you know. We thank Catherine for her continued dedication and work on behalf of FWSA.

VP of Council Services

By Eileen Sanford

The FWSA Board of Directors has had a productive winter season. I am excited about working on the FWSA leadership team as VP of Councils and President of the San Diego Council. I have the responsibility and unique opportunity to work with special FWSA programs and San Diego Council programs.

The FWSA **Outreach Program** funds will be awarded at the April FWSA board meeting. I strongly recommend councils gather their receipts and fill out a form to receive compensation for spreading the FWSA logo, name, and events within their councils. I hope all the councils will participate in the program this year.



This year the **Savvy Snake Skin Cancer Prevention Program** continued to be promoted by Fran Long and her committee. She came up with Savvy Snake, a cute logo to remind kids to use sunscreen while skiing or boarding. The Savvy Snake stickers were a big hit at the trade shows in western states. The pamphlet explaining the program objects also included a puzzle for the kids on the back. Fran is in the process of getting the rights to designs of Saavy Snake and then we can distribute the materials electronically and allow clubs to print and use the materials as they see fit. Thanks to Fran for a job well done! We will continue to promote the program next year.



FWSA Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Program, chaired by Donn Bryant, recognizes the council leaders at the FWSA Convention. The Council presidents formed a committee this year to update the program to match it with FWSA guidelines. The judges' score sheet was revised to give more points to club involvement and less to FWSA involvement. This will allow volunteers who are at the grass roots level of club and council participation an equal chance as longtime club volunteers. The nominees will also be called up to the stage at the Saturday night dinner and remain there for special recognition before the winner is announced.

Two important charity and community service programs are now included at FWSA Convention: the **Charity & Community Service Recognition Program** and the **Community Service Awareness Program**. These awards encourage our councils and clubs to get more involved with charities and community service. Thanks to Sigrid Noack for her continuing leadership of this program. The council presidents requested that the program be reviewed at the winter FWSA meeting. Sigrid worked with the council presidents to update the guidelines and criteria. See her article for this year's guidelines.

Club and Council Communications Award Chair for best website, newsletter and best overall club is being led Crissymarie King.

I am looking forward to going to Grand Sierra in Reno for the June 6-9, 2013 Convention! It is such a great opportunity to see all the programs that councils and FWSA have supported this year. See you there

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If you need further convention information, please check our website www.fwsa.org. Everything has been posted there including the event flyers and registration forms. Put the dates June 6 to 9 on your calendar now and plan on attending the 81st Annual Far West Ski Association Convention.

Northwest Ski Club Council will be hosting the 82nd Far West Ski Association Convention in 2014 at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center in Bend, Oregon. They are already starting to research fun activities and options for a great summer trip to Central Oregon.

The success of FWSA is due to a significant number of volunteers who have contributed a tremendous amount of time and expertise. We need you!! For those reading this article and want to get more involved, this is your opportunity. The more volunteers, the easier the workload. If you want more information on volunteering either call (503-682-1563) or email (fwsa13randy@telis.org) me or one of our Functional VP's. All of our Functional VP's require a working committee to be truly successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

VP of Marketing and Sponsorship

By Debbi Kor



*Debbi Kor
VP of Marketing
and Sponsorship*

WRAPPING UP THE 2013 SKI SEASON

Winter is waning, and as we look forward to warmer weather, sunshine, golfing, biking, back yard picnics and barbecues, we cannot help but remember all of the winter fun we have had on our many club and council treks to **Brundage, Mammoth, Powder Mountain, Deer Valley, Park City, Steamboat**, and a host of other exciting winter wonderlands. We have skied, boarded, snow-shoed, hot-toddied, and enjoyed all kinds of winter activities. Thank you to all of our industry partners who provided us warm lodging, good food, great snow, and high-speed chairlifts to get us to the top of the mountain.

Ski Week 2013 in Aspen, was a huge success! Mary Manning, Karla Baker, and their cast and crew at **Aspen/Snowmass** did an outstanding job seeing to our needs, and making this another Ski Week for the history books! The awesome Super Bowl Welcome Party, the Pub Crawl, and all of the other activities were beyond fun! Thank you, too, to those local businesses in Aspen and Snowmass who provided door prizes for the Welcome Party, including: Amber's Consignment Shop, Boogie's Diner, Crazy Shirts, Sashae Floral & Gifts, 39 Degrees Restaurant, Mezzaluna, New York Pizza, Little Annie's, Woody Creek Tavern, Aspen Sports, Snowmass Village Salon, Sunglass Panache, Artisan Bar at Stonebridge Inn, Little Mammoth, Stew Pot and Big Hoss Grill, not to mention the goodies provided by our hosts: Aspen Skiing Company and Snowmass Tourism.

Dick Shawkey and his many volunteers did another fantastic job selling raffle tickets for the Karbon ski outfit, surpassing all Ski Week raffles to date. A very tidy sum of \$3,000 was collected for the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program. The winner of the Karbon wear was Al Lawrence of Balboa Ski and Sport Club.

With ski season, 2013 coming to a close, our thoughts can begin focusing on the 81st Annual Far West Convention, taking place this coming June 6-9, in Reno, Nevada, at the fun-filled and exciting Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.

Bay Area Council has been hard at work putting together an action-packed weekend for us all, including the annual Pub Crawl on Thursday evening, followed by a wide variety of activities on Friday beginning with the 7th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament. We will have a trail hike, whitewater rafting, a Grand Sierra Spa package, and a "Fun Day" at the Grand Sierra, which will include miniature golf, bowling, and Pai Gow lessons. All of this will be followed by Mt. Bachelor's "Beach Party" on Friday, and all of the usual convention activities throughout the weekend. Our industry partners are coming forward to sponsor many of our events and activities, and insuring that our major fund raiser of the convention, our Silent Auction, is the huge success that it typically is. We'll see you there!

VP of Membership

By Mary Azevedo

The first page of a club's website will catch your attention and cause you to pause and read more or just move on. You need to look at what your ski club is putting on the first page of your website to attract people who are searching for a ski club to join. As I perused different club websites, I came across the Phoenix website and was VERY impressed with what they said. See if you agree with me:

"Now, with about 400 members, the Club runs ski trips each winter all over the Western US and Canada. We even go to Europe or other exotic destinations in conjunction with the Far West Ski Association. In addition to skiing, you'll find us hiking, white water rafting, bicycling, house-boating, canoeing, 4-wheel driving, touring the wine country, taking in the theatre, whooping it up at musical events, water skiing, and just socializing."

Using your website as a marketing tool can draw new members into your club. My club, Snowchasers, has brought in new members because they found us on the net. Here are some enticements to get members to join a club:

Our ski trips have taken us to Colorado, Utah, California and Nevada, to Canada, Antarctica, Europe, New Zealand..... (If you want to entice prospective members). You can use Far West Ski Association domestic and overseas trips. In addition, mention that people meet other skiers of like expertise and will be able to ski with them during the week. In many councils, there are council ski clinics at local ski resorts which help non-racers and competitive skiers hone their racing skills.

FWSA is made up of 150 regional clubs with skiers & snowboarders of all ages. Membership in any of these clubs provides benefits such as discounts on skiing & riding, trips, lodging, lessons & racing. Regional councils sponsor inter-club competitions for adults and children, and promote club activity both on and off the snow.

You can also mention: *Summer vacation getaways: Diving all over the world, river cruises and ocean cruises. Parties, camping trips, bicycle events, hikes, potlucks, bowling, club races, pizza parties, etc. You can also mention that you have monthly newsletter*

detailing all club activities and email reminders of registration deadlines and upcoming events

Call your webmaster and start planning how you can market your club on the net.



Mary Azevedo
VP of
Membership

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VP of International Travel

By Debbie Stewart



*Debbie Stewart
VP of
International
Travel*

This is a very exciting time for FWSA's International Travelers! As we advance our program, we hope to capture the imagination of our members and create adventuresome travel experiences with lasting friendships and memories. Many of our members have a strong passion for travel and I feel it is my job to enhance their travel desires by providing amazing destinations and exceptional customer service. How will we accomplish this? Well, I am developing my Int'l travel team with talent that will not only satisfy but exceed your expectations.

I look forward to announcing our future trips early in order to give our club members advance information so they can make their travel choices. I feel it is very important to collaborate, not compete with our member clubs; therefore, I plan on working closer with our Council and Club Presidents to not only to complement, but enhance all travel opportunities. In the future I foresee working together and support what each entity is doing.

Our travel committee continues to work on special project to advance our Int'l travel program. The FWSA board approved sending an e-mail to all Council and Club Presidents informing them about FWSA's domestic and International travel programs to share with their general members. We are evaluating our existing data and acquiring additional FWSA participant's travel desires to advance our travel calendar. We will also be working on additional methods to poll our Councils, Clubs and grass roots members to incorporate their feedback in order to serve our members better. We are developing an incentive program to reward those who assist in increasing the participation on International Ski Week trips. This will create a win/win situation for all.

FWSA 2013 INT'L SKI WEEK:

Our FWSA Int'l Ski Week March 2 – 10, 2013 in Innsbruck, Austria was a tremendous success! There were 86 participants who spent 7 nights at the 4-star Hotel Grauer Bar which exceeded our expectation. Their overwhelming hospitality and high level of customer service was received by all. Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. It has over 320 miles of trails easily accessible in 25 surrounding village resorts. There are nine major ski areas that provided varied terrain for all levels of skiers. After returning from skiing at Axamer Lizum, Mike Sanford stated, "this was an excellent ski day with beautiful blue skies, we skied our buns off and it couldn't have been better!" Besides skiing locally, we organized ski days in St. Anton, St. Moritz and Ischgl which greatly enhanced their ski experiences. Wanda Ross commented, "It was great that you listened and acted on what our members asked you for. Skiing Ischgl was by far the best ski day ever!"

Nicholas Boekdrukker, Manager International Marketing & Media for Innsbruck Tourism arranged a welcome party for our group in the courtyard of the Historical Imperial Palace including local musical entertainment and a celebratory cup of gluwain.

Many members took advantage of our guided optional day trips. Our first excursion included stopping in the quaint town of Rattenburg, known for their plentiful glass blowing and carving artists. We then traveled on for a fabulous tour of the charming city of Salzburg. As David Jarl stated, "I've been on many day trips and our tour guide is outstanding, if you rate guides 1 to 10...he's an 11." Needless to say, I requested him again for all our tours. Even though we did not have enough signups for a full bus to Venice, we made special arrangements with a private driver to take 6 people to Venice for the day which allowed them to check this one off their "bucket list!" Several traveled to Bolzano, which is famous for the home of "Otzi" – a 500 year old mummified "Ice Age Man." People commented on how fascinating, educational and the fact that this tour exceeded their expectations. They then got a taste of the Southern Austrian landscape while continuing on to Vipiteno, Italy.

While traveling through some of the most spectacular Tyrol region countryside, many enjoyed a trip to the Bavarian Castles which included the Neuschwanstein Castle in which the Disneyland Castle

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is designed from. Before touring the Castle, the group experienced the town of Oberammergau which is where the well known "Passion Play" has been held every 10 years since 1634.

Our final Innsbruck evening some of us went to an Authentic Tyrolean Show which included music using several period instruments, slap-dancing, yodeling and lots of singing and dancing. Their family run show was not only authentic, but very charming to say the least. They even sang Yankee Doodle Dandy for those of us from the U.S.!

On Sunday, 29 members left to either travel home or adventure elsewhere and the remaining 57 traveled by bus to Garmisch-Partenkirchen. 31 members took the walking tour to get a lay of the land and learn the history and the culture of the area prior to our welcome/orientation. We received a welcome from Peter Nagel, Tourism Director who shared information regarding the ski resorts and provided our members an outstanding offer for rental equipment. Our farewell dinner was held at the charming Werdenfelserhof Restaurant enjoying an Authentic Bavarian Dinner with Tyrolean music and entertainment. After spending 5 nights in Garmisch-Partenkirchen we traveled to Munich to receive a half-day tour of the city then everyone was free to experience Munich as they desired until traveling home. Linda Boll-Dow said, "I've been on many trips, but I've never been on one that's been a 10, 10, 10 in every aspect of the trip. I really appreciate the trip's leadership in which everything is taken care of and done with such a friendly smile."

After leaving Munich, my husband George and I were met by a representative from the Swiss Office of Tourism in Zermatt, Switzerland for a short site inspection. We inspected lodging properties and were able to familiarize ourselves with the area prior to leading next year's trip in March 2014.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

"Expect the Unexpected!" In order to provide our members the best travel experience I feel it is important to explore relationships with additional tour operators. Having said this, I have renewed a relationship with a previous tour company and I am working towards establishing new ones. Here are some of our travel opportunities:

FWSA 2014 INT'L SKI WEEK:

The Request for Proposal (RFP) has been sent out to 7 tour operator companies for FWSA 2014 International Ski Week to Zermatt, Switzerland with an extension to Spain and/or Portugal. The last time FWSA went to Zermatt was in 2004 and it is time to return with great expectations. We are looking at March 2014 and the exact details will be provided once a bid decision has been made.

FWSA 2014 ADVENTURE TRIP:

The RFP has been submitted for bids for African Safari in the fall of 2014. This trip will be an experience of a lifetime and one you won't want to miss! Destination and details will be provided.

FWSA ANNUAL DIVE TRIP:

The 4th FWSA scuba dive trip will be held September 7-14, 2013 to the beautiful Ramon's Village Resort in Belize. You will enjoy 7 nights lodging, 6 days of 2 tank boat dives, full breakfast daily and much more. Non-divers ARE welcome!

"Enrich your life and indulge yourself with FWSA's International Travel Program and adventures to be discovered".

For updates on FWSA International Travel Program:

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Website: www.fwsa.org

VP of North American Travel

by Gloria Raminha



*Gloria Raminha
VP of North American
Travel*

ASPEN/SNOWMASS SKI WEEK ATTRACTS OVER 500 FWSA SKIERS

2013 FWSA Aspen/Snowmass Ski Week was attended by more than 510 members. We were provided with great weather conditions and the skiing was good too. The feedback received from the members who attended the trip has been very positive.

I would like to thank Mary Manning from **Aspen Skiing Company** along with our ski week Tour Operator, Mike Hibbard from **Sports America Tours** and his staff, for organizing a week full of activities. WOW! The parties were outstanding with great food, spirits and music, all providing good times for our members to socialize with long time friends and meet new ones. **Sports America Tours**, **Kenwood Vineyards** and **Korbel Champagne** offered an extra bonus by hosting wine, champagne and cheese tasting events.

Additionally, I would like to thank my “travel team”; Marilyn Sigler, Lynnell Calkins, Ken Calkins, Nancy Ellis, Bob Ellis, who are members of my travel staff and our council trip leaders; Ken Sumiec, Paula Kinahon, Mary Alexander, Wayne Stolfus, Judith Miller, Christine Ciardi, Sheila VanGuilder, Debbie Stewart and Susan Shaffer, who also assists travel staff, for dedicating many hours of their time to FWSA to make our ski weeks the continued success they have been over the years. (See Photos page 28)

2013 MT. BACHELOR SKI TRIP

2013 Mini Ski Trip in Mt. Bachelor was not completed when this article was written, but promises to be a success. Fran Long and I worked with Bob Bourquard from Mt. Bachelor and Nicole Daane-McCarthy from The Riverhouse in Bend, Oregon at planning 5 days of jam-packed activities and great skiing for all the members who have decided to join us this year. We are expecting many of our participants from our first “Mini Ski Trip” last year to return this year.

2013 MAMMOTH SUMMER ADVENTURE

Fran Long is organizing the Mammoth Summer Adventure Trip coming up June 25th to July 1. This year the primary focus is on biking. For more information, please contact Fran at fancat2007@sbcglobal.net.

CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN WITH FWSA

This fall FWSA members will set sail early November from Miami, Florida for a 7-day Eastern Caribbean cruise on the Norwegian “Epic” cruise liner. Details and sign-up information for this cruise will be available on the Far West website at www.fwsa.org in the travel section.

BEAVER CREEK – 2014 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK

“Not exactly roughing it!” That’s what FWSA members will be doing for the 2014 Ski Week, January 25 to February 1. This ski week will be the first FWSA Ski Week to be held in Beaver Creek. Council Trip Leaders and Travel Staff attended a site tour of the mountain, lodging properties and event locations so that they can start planning for a successful ski week in 2014. With Beaver Creek’s outstanding groomed runs, base village escalators and cookie-time every afternoon, you will think you are in Heaven. If you are interested in participating in the 2014 ski week in Beaver Creek, you can sign up with one of the Council Trip Leaders listed on the flyer. The flyer can be found on the website at fwsa.org along with and all FWSA future travel plan.

THANKS FROM GLORIA RAMINHA, VP OF NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL

It is time for me to step down from my position as VP of North American Travel. I have been in charge of the North American Travel Program for the past 6 years and I would like to say thanks to my travel staff, council trip leaders, travel committee members, FWSA Board members and ski industry personnel who I have worked with throughout the years. I am proud of the success of all the ski weeks during my time in office, and the accomplishments I have made which include starting the annual mini ski trips and summer adventure trips. I am looking forward to assisting my successor and will hopefully continue to be involved with the travel program for many years to come, so I am not going away.

Safety Committee Chair

By Richard Lubin, D.C.



*Richard Lubin, D.C.
Safety Committee
Chair*

AUGMENTED REALITY SAFETY

Are you ready for the future of ski goggles? It is already here. Several manufacturers (Oakley, Zeal, and Smith Optics) are making ski goggles with futuristic built-in displays. These “heads up displays” are similar to some of the advanced electronics jet fighter pilots use. They allow you to see real-time statistics and record data for the end of your ski run.

Important information like your location, distance, altitude, slope angle, and speed can be displayed. You can even review amazing information on a jump, like speed, height, distance, and airtime. To utilize these devices, a wireless remote is worn on your wrist, which can be operated even with your gloves on. The display is tiny, and it appears in the lower right visual field. It is seen like a 14 inch screen five feet away and does not obstruct your vision. It works with both iPhones and android phones. It is very versatile and allows you access to all kinds of information from your phone like text messages, apps for heart rate, navigation and what music is playing.

This type of technology is becoming increasingly more common and is known as “augmented reality.” You may have heard of the Google Glass coming out later this year. These devices do not come cheap, the goggles will set you back \$500-\$700 and the Google glass somewhere around \$1500.

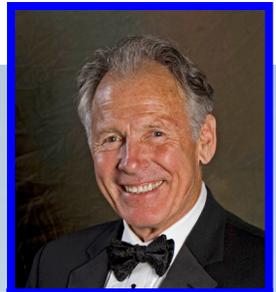
So how does this affects safety? Ski goggles are an important and integral safety device for skiers. They protect eyes from the sun, glare, potential fall or obstacles. With these new ski goggles you have to look at the display which might divert your attention, albeit briefly, from the slopes. Eye movements take about 1/5 of a second. If you are skiing at a very common cruising of 30 miles an hour that can translate into about 9 feet. It only takes a moment for an accident to happen. We know how dangerous texting while driving can be. While potentially dangerous, these new goggles may augment safety by giving lots of useful information. Knowing your location, the location of your friends, and where the nearest lift is, translates into important safety information. As these goggles evolve, there will be far more things that they will be able to do to help improve safety. Imagine monitoring problems with your body like your spine, joints, your heart, oxygen levels and other physiological information. Our new slogan may be “watch all sides including the inside.” I would expect it to be able to identify other skiers which may be speeding towards a collision with you. It may even show you the nearest location of a ski patroller. However fabulous, monitoring this information will take some of your attention away.

For the gadget inclined, it sounds like an amazing advance. Others go skiing to get away from sitting in front of a computer all day. Ultimately, we will see how it affects safety

Athletic Scholarship

By Dick Shawkey, Chairman

2012-2013 Season is Coming to a Close, Time to Think about 2013-2014



*Dick Shawkey
Athletic Scholarship
Chairman*

The 2013 fund-raising campaign was launched at the FWSA Ski Week at **Aspen/Snowmass**, Colorado, in early February. The final tally for the Karbon raffle was \$3005.00. We would like to express our appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the raffle. Al Lawrence from the Balboa Ski and Sports Club (Orange Council) was the lucky winner. Al has chosen the red/black/platinum black Hydrogen jacket and black nitrogen pants for his prize. You too can have a Karbon outfit at discounted prices through team sales. Clubs or teams receive a significant discount by purchasing a minimum of ten jackets of the same style and color. Additional clothing items are discounted to provide coordinated ensembles once the ten-jacket minimum is met. The deadline for 2013 orders has passed, but now is a good time to think about 2014. Contact Dick Shawkey rshawkey@comcast.net or Randy Lew fwsa13randy@telis.org for details.

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) revised the class structure for junior alpine ski racing. No longer are the competitors classified as J-1, J-2, J-3, etc. The new system divides racers by age group with U21, U18, U16, U14, etc. The U stands for under. Hence the U21 class includes racers 18-20. The change was made to align USSA racing with Federation Internationale de Ski or International Ski Federation (FIS) changes where athletes must now be 16 to compete in FIS events. Athletes in the U14 and below classes will not be scored, i.e., points are not assigned or maintained. In the past, that was true for J-4 and below. Now 13 year olds will no longer be scored. Consequently, the athletic scholarship committee is changing the age requirement for scholarship applicants to U21, U18 and second year U16 (i.e., 15 year olds). This way, 14 year olds will have points that can be taken in consideration when they apply as a 15 year old.

Many a scholarship recipient has made his/her mark on Western ski runs during the 2012-2013 competition season. Our athletes have made their presence known on famous ski mountains such as **Big Sky, MT, Sun Valley, ID, Jackson Hole, WY, Park City, UT, Mt. Bachelor, OR, Squaw Valley, CA, and Mammoth Mountain, CA**. There are also lesser known ski resorts such as **Stevens Pass and Mission Ridge, WA, Bridger Bowl, MT, Loveland, CO, Brundage Mountain, ID, and Snow King, WY**. Going in to the final days of the 2013 season, several of our athletes are turning up the heat. Elyse Burandt, sponsored by the Northwest Ski Club Council, cleaned house at the speed events at Mt. Bachelor, 19-24 February, with four top-ten finishes including a 1st and a 3rd. Austin Dean, sponsored by Berfreunde Ski Club, hit his stride at the Western Region Junior Championships taking a 1st in Slalom, a 6th in Super-G and an 11th in Super-G. Also Danny O'Neal placed 7th and 8th in Super-G at the Western Region Junior Championships. Ali Gunesch, sponsored by Skiyente Ski Club, placed 5th and 13th in Super-G at the Western Region Junior Championships, and a 1st and 3rd at the Mt. Bachelor Downhill. Jordan Schweitzer, sponsored by the Mountain High Snowsports Club, placed in the top ten (including a 3rd in Super-G) in three events at the Western Region Junior Championships. Molly Leavens placed 4th at the David Wright Memorial Giant Slalom in Park City on 1 March. Lila Lapanja, finished in 12th and 6th place in Slalom at the NORAM Cup finals at Sugar Bowl on 14 and 15 March. The U.S. Nationals will be held at Squaw Valley on 21-24 March. Look for the results in the April FWSA News Flash. Finally, congratulations to Madeline Riffel from Mammoth, CA, who recently won the U.S. Ski Cross Championships in the Canyons, CO. Maddie will be leaving shortly for Italy to compete in the Junior World Championships and the Swiss National Championships.

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program continues to be indebted to its sponsors: **Whitefish Mountain Resort** www.skiwhitefish.com, **Grouse Mountain Lodge** www.grousemountainlodge.com, **Schure Sports Inc.** www.karbonmail.com, maker of the Karbon brand of snow sports apparel, and the Far West Racing

Charities and Our Community

by Sigrid Noack

CHARITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

The seventh annual FWSA “Charity & Community Service Recognition” is well under way. A great big thank you to the clubs and councils that took time out of their busy schedules to share their wonderful charitable activities with the rest of our FWSA family. It continues to amaze me just how caring the members in our FWSA clubs are.

This year we have upgraded our Charity Recognition Program to encourage more community involvement for our FWSA membership. Councils now have their own recognition program, with the winner receiving \$100 to be donated to their favorite charity. Our ski club recognition has been expanded. The club involved with the most charitable activities & donations will receive \$300, while the 2 runner-up clubs will each be awarded \$100 by FWSA to be donated to their favorite charity.

The application procedure is the same as in previous years. Application forms are easily accessible on our www.fwsa.org website with more specific information about this special recognition program.

All awards will be presented at the FWSA Convention this June in Reno, Nevada. All clubs and councils that have applied will be recognized at the Convention. Three clubs and one council will be asked to prepare a photo display board showing their charitable activities. Our delegates, industry friends and other Convention guests are always very impressed by the amazing dedication to charitable work within our FWSA family.

Thank you and congratulations to the groups that have applied this year. Ski Clubs: **Torrey Pines Ski Club (San Diego Council)**, **Single Ski Club (LAC)**, **Fresno Ski Club (Central Council)** and **Modesto Ski Club (BAC)**; Ski Councils: **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs**, **Intermountain Ski Council** and **Bay Area Snow Sports Council**. All of you are already our winners!

FWSA’S IMPORTANT CHARITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM IS NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR

“Community Service Awareness Program”

FWSA’s Honor Roll of Councils

Two years ago we started another program to further encourage “giving back” to our communities. The **Community Service Awareness Program** is all about getting more of our FWSA family involved with charitable activities. Our eleven FWSA councils were presented with this challenge: To try to have all of the clubs in their council be involved with at least ONE charity program by the next convention. We actually did quite well with two of our councils receiving the “almost 100%” recognition!

Now we are again emphasizing to all our councils the importance of becoming involved with charitable organizations. Councils are asked to make community service an agenda item at every council meeting, thereby stressing the importance to club representatives to have their ski club be involved with at least one charitable organization every year. Hopefully, by this June 2013 in Reno, some councils will have reached the goal of 100% community involvement!

Good luck councils! See you in June, when we will have an “Honor Roll of Councils” recognizing all our councils, that have any involvement with charitable work. Our top Community Service councils will receive extra special recognition!

FWSA is still aiming for 100% charitable involvement!



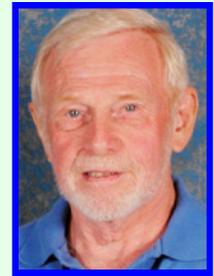
*Sigrid Noack,
Charities
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Arizona Ski Council

by Arleigh Meiners, President



A GREAT SKIING SEASON



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The Arizona Ski Council held their annual ski season Kick-Off party on Saturday Nov. 3 at North Mountain Park. There were about 65 people that attended this event. They all enjoyed an afternoon of food and drink. A raffle was held and many wonderful prizes were won. The 2012-2013 skiing season for the Phoenix Ski Club has been just fantastic. The Phoenix Ski Club has completed trips to **Wolf Creek, Park City, Telluride, Taos, Beaver Creek** and the FWSA trip to **Snowmass**. Trips to **Big Sky, Telluride** and the FWSA **Mt. Bachelor** trip are still left to be completed, as I write this article.



Phoenix Ski Club at the
65th anniversary Parada Del Sol
with Paul and Debbie Castaldo

The Phoenix Ski Club is having their 65th Anniversary celebration this year. Many events have already happened and several more are planned. The first event was a picture poster event that was held Nov. 17, 2012 at Dreamy Draw Park. There were about 60-70 people at this event. On Feb. 9, 2013 the Phoenix Ski Club entered a float in the annual horse drawn parade called the Parada del Sol and won the most comical award. Saturday April 20, the 65th Anniversary Banquet and membership appreciation dinner will be held at the Pinnacle Peak Patio, and about 200 people will be attending this event. Saturday April 27, the Phoenix Ski Club will present a Melodrama called "Sagebrush Sidekick." Then on May 17 – 19, 2013 there will be a bus trip to Laughlin, Nevada. More events may be planned.

The Warren Miller Movie was shown at two locations in Phoenix, the Orpheum Theater, Gammage Auditorium at Arizona State University, and one location in Scottsdale, the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. The Arizona Ski Council attended these events and distributed about 550 *Far West Skier's Guide* to attendees.

Feel free to check out any of the Club's activities through *Facebook* or links for the Council website www.arizonaskicouncil.org



Arleigh Meiners, Mort Copenhaver
and Dave Rowley



Phoenix Ski Club
65th anniversary Parada Del Sol Drill Team



Phoenix Ski Club - Taos Trip

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley, President



*Dennis Heffley
Bay Area Snow
Sports Council
President*

We have experienced another challenging winter in California. From what I have read and heard, it has been, “the driest January and February on record.” Thankfully, storms arrived and dumped loads of snow in December! The resorts have been doing an amazing job with grooming and snow making. A huge benefit has been that the temperatures through February remained very cold.

This has been great news for the two Bay Area Snow Sports Councils (BAC) Recreational Race Leagues. **No races have been canceled!** As a cost saving factor, our BAC Open League and BAC Singles League have partnered up with the Sierra League Racing Teams. This has increased the number of racers and energy on race weekends. Appreciation goes out to **Ms. Debi Phelps (BAC Open League Race Director)** and **Mr. Craig Faitel (BAC Singles League Race Director)** for all of their efforts during this season.

I hear the FWSA Ski Week in **Aspen/Snowmass** was AMAZING! Close to 100 members of the BAC attended this spectacular event in the mountains of Colorado. **Ms. Paula Kinahon** again put together a wonderful BAC Night during the trip. She is “spoiling” our FWSA Ski Week attendees! The BAC is already accepting deposit checks for the 2014 FWSA Ski Week to **Beaver Creek!**

The BAC also had what is becoming a regular event for us, a BAC Park City Trip! **Ms. Linda Hennings** (former BAC Travel Director) once again took our BAC Members on an amazing adventure skiing **Deer Valley, Park City and Canyons!**

Besides our scheduled BAC Recreational Race Weekends, there have been numerous mini trips by BAC Clubs up to the Lake Tahoe/Reno Area and resorts. Along with skiing and snowboarding, included activities have been snow shoeing and cross country skiing! It’s all about having as much fun as possible on the snow.

We are very excited to announce our 8th Annual BAC Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A’s Baseball Game & Fireworks Show Benefiting Disabled Sports USA Far West Division will take place Friday August 2, 2013. A big thank you goes to **Ms. Jennifer Van Gilder** with **Vail Resorts** for agreeing to once again support our fund raising efforts for this spectacular event. Last year we had 156 people attend the game. This year . . . !?

I always like to mention and say thank you to the life blood of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council which is our Board of Directors and our numerous volunteers. This year we especially appreciate their efforts as they are stepping up and doing extra duty with the preparations for the 81st Annual Far West Ski Associations Convention. **Our Leader / BAC Convention is Ms. Linda Indreboe. Her skills in coordinating the event are beyond compare.**

We invite and hope everyone attends this gala event! Fun, informative, fun, educational, fun, entertaining, fun . . . I think you get the message. We look forward to sharing the positive energy with you June 6 ~ 9, 2013 at the impressive location of the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, NV.

Orange Council of Ski Clubs

By Judy Thurman, President



Judy Thurman
Orange Council
President

February 18, 2013, Orange Council of Ski Clubs (Orange Council) had their annual president's dinner. This year we were so lucky to have two guest speakers: Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chair, who brought us up-to-date on the FWSA's 2013 Convention in Reno, Nevada, June 6-9, 2013; and, Gloria Raminha, Vice President of FWSA North American Travel, who travelled from Bakersfield to provide us information on the FWSA Travel Program for 2013-2014. FWSA has some very exciting trips planned for this year and next year. FWSA Ski Week Trip for 2014 will be in Beaver Creek, Colorado. In March there will be a European ski trip to Garmisch, Germany. Other trips planned are: a Mammoth week trip in July; a boat cruise in fall; a scuba dive trip in September; and, an African safari trip planned for sometime in fall of 2014. This dinner provided the chance for the council board members to say thanks to the club presidents and their representatives and to provide information and communication between the council, FWSA and the clubs. The council would like to give a big thanks to both Jane Wyckoff and Gloria Raminha for attending our dinner.

Our biggest ski trip of the year was February 2-9, 2013 at FWSA's Ski Week in Aspen-Snowmass, Colorado. Orange Council's trip leader, Sheila Van Guilder, and Balboa Ski and Sports Club's president, Jess Gorman, took 48 members to this beautiful Colorado ski area. We had blue skies, plenty of snow and more parties and après cocktail hours than most of us could handle. Starting off with Sunday's super bowl party, we went to Monday night's pub crawl in Aspen, and ended with the council night dinner at the 5-star Viceroy Hotel. Next year's FWSA Ski Week will be in Beaver Creek, Colorado, January 2014.

Racing is an important event at the Far West Ski Week. Orange Council's, Balboa Ski and Sports Club was second overall. Also, Orange Council sold tickets for the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program for a total of \$450. For information on racing for Orange Council please contact Maxine Hanlon, Vice President of Racing at maxch@prodigy.net. We in Orange Council are very proud to be able to support this very important program. Thanks to all of you who donated for the scholarship program.

Huntington Beach Ski Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Mario's Restaurant in Huntington Beach, 18603 S. Main St. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Huntington Beach Ski Club has 8-3day ski trips to Mammoth Mountain from December 6-9-2012 to April 18-21, 2013. For information on all this club's activities contact hbskiclub@yahoo.com.

Fountain Valley Ski Club meets on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in Stanton, Ca. Their big week-long ski trip for 2013 is to Sun Valley, Idaho. When the club's members are not skiing, you can find them bicycling, kayaking, attending beach parties, camping, and playing golf. For information on all club activities contact Lucille Rhodes at president@fountainvalleyskiclub.org

Orange Ski and Snowboard Club meets at REI in The Tustin Marketplace. This year their major trip is to Park City, Utah, Feb 23-March 2, 2013. For more information on this ski club, please contact www.ocskiclub.com.

I would like to express the Council's appreciation for all the support from the club presidents, board members and club representatives. These are all volunteer positions and we could not do it without you. So, a really **big thanks** for all your support. Happy and safe skiing in 2012-13.

Intermountain Ski Council

by Michael Bouton, President



*Michael Bouton
President
Intermountain
Ski Council*

THE INTERMOUNTAIN SKI COUNCIL ANNUAL SKI TRIP TO GRAND TARGHEE

This might have been as close to a perfect ski trip that I have ever been involved. There were 83 members of five different clubs that came together for an epic 3-day ski/board experience. Bogus Basin Ski Club was represented with 43, Boise-Vertigals with 5, Boise-Prime Timers with 4, Black Hills Ski Club (Rapid City, SD) with 26, Idaho Falls Ski Club with 4, and Cheyenne Ski Club with 1; all staying on the mountain in three different lodges. It was a great bunch of people joining together, having a terrific experience.

The snow started coming down shortly after we arrived on our chartered Boise-Winnemucca bus. **Grand Targhee** hosted a welcome wine and cheese social for everyone to get together. Paul Markowitz won the “Groomer Ride Along” prize before we all went to the Trap Bar for some wild entertainment by the Black Hills group building a human pyramid. The next morning we awoke to nine inches of fluffy powder. A few had reservations for “Early Tracks” that gave an hour before the a.m. The rest of us siveness until late in had a fun time on Inner-Tube Derby Distilleries, makers dinner. There were which caused an ape (you need to see the nies, and a variety of for Best Team Spirit, evening that Rick



Saturday morning new powder and still called at 7:45 a.m.

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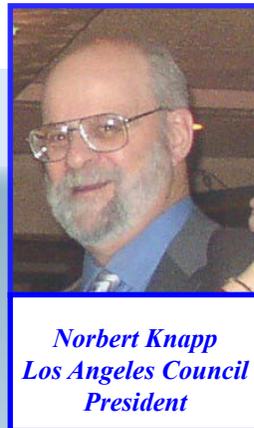
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Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

by Norbert E. Knapp, President



Here in Southern California the skiing conditions have been excellent! As I write this there is up to five feet of snow in some parts of Big Bear, and I can personally report that some retirees are spending weekdays on the uncrowded local slopes.



Norbert Knapp
Los Angeles Council
President

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs has participated in two ski weeks this winter. There were 118 members that joined the FWSA trip to **Aspen-Snowmass** in February, and another 20 people went to **Mt. Bachelor** in Oregon (contrary to my previous report). Both trips were successful and to the best of my knowledge, there were no major injuries on either trip.

As I attended the **Mt. Bachelor** trip, I am very pleased to say that we could not have been happier with the accommodations, service and the skiing. Both **Sunriver Resort** and **Mt. Bachelor** personnel were extremely accommodating to our every need and wish. The Sunriver condominiums were very comfortable and attractive, as was their lounge and restaurant center. **Mt. Bachelor** provided early ski rental service and assistance for our mountainside lunch and group picture. Their Mountain Ambassadors made everyone comfortable on the mountain. The City of Bend was just as generous and welcoming, providing discounts at many of their finest restaurants and breweries. Friday night was an Art Walk where establishments stayed open late and provided special refreshments while exhibiting the works of local artists.

We shared our transportation, ski club breakfasts and salsa dance lessons with Space City Ski & Adventure Club of Houston, TX and the Central Connecticut Snow Snakes from Connecticut. It was great fun sharing experiences with these other clubs and councils. We trust FWSA will have as much fun as we did at **Mt. Bachelor** and Bend.

We are looking forward to seeing our other council friends at the Far West Ski Association Convention in Reno this coming June.

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 - Mountain Rally
 - Welcome Party
 - Races
 - Pub Crawl
 - Mountain Picnic
 - Ski Week Banquet
 - Awards Après Party
 - 5 or 6 Day Lift Tickets

Lift tickets are good at 5 Colorado Resorts

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Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen, President



WOW! It is that interesting time of year when the snow IS still falling - here in the Northwest (NW) anyway. Yet with daffodils blooming everywhere, snow riders are torn between skiing and yard work. The powder alerts continue to come our way---which is a sure sign to put off yard work and hit the slopes!! And how about that report from *Ski & Snowboard Month 2013*?? Impressive stats of more than 153,000 children and adults from 34 states registered for beginner lessons from professional instructors during January 2013 as part of the Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month/Bring A Friend. This is an increase of more than 50,000 compared to 2012, and more than 130,000 since the initiative began in January 2009!! Way to Go!! Our member clubs have been overly busy with ski trips-too numerous to mention. Club members are enjoying benefits both through FWSA and Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) by being “card carrying members” - One of our special benefits is fleet pricing at our local Subaru dealership--and of course Subaru is THE car of the Pacific NW! Club members have taken part in three great ski events for fund raising – Hope on The Slopes/Ride For a Cure, Oregon Cancer Ski Out, and Ski To Defeat ALS. Several Council club members have sponsored teams and raised a lot of well-needed funds for charity!! NWSCC has held “Ski Days” at a few of our NW resorts—Mt. Hood Skibowl, Mt. Hood Meadows, White Pass, Crystal Mountain, and Mission Ridge (those card-carrying members received discounts!).

COUNCIL MEETINGS - Council meetings are held every other month and we enjoy good attendance and great special speakers. Our December speaker was a race coach, who shared a lot of safety tips with us--things for ski racers and things for everyday life! He spoke about safety of helmets also. We held our annual Pie Auction to support our FWSA Scholarship fund--board members supplied yummy deserts which made for some high bidding! Our February meeting featured a guest speaker from Portland Mountain Rescue and well trained in climbing and rescuing maneuvers. We listened to an interesting talk about the rescuer having to be rescued. Talk about having the tables turned! Lots of safety lessons were passed on to eager listeners!

MT. HOOD SKI PATROL CELEBRATES 75 YEARS - In February, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a party in town and a ski event and party on the mountain. The in-town party was well attended and had music, memorabilia, presentations, old videos, photographs, and great prizes. NWSCC volunteered at the check-in desk so members could enjoy themselves. The on mountain event was a gathering and photo-op at Timberline Lodge, then skiing down the infamous Glade Trail, and another party at the Mt. Hood Museum & Cultural Center. We salute those that offer up their free time and huge efforts to make our snow riding safer and take care of us while we enjoy the sport.

MOVIE NIGHT “READY TO FLY” - NWSCC held a “Movie Night” fund raiser for US Women’s Ski Jumping. On March 20th, several club members gathered as we watched “Ready To Fly”, the documentary feature film about Lindsey Van and the other ladies of women’s ski jumping. Proceeds benefited US Women’s Ski Jumping. Plus--we collected food for Oregon Food Bank.

PACRAT RACE LEAGUE - Our PACRAT racers are enjoying another great race season. They have four snowboarders this season. Pacrat offers NASTAR qualifications and points and awards at no extra cost. We have strong support from our ski-related partners, including Widmer Beer! Each race proudly displays our large banner, thanking all our supporters. Mountain Shop in Portland, OR is our Black Diamond supporter--supplying race bibs. PACRAT racing information can be found at www.pacrats.org.

SPRINGTACULAR BLAST at MT. BACHELOR - NWSCC invites all clubs and councils - to join in the upcoming Mt. Bachelor Springtacular Blast--being held April 25-28, 2013. This trip will offer fabulous spring skiing at Mt. Bachelor, combined with activities like hiking, biking, golf, climbing, kayaking, and shopping. We’ll be entertained and skiing with the “Freestyle Legends” in a fun race and retro outfit contest. Music, BBQ, and Party all await those who sign up. More Info: www.ski.com/springblast. Did we say FABULOUS spring skiing conditions??

CASINO NIGHT - It’s “black tie & blue jeans” FUN Night at our May 17th Casino Night. Just an evening of fun---wine tasting, dinner and casino games. Held at one of our favorite locations - McMenamain’s Edgefield. Club members will gamble big and win prizes!

NW SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES - Northwest Snowsports Advocates continues to inform club members about ski area developments, and advocacy issues. A Road Safety Audit was performed on Hwy 26---our main/major road to Mt. Hood, from Portland. Project elements for safety include reducing rock fall hazards, reducing head-on crashes by installing median barriers between lanes, extending passing lanes, and improving pavement surface. A bike park was approved for

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San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

By Eileen Sanford, President



*Eileen Sanford
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The 13 September **Annual Council Summer Happy Hour** at Paradise Point's Barefoot Bar turned out to be a huge success and a wonderful mix of folks from all the clubs. I overheard lots of storytelling and laughs were had throughout the night.

The Grand Circle Travel representative, Joan Thornton, gave us more details about the Burgundy-Provence-Nice Cruise in September 2013. Great event!

Following the Happy Hour the next big event was the **Galafest at Rockbottom Brewery** in La Jolla on November 3, 2012. This event was designed to bring all the clubs together to open the ski season with a BANG! Men and Women of the Year were honored from each club. Dave Arnold of North Island Snowdrifters (NIS) and Diane Raines were named San Diego Council of Ski Club's (SDCSC) man and woman of the year. Eileen Sanford was given the treasured Joe Harris Award for long-time service. We had a Silent Auction with baskets donated by clubs that earned \$1500 for the Athletic Scholarship fund. Alexa Wehsener, the SDCSC's Junior Racer from **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area**, and her family were presented to the group during the evening activities.

The following weekend, November 9-11, SDCSC members worked at the annual **Snow Jam** event at the famous Del Mar Fairgrounds. Volunteers earned a total of \$1,100 for their respective clubs.

The 6-11 December **Council trip to Vail** was a super success. We had two days of sparse snow and then four inches of powder overnight. We also enjoyed skiing Beaver Creek and taking the famous Turtle Party Bus to get there. Thanks to Mike Sanford for taking 44 happy revelers and skiers on another great Council trip.

The 2-9 February **FWSA and SDCSC trip to Aspen** was epic. Susan Shaffer led 40 happy San Diegans to the gem of Colorado - Aspen. FWSA did an outstanding job of hosting a Super Bowl Party, Wine Tasting Happy Hour, Gala Dinner and Dance, races, on mountain picnic with the best food we have ever had and a sunny day! In the Council Challenge race SDCSC won third place in the costume contest and sixth place in the race and had a blast doing both. We attracted some new young racers to participate and they had a blast doing it (as Pirates – AARRGH). Gone are the days when we worry about getting the Anchor. Where was the Anchor? The week was full of friends, skiing, partying and joy. Thanks to Susan for leading, Cheryl Riess for getting the Race Team pirate costumes, Martin Wascher and Jean McCassey for organizing racers for Council Challenge, and Don Cheshire for taking pictures for the council website.

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Mary Olhausen - Continued from page 26

Timberline Resort. NWSCC wrote letters in support of this. You can find information on how to help, on our website at www.nwskiers.org. Become a "FAN" of NW Snowsports Advocates on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Snowsports-Advocates/174195539354385

FWSA ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - NWSCC is supporting the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Partnership Program with a \$1000 scholarship for a NW area USSA junior racer in the J1 to J3 age bracket. Our racer, 15-year old, Elyse Burandt of Spokane, WA, finished the 2012 season in 3rd place overall and 3rd place in Slalom for her group. During 2012 season, she scored 16 top ten finishes. She does all this and still maintains a 4.0 GPA. Our December Council meeting generate funding for this scholarship from the PIE Auction.

Here's hoping everyone had/is still having a really-really great ski season (in the NW we ski year-round!). The fun just keeps going with club summer activities and of course we look forward to seeing many of our friends at the FWSA Convention in June, Reno, NV. For all the latest and greatest news on NWSCC clubs and activities, visit our website at www.nwskiers.org, or contact me at omary52@comcast.net.



Eileen Sanford, Barry and Norma Cole and Pip and Ron Hausch prepare for European bike trip

BIKER CHICKS READY TO RIDE - SDCSC held its first bike ride of 2013 on Feb.17 at the beautiful San Diego Mission Bay. Stephanie Young led 17 ambitious riders on a beautiful sunny San Diego day for a 25-mile trek around the water. Later the group had lunch at the Bahia and planned for the upcoming French bike ride through the Loire Valley. A girl from Poland wanted her picture taken with the Biker Chicks to show her friends back home. We are now world famous!

The bike and barge trip through central France beginning 19 September 2013 is fast filling up. Remember it covers the Loire Valley starting in Paris and goes through central and southern France and includes a week of moderate bike riding with winery visits. The

second part of the trip (thirteen more glorious days) is optional and will cover a river cruise (no bike riding just daily guided walking tours) through Burgundy & Provence and the Cote d'Azur finishing in Nice. Dates are September 19 to begin, with the second part beginning September 23 of 2013 – the epitome of fun and relaxation in luxury. Either trip may be purchased independently. Contact Eileen at esanford1@san.rr.com

The clubs are busy with ski trips this time of year. We have several clubs going to **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area** for weekend and mid-week trips. NIS and Torrey Pines Ski Club are going to **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, Qualcomm Ski Club is going to **Park City**, Pacific Rim is going to **Big White Ski Resort**, and Action Ski & Snowboard Club is going to **Steamboat Ski Resort**. Qualcomm Ski Club is also running a family-oriented Learn to Ski Day at **Big Bear Mountain Ski Resort** this year. They have two days scheduled with 3 buses each day. That is potentially 300 new skiers. Hurray!



Council Challenge Team who won the best costume award



Marti Gras Farewell Party



Left: Racers lined up getting ready to head down the course

Photos courtesy of Gloria Raminha
VP North American Travel

Sierra Ski Club Council

By Jo Simpson, President



*Jo Simpson
President
Sierra Ski Club
Council*



The Sierra Council is proud to announce our Man and Woman of the year—Gayle Sherman and Peter Callison of the Reno Ski and Recreation Club. They will be representing Sierra in the Council’s Man and Woman of the Year competition at the convention.

The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club had a great trip to Park City where they skied Park City, Deer Valley and Canyons. The Reno Ski and Recreation Club enjoyed their trip to Telluride on AmTrak.

As of the deadline for this article, the Sierra Race League has completed seven on their scheduled regular season races, with the last one scheduled for March 23. This is amazing given that last season’s paltry snow in the early season and the March miracle snow caused numerous cancellations and reschedules to get six races completed.

Our Super G clinic and race at Northstar was super fun. It was especially sweet because we had not been able to have the popular race for two years. In 2011 we had a huge snowfall overnight, making the course unsafe. Last year the anemic snowfall in January and February made it impossible to race on the Super G hill. This year the snow was “just right” and the race and clinic were completed as planned.

Another racing success was our annual Presidents’ Weekend race clinic at Boreal. We had a great turnout from all three northern California/Nevada leagues. Our top racers volunteer their time to coach, which allows us to provide quality race training at an affordable price.

Sierra took 82 people to FWSA Ski Week at Aspen/Snowmass. Thanks to Debbie Stewart, our great Travel VP, for making the trip an enjoyable experience for all. One of the most exciting highlights of the trip was winning the Our Tahoe Donner Second place in the Council was a wonderful week Beaver Creek in 2014.



most race points per council. Senior Alpine Ski Club won second Challenge costume contest. It and we are looking forward to

The Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club in their prize-winning Ski Week Council Challenge costumes



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