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FWSA Team Plans for Future

By Randy Lew



Randy Lew, FWSA President

Hello, I want to start by thanking you for your trust and confidence by re-electing me your 2007 – 2008 President and the opportunity that you have given me. I will continue with our transition of the silent auction and industry sponsorship programs and work closely with incoming VP of North American Travel, *Gloria Raminha*, to insure a smooth transition of our ski week. I will also do my best in continuing to execute the existing programs, growing and expanding the FWSA influence, and developing new programs to bring benefits and value to our membership.

The success of FWSA is due to a significant number of volunteers who have contributed a tremendous amount of time and expertise. Thanks to our outgoing FWSA Board for all the efforts over your respective terms of office. Thanks also to our industry partners and sponsors

who through their generosity and support are also instrumental to our growth and success.

The success of our conventions is the direct result of the many hours of planning and execution by our volunteers. I would like to thank *Mary Olhausen*, who did a superb job in her 1st year as Silent Auction Coordinator; *Debbi Kor-Lew*, for handling the convention sponsorships and industry registration; *Linda Indreboe*, the BAC Convention Coordinator for her great leadership and project management; *Steve Coxen*, the FWSA Convention Coordinator for his leadership and advice; and *Jane Wyckoff*, for her extremely valuable mentoring and help. They are the ones creating the events plan for the hotel BEO's, dealing with food, beverage and general hotel issues, soliciting and coordinating the ski industry silent auction, soliciting cash sponsorships, and getting volunteers to

assist with the silent auction. In addition, thanks to all the Bay Area Snow Sports Council volunteers for a great party.

I would like to thank *Mike Sanford* for his efforts in obtaining our Convention VIP's and guests. Mike did a fantastic job of putting together the VIP Celebrities presentation "Book Ends" highlighting the accomplishments of the 10th Mountain Division in the early days of skiing as well as the accomplishments of extreme X-Games Skiercross champion *Reggie Crist*. This show was the highlight of the 75th Annual Convention.

Lynnell Calkins has done an exceptional job leading the North American Travel program for the last 4 years. She and the Ski Week staff have led wonderful and successful Ski Weeks

to **Lake Louise, Aspen/Snowmass, Telluride, and Steamboat**. We thank her and wish her well.

Linda Westlund has done a commendable job as a Trustee and chairing the families/youth Committee. This committee has developed plans for more family oriented activities and has recommended guidelines for allowing children on ski week. This is an area that will be addressed at our July Board of Directors meeting.

I look forward to working with newly elected VP of North American Travel, *Gloria Raminha* from Central Council; Trustee *Jane Wyckoff* from Los Angeles Council; and all our returning dedicated, hard working volunteers.

Now that our 2007 Convention is behind us, it is time to start thinking about 2008 and 2009. *Steve Coxen* will again be the overall FWSA Coordinator and we are looking for a memorable and exciting 2008 event hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council at the Wes-

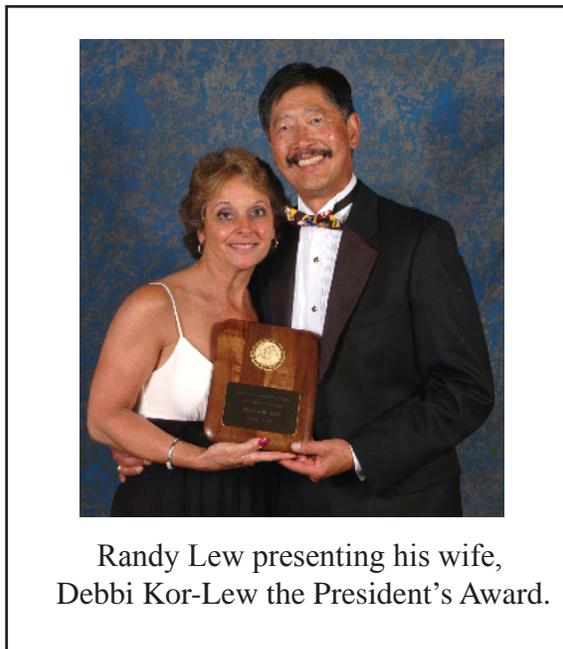
tin Hotel and the Meydenbauer Convention Center in Bellevue, Washington. I am confident that *Mary Olhausen*, NWSCC President will have some very exciting activities for us. The Seattle area will be a totally new location for our convention and will give the Seattle area clubs a chance to participate.

Our first Board meeting in July will focus on some of the significant tasks and challenges that lay before us:

- Develop guidelines and a working plan to allow children on FWSA Ski Weeks
- Managing the successful transition of our North American Travel program
- Improve on our Communications program for club members

- Post Functional VP and committee reports on our web site
- Plan and identify additional family/youth events
- Identify and execute additional outreach programs
- Develop and execute an effective press release program
- Develop additional programmatic sponsorships
- Increase our influence in the Western Region and National stages

This list is not meant to be comprehensive; however, it will definitely keep us busy for the next year.



Randy Lew presenting his wife, Debbi Kor-Lew the President's Award.

FWSA is a non-profit volunteer based organization just like many ski clubs and councils. However, we are very different.. we don't have a large base of dues paying members. Ski clubs are generally funded by membership dues; ski councils are funded by ski club dues. FWSA is funded entirely by: 1) the generosity of the ski industry through their silent auction donations; 2) the industry sponsorship of our programs; and 3) the success of our travel programs. Our volunteers, the life blood of our existence, donate countless hours of their personal and family time. In addition, the elected officers give up a minimum of 3 days

vacation time and expend a minimum of \$1,000 out of pocket costs to attend the mandatory Board of Director meetings and Convention.

We need you!! For those reading this article and want to get more involved, this is your opportunity. The more volunteers, the easier the work load. If you want more information on volunteering either call or email me or one of our Functional VP's. All of our Functional VP's require a working committee to be truly successful.

I am excited about the next year and look forward to serving you in developing FWSA further. The officers that you have elected are committed to improving this organization and will be working hard throughout this next year.

VP of Marketing

A New Team Takes on Convention 2007

By Debbi Kor-Lew



Debbi Kor-Lew
VP of Marketing

“Changes in attitudes, changes in latitudes” to quote Jimmy Buffet. That is what we all experienced at Convention this year. We were in a beautiful new location... the Hyatt Regency, in Santa Clara, California. New faces were seen hustling about the Grand Ballroom, as our Silent Auction Team, and Bay Area host council set out to hold one fantastic event that attendees would go home with, and keep with them for a long time!

As we see the faces of our industry partners change from year to year, so was the case within the Far West Ski Association. *Mary Olhausen* stepped up to take over the Silent Auction from *Barbara Razo*, and I took over for *Jane Wyckoff*, in garnering sponsorships for our various activities held throughout Convention Weekend.

I am happy to say, that things came off quite smoothly. Mary and I received positive comments and compliments from several folks on how seamless the Silent Auction and Industry Registration went. We were able to get everyone signed up for the events that they wanted, and get them to the right place at

the right time. Tables were set up and ready for booth set up when the group came into the ballroom. And, the take-down at the end of the evening was problem free.

Convention is such a great venue for meeting and greeting old friends, some of whom you only see at this event each June. And, nowhere is it more visible than seeing the tremendous generosity that



Far West sees from the Industry in the donations of trips and travel, and other goodies during the silent auction. Their generosity allows us to put on the quality event that Far West continues to do year after year.

Having only undertaken the responsibility of Convention Sponsorship this year, I was amazed and pleased with our Industry Partners and all that they do. They came through with the product and dollars to see that our activities came

off as planned. I would like to thank them all for being a part of our wonderful organization.

Our many program sponsors continue to step up each year in support of: our Athletic Scholarship Program, thanks to **Big Mountain, Grouse Mountain Lodge** and **Schure Sports USA**. For our Western Ski Heritage Program, thank you to **Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation**. For our Skier Safety Program, thank you to **Aspen/Snowmass**, and for our Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year Program, thank you to **Big White Resort** and **Silver Star Mountain Resort**. Without your efforts, we would not be able to continue with these unique programs. All of these fine resorts have multi-year sponsorships with Far West, so, from the bottom of my heart, I send a huge thank you. I look forward to seeing you all in Bellevue next year.

A separate listing of all of our Convention sponsors and donors can be found elsewhere in this issue of *The Councilman*, as well as a list of Service Awards for those partners who hit their 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th anniversary with Far West Ski Association this year.

VP of Membership

Thank You to All the Volunteers

By Barbara Bryant

Thank you to all volunteers who made the convention in Santa Clara a success! A big thanks to our capable registrar Mary Azevedo who seemed to effortlessly keep track of all the details about the convention delegates. One of my goals after last year's convention was to make certain that all clubs sending delegates also sent their club membership rosters and credentials form to the convention registrar.

Mary did a great job by spending countless hours telephoning club presidents and encouraging them to send in the proper forms so their delegates could vote. George Stewart also deserves a thank you for being our tech support and keeping our laptops functioning.

The voting delegate count was 167. Many capable volunteers offered to help distribute, collect and count ballots; however, due to lack

of competition for the offices, it was decided that a vote by acclimation be taken instead of counting paper ballots. Therefore, the election this year took just a few minutes to complete.

It's time for Direct Members to think about renewing their memberships for 2007-2008; direct memberships extend until September 30, 2007. You can download your Direct Member application from the FWSA web site, www.fwsa.org and click on membership. We currently have 82 Direct Members. In August I will be sending reminders to all current Direct Members to renew their membership. Who is a direct member? That is someone who does not belong to an affiliated ski club and pays an annual fee of \$20. This provides you with all the member privileges, including participation in trips, the FWSA publications, FWSA News, and the FWSA

membership card good for many discounts.

Sign up for the monthly FWSA News, short bulleted pieces of information on topics such as travel, benefits, safety, history, and ski related legislative issues. The group is 178 members strong and growing. Anyone can sign up by contacting me at membership@fwsa.org or go to www.fwsa.org and click on "join this group." To increase membership we are holding a contest for FWSA News subscribers with prizes such as gift certificates and lift tickets.



*Barbara Bryant
VP of Membership*



Convention Volunteers

Bay Area Snowsports
Council people from
thirty-three clubs who
worked and put in many
hours on the FWSA
Santa Clara Convention

Friday's Silent Auction was Great Success



Resort Representatives, Booths, Skiers, Snowboarders, Ski Club Members, and guests filled the room.



Karen and Harry Davis
Danced with others to the DJ



Tucker Hoffmann
Silent Auction MC



Mary Olhausen
Silent Auction Coordinator



Snow Basement
Skier perusing products



Disabled Sports USA members
were our silent auction runners

From left to right: Bob Moore, Carey Standish-White, Cal Tomita, Gail Tomita, Jennifer Hopkins, Haakon Lang-Ree, Mary Roll, and Linda Eaton

VP of North American Travel

Continuing North American Excellence

By Gloria Raminha



Gloria Raminha, VP of N American Travel

As the newly elected vice president of North American travel I would like to thank my predecessor, *Lynnell Calkins*, for running such outstanding trips during her two terms and I appreciate the guidance and trust she has given me as one of her Travel Staff Members.

I am looking forward to the task of filling her shoes starting with the 2008 trip to Whistler. Based on current requests for lodging, we are anticipating one of the largest turnouts for any FWSA ski week.



2008 FWSA Ski Week

Important information that you need to know for the 2008 FWSA Ski Week in Whistler is - you must have a valid passport since Whistler is in British Columbia, Canada. Everyone entering Canada from the United States must have a passport. Please check

and verify that your passport does not expire until after September 2008 to ensure you will be able to enter Canada and re-enter the United States after our Ski Week.

Whether you're flying or driving to Whistler, you'll enjoy the ride along the newly widened Sea to Sky Highway with the beautiful scenic views of the mountains and ocean between Vancouver and Whistler.

Lift tickets will be accepted at both Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Whistler has even given us a bonus by offering us a sixth day lift ticket for free. The Whistler Village at the base of Whistler Mountain offers an enchanting pedestrian-only Village, alive with entertainment, shops and bistros.



There are two mountains, Whistler and Blackcomb that rise up a mile out of the valley (5,280

vertical feet) and access over 7,000 acres of prime mountain terrain including 12 alpine bowls, three glaciers and more than 200 marked trails through 33 state of the art



lifts. Check out the flyer in this Councilman or go to the website www.fwsa.org.

We had bid presentations from three resorts at this year's convention for the 2009 FWSA Ski Week. Big Sky with Ski.com, Breckenridge with Sports America Tours, and Sun Valley with Moguls Mountain Tours, deserve a big thank you for preparing and presenting their presentations at the Convention. The councils are currently evaluating the bids and we will know which bid was selected by the July Board of Directors meeting. Please check the website, www.fwsa.org, to find out where ski week will be in 2009.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2008 SKI WEEK

WHISTLER

January 19 - 26, 2008

Average Price \$980

*Price does **NOT** include air or ground transportation.

Prices vary depending on lodging selection.

Price includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and the FWSA amenity package.

The FWSA amenity package includes:

- Registration
- Welcome Party
- 3 Races
- Mountain Picnic
- Après Ski Party
- Farewell Awards Banquet
- 6 day Lift Ticket for Whistler & Blackcomb

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Gloria Raminha, FWSA North American Travel, 9110 McAfee Dr., Houston, TX 77031

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Must be a Member of Far West Ski Association

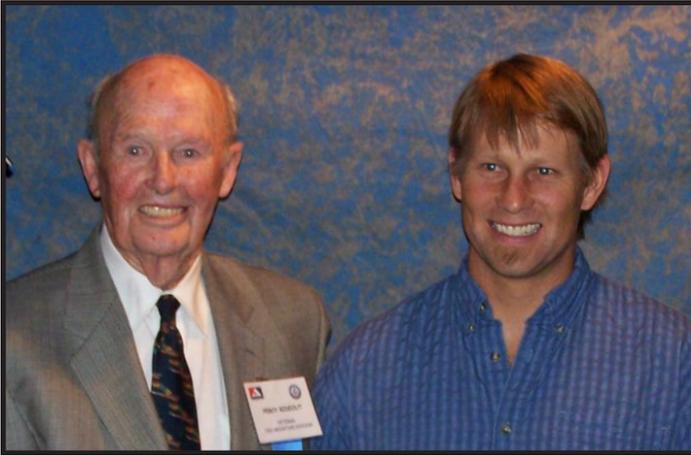
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Convention Multi-Media Presentation

By Mike Sanford

The Convention Saturday afternoon multi-media session was entitled "Book Ends". We kicked off by providing an insight on the post WWII renewal of serious de-

velopment of skiing in the US. Utilizing an 18 minutes movie trailer for the upcoming KPBS special "The Last Ridge", we featured the WWII Battle of Riva Ridge where 10th Mountain Division distinguished itself. The presentation focused on the pioneers of our industry, the returning WWII vets of the fabled 10th Mountain Division. The heroes of the 10th are credited with winning the ultimate battle for one of the most treasured and heavily fortified areas in Northern Italy, Riva Ridge, and



The Two Bookends
Percy Rideout and Reggie Crist

opening the southern gates of the advance to Berlin. These veterans are also attributed with starting many of the ski resorts throughout the US that are enjoyed today. Present for the session was Purple Heart Veteran Captain Percy Rideout, who came home to be one of the founders of Aspen Ski Corp. Percy regaled us with stories of his adventures and how he came to be an American skiing pioneer. Also

present was Abby Kealy, Movie Producer/Director and Director of the movie "The Last Ridge".

The second half of the session jumped forward with exciting videos of the current state of the industry, where extreme skiing champion and Skier Cross Gold Medalist Reggie Crist resides. A veteran and champion of half-pipe competitions and the relatively new and hot sport of Skier Cross, Reggie provided very cool video proof of the excitement generated by the "new generation."

These two contrasts in our sport created the "Book Ends" of skiing as we saw it develop in the past and as we know it today.

Other notable special guests attending the luncheon included Kathy Hubbard, Director of Administration, California Ski Industries Association; Jim Pena, Deputy Regional Forester for State

and Private Forestry in the Pacific Southwest Region; John Knudsen, Disabled Ski Team, USST; Myrna Hampton, Oral Historian, 10th Mountain Division; Charles Sanders, Author, Chairman of the Board of World Hunger Year and Council to the Songwriters Guild of America; Mark Harris and Dawn Petterman, National Ski Council Federation.



President Randy Lew, author Charles Sanders, Reggie Crist 2005 X Gold Medalist, Percy Rideout 10th Mountain Division and past president Mike Sanford. They are holding the FWSA Safety Ski Thermometer displayed at ski resorts.

Distinguished Guests and Award Winners

Warren Miller
Modern Media Award

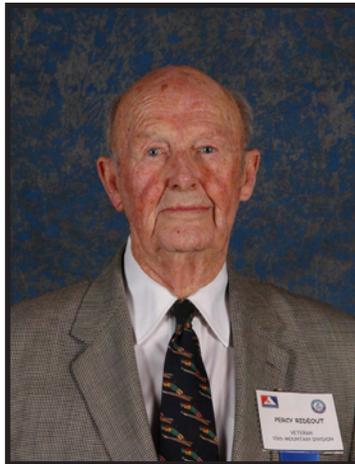


Abbie Kealy
Producer of The Last Ridge
Movie Producer/Director



Myrna Hampton

- 10th Mountain Division oral history project coordinator
- 10th Mountain Division Descendent Board Member at Large.



Percy Rideout
Member of the fabled 10th Mountain Division and Purple Heart recipient. One of the founders of Aspen Skiing Company.



Reggie Crist
1992 Downhill Olympian,
2002 & 2005 X Games Skier
X Gold Medalist
MOVIE APPEARANCES:

- Off The Grid by Warren Miller
- Corduroy by Rage Films
- Waiting Game by Wink Inc

Bill Berry Award
Author of of
The Boys of Winter



Author Charles Sanders
Chairman of the Board of
World Hunger Year and Council to
the Songwriters Guild of America



John Knudsen
He represented the U.S. in the giant slalom at the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy. He's was one of seven athletes from California. Disabled athletes from 40 countries were on hand in Torino.

VP of International Travel

Travel the World with FWSA

By Norm Azevedo

Now that the exciting FWSA Santa Clara convention is over, it's time to start thinking about your next international tour.

FWSA International Travel is off on a 15 or extended 21 day trip to China/Tibet starting on September 14, 2007. We have a full exciting itinerary which includes all the prominent sites in Beijing and the Great Wall. A quick summary

of the highlights follows: We fly to Lhasa, Tibet from Beijing where we will visit the Dalai Lama's Potala Palace and experience Tibetan life.

From Lhasa we fly to Chengdu and visit the Panda Research

Institute. From Chengdu the 15 day'ers fly to Xi'an and a visit to the world famous Terracotta Warriors. Then off to tour Shanghai and finally a ride on the 350 mph train to the airport and home. The 21 day'ers leave Chengdu for Lijiang, one of 29 world heritage sites in China. Then on to visit the old town of Dali. From Dali to Kunming, "City of Eternal Spring." We coach through the bamboo, water chestnut, sugar cane and rice fields to a Li River cruise passing through scenic Yangshuo. Finally we are off to Shanghai for touring and high speed train, then home. This is a

trip of a lifetime. We can still take a limited number of new participants until August first. Contact me if interested.

We have two great FWSA International trips scheduled for 2008. On March 7th we fly to Les Trois Vallees, France for our 2008 ski week. Les Trois Vallees is the largest ski area in the world. We stay at LaTanya located a short distance between Meribel and Courchevel, France.

Les Trois Vallees has 200 lifts and 540 square miles of terrain. Something for every skier.

Our post

trip extension includes 3 nights

in Aix-en-Provence and 4 nights in Paris before finally coming home. I'm sorry to say that we just filled the Les Trois Vallees trip as I write this article, but we do have a waiting list and expect some cancellations before August 1st. Participants can cancel without penalty up to August 1st.

FWSA's second international trip will be a Greek Isles Adventure Trip in the first two weeks of October, 2008. We plan a 17 day tour

with a week extension for those who can afford

the time. We have designed this to be an adventure where we mix with the locals and not just tour and shop. We begin our trip with a few days in Rhodes, ferry to and spend several days in Crete, take a high speed boat to Santorini, tour the ancient volcano island, take a high speed boat to Mykonos for a few days, and take a private caique to Delos for an exciting day. From Mykonos we fly to Athens for a visit to the Acropolis, National Museum and old town. We leave for home on the 17th day. We are working on a week's extension, probably Turkey. We should confirm this by the end of July. The



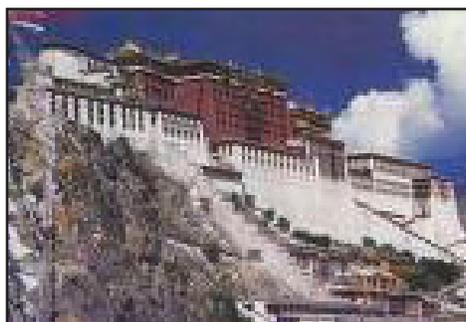
Norm Azevedo

VP of International Travel

Greek flier will be posted on the fwsa.org site when specifics are final.

On all our International trips, we accept all placements based on the order deposits are received by FWSA International Travel. It's very important to us that as trips are

announced that all Councils and clubs distribute the information and fliers as-soon-as-possible so all our members have a fair opportunity to join on any trip.



Tibetan Potala Palace



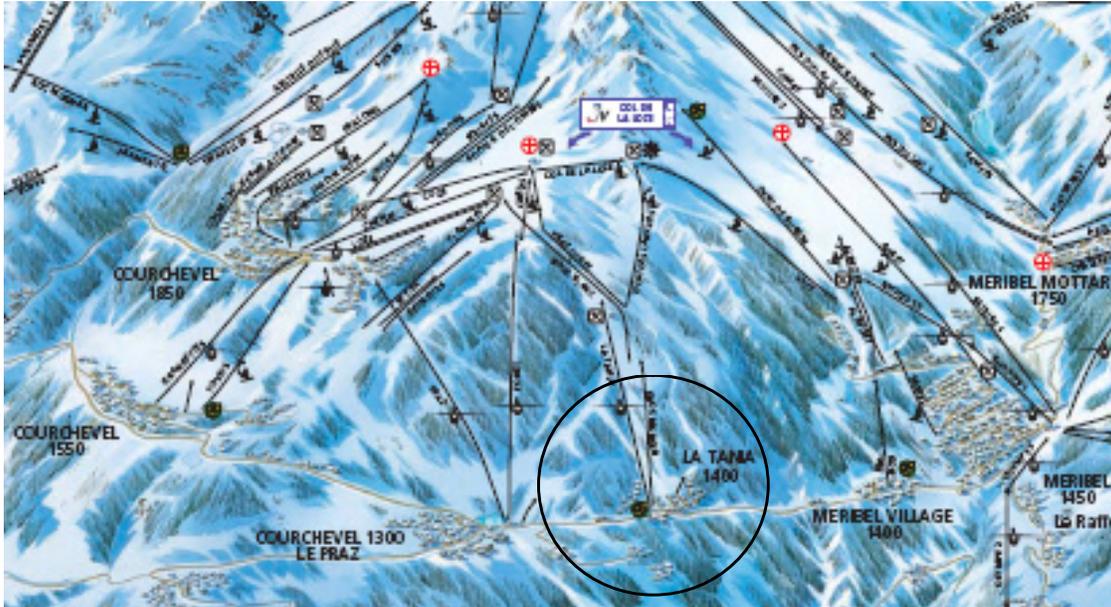


LES TROIS VALLEES - FRANCE

March 7 to March 15, 2008 - \$1,390 per person

Provence & Paris post-extension

March 15 to March 21, 2008 - \$895



FWSA goes to La Tania in the center of the world's largest ski area, between Meribel and Courchevel, France. Has 200 lifts, 540 Square miles of terrain.

Basic Ski Week package \$1,390 per person double occupancy

- 7 nights lodging at the ski-in/ski-out three-star Hotel Montana with breakfast and dinner daily; hotel features sauna, fitness gym and indoor pool.
 - Roundtrip airfare with Air France, Non-stop from LAX, SFO, and SEA to Paris
 - All European air and ground to & from hotels and airports
 - All local city taxes, resort fees and all other known fees in all hotels.
- * Not included: Int'l Departure taxes and fuel surcharge currently around \$270.*

Post Extension \$895 per person double occupancy

(Must be taken in conjunction with Basic Ski Week)

Aix-en-Provence (3 nights)

- Three-night stay at the 3 star superior Hotel Aquabella with daily breakfast and first night welcome dinner with wine. 4 star Hotel Mercure Roi Rene available \$100 addn'l.

Optional day tours: Vineyard wine tasting, visit to French Riviera, etc.

Paris (4 nights)

- Four-star Hotel Mercure Tour Eiffel with daily breakfast. 3 course dinner tour with wine at the Eiffel Tower, and services of a bilingual representative.

Optional Paris tours: boat ride on the Seine River, tour of the Sacre Couer and Montmartre neighborhood, walking tour of historic Paris and visit to the Latin Quarter with group dinner, visit to and tour of the Louvre and Orsay Museums, visit to and tour of Versailles, and evening cabaret shows such as the Crazy Horse, and Moulin Rouge.

\$200 per participant deposit required to hold a place on the Basic Ski Week and \$200 for the Post Extension. Deposits are fully refundable until July 1, 2007. Make checks out to Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Please include the following with your check: (1) your legal name and address, (2) phone number, and (3) email address. Send to: FWSA International Travel, 901 Sousa Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2922.

For information contact Norm Azevedo at 925-944-9816, or email: fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net FWSA
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Charities & Our Community Chair

FWSA Charity and Community Service Recognition

By Sigrid Noack



*Sigrid Noack, Charities
& Our Community Chair*

Congratulations Skiyente Ski Club

The first “FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition” was awarded to Skiyente Ski Club in the Northwest Ski Club Council. This is a very small, all-women’s ski club, with only about 40 active members, but all members seem to have a huge heart. They donate 100’s of hours of volunteer time to community organizations and 1,000’s of dollars to their favorite charities. The Recognition Award was a \$100 check to be donated to Skiyente’s favorite charity.

Skiyente Ski Club’s charity and community service work is focused primarily on local women-related issues and the mountain community. Their longest supported charity is their own Erin Nicole Scholarship, which is administered by the NW Snow Sports Foundation. Annually, for the past 15 years Skiyente has provided a scholarship to an up and coming local female junior racer. The scholarship is in honor of one of the member’s daughter who was lost to SIDS.

The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum is the organization that Skiyente has helped the most in the past few years. Members volunteer at the Museum’s annual Heritage Day by selling raffle and dinner tickets and working the silent auction which helped the museum raise about \$15,000 this year. They also act as function hostesses, docents and are members of the Board of Directors. In addition, the club has donated over \$1,000 this year to the museum.

Other mountain-related charities that have benefited from Skiyente this year are the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and The Portland Mountain Rescue, helping with Mt. Hood rescues. The club also does a highway clean-up, picking up trash twice a year on the State Highway near their favorite ski area.

For the third year in a row, Skiyente has donated to Portland Rescue Mission’s Shepherd’s Door, a local women’s and children center that is known globally for its successful program. This year, as well as donating money, they gave clothing and personal supply

items. In addition, the club supports cancer research through American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life of Gresham, the Oregon Cancer Ski-out, and the Komen’s Race for the Cure. Skiyente Ski Club is a real powerhouse of energetic women who give back to the community and mountain they love so dearly. Congratulations Skiyente Ski Club members!

At this year’s convention, the top three FWSA Charity & Community Service groups displayed picture boards of their charitable activities. Wow, was that ever impressive! Thank you Skiyente Ski Club, Phoenix Ski Club, and Bay Area Council for presenting beautiful displays of your wonderful charity and community service activities.

The Phoenix Ski Club in the Arizona Ski Club Council supports the Multiple Sclerosis Society by participating in their MS 150 Bike Ride, a two day event, helping to raise around \$20,000 annually. The club is also involved with the Adopt-a-Highway program, where club members clean a 2.5 mile stretch of highway 2-3 times a year. Another favorite charity is the Box Ministries/ St. Vincent de Paul Ozanama Manor. Club members collect many different items and donate goody bags to this homeless shelter at Christmas, Easter, Mothers Day, and Fathers Day. Congratulations Phoenix Ski Club members!

Bay Area Council did a phenomenal job hosting this convention! Thank you everybody for a wonderfully fun weekend! Besides organizing this convention, the council also put together a picture board of their charity activities. Most of the clubs in this council participate in the annual Go Kart Races benefiting Disabled Sports USA and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, raising about \$2,000. The annual Ski-for-All raised about \$7,000 for Disabled Sports USA. And, the council’s BAC / Disabled Sports USA

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Volunteerism: Charities & Our Community

By Sigrid Noack

The “Volunteerism: Charities & Our Community” panel at this year’s convention was led by FWSA Charity & Our Community Chair Sigrid Noack. Special guests **John Knudsen** and **Larry Chadwick** joined the panel and added much worthwhile information and even some humor!

Larry Chadwick brought us much important information about the Oregon Cancer Ski Out, which he started in 1988 along with other dedicated people, who shared his vision. He wanted to do something to help people cope with their sadness and frustration, as they were personally touched by cancer. Over \$500,000 has been raised and donated to various Cancer Institutes and Hospices and programs for children with cancer and their families. Larry shared his DVD, which outlines his program and helps with the organization of a possible future charity activity for your club or council. He passed out some of his DVDs to ski club members in the panel meeting. Contact Larry at www.cancer-skiout.org to request a DVD or for more information. Larry’s wife Sharon also attended the panel. Thank you Larry and Sharon.

John Knudsen came to us via Disabled Sports USA, <http://www.dsusa.org>. He is an avid skier, competing on the world circuit on his mono ski. John lives in Winter Park, Colorado, which has the largest adaptive ski program in the world. John shared with us a DVD, showing us some of his racing techniques and some hilarious clips of himself with his fellow skiers traveling in their “disabled” van! Maybe someone will

sponsor a new van for them with easier access, so that John doesn’t have to do a somersault to enter the van from his wheelchair!? John brought along his mother Cheryl Knudsen and his friend Terry Moy. Thank you for joining us at our panel.

Many ski club members joined the Volunteerism Panel and some new positive Charity and Community Service

ideas were shared. Hopefully the dialogs will continue, and more clubs and councils will become involved in even more fun activities, which will also benefit some wonderfully deserving charitable or community organizations.

Look for other very worthwhile organizations to support on the FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.org/page/page/686807.htm>.



Attendees and Volunteer Panel at the FWSA Convention led by Sigrid Noack

Charities, continued from page 12

~ Oakland A’s Fund Raiser raised about \$1,000. Congratulations Bay Area Council!

Most of our FWSA councils and member ski clubs are already very active with community projects and charitable organiza-

tions. With this first FWSA Charity award, we are trying to encourage more community service and charitable involvement within all of our clubs and councils. Please check the FWSA Community Service site for updated information: [http://](http://www.fwsa.org/page/page/686807.htm)

www.fwsa.org/page/page/686807.htm. Also, please send information about your club/council’s charitable activities and community service, as well as photos of the events to me at skisig@earthlink.net, so that I can spread the good word!

Hans Georg Award

Distinguished accomplishment and long-term service to skiing



FWSA Past President Mike Sanford
with presenter FWSA Trustee
Ken Calkins

First Charity & Community Service Recognition



Skiyente Ski Club
Sigrid Noack, Sally Neidermeyer,
Diane Hicks, Sheri Parshal

Tommi Tyndall Award

Distinguished Contribution to Skiing



Aspen Ski Resort
Mary Manning, President Randy Lew and Connie Hamlin

Jimmie Heuga Award Winner Outstanding Humanitarian Effort



Larry Chadwick
Founder of the Oregon Cancer Ski Out



Mary Olhausen
Mary receives the President's Award
from President Randy Lew

Bill Mackey Award

Outstanding service to the skiing public



Patrick Rothe from Ski.com with President Randy Lew and Past President Mike Sanford

Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award
Woman’s Decisive contribution to skiing



Fran Long
President of Central Council

Jordan-Reily Award

Outstanding contribution to Public Affairs



Geraldine Link
National Ski Areas Association

Bill Berry Award
for Feature Article



Bob Wilbanks
Publisher of *National Ski Club Newsletter*

Terry Smith Award
Contribution to the advancement
of recreational skiing



Beat Hupfer
Mammoth Mountain Race Department

J. Stanley Mullin Award
Man’s Decisive contribution to skiing



Award Winner Ray Craig,
FWSA President Randy Lew, FWSA VP Communications
Ray Craig, and Trustee Robb Margrave



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Our AWESOME host Convention Coordinator



Is Ken Calkins shocked by Mike Sanford's new do or afraid he might get hugged after presenting him the Hans Georg Award



Are they having a good time, or what?



We appreciate all the work Gene Fulkerson and Catherine Ohl have done for FWSA



Mike and Eileen Sanford looking glamorous Saturday night



Nancy Kelly
Our ever-diligent
Treasurer

Leigh Gieringer
Our talented
Skier's Guide Editor



The Cruise Tones Band

Honoring the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
VP of Councils*

The last issue of *The Councilman* focused on the many facets of volunteerism we see in our ski clubs and councils. As volunteer organizations, we know that it takes some very dedicated people to plan and organize all our fun. One of the highest honors a volunteer can receive is to be recognized by his/her peers for the many hours spent keeping the organization going for the enjoyment of all.

Most of our 175+ ski clubs recognize and honor their outstanding volunteers each year with the selection of a Man and Woman of the Year. Most councils then select a Man and Woman of the Year from the many club honorees. Each council Man and Woman of the Year honoree is recognized at the FWSA convention. **Big White** and **Silver Star Resorts** sponsor this event and award each honoree with a 2-day ski package to one of the resorts.

Through a process of written resume and personal interview, a Council Man and Woman of the Year is selected and honored at the convention. Congratulations to this year's top Council Woman of the Year,

Jessica Freeman, LA Council; and this year's top Council Man of the Year, *Bob Ellis*, Sierra

Council. Jessica and Bob have contributed many hours to their ski clubs and to their councils and are very deserving of this top recognition. **Big White** and **Silver Star Resorts** honored each of them with a week-long ski package.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all of the outstanding Council Man and Woman of the Year candidates for their hard work and dedication. Thank you, *Arleigh Meiners*, Arizona Council; *Dennis Heffley* and *Christina Hoskinson*, Bay Area Council; *David Felker* and *Jessica Freeman*, L.A. Council; *Rod Robinson* and *Becki Robinson*, Northwest Council; *Mary Ann Russo*, Orange Council; *David Arnold* and *Susan Shaffer*, San Diego Council; *Bob Ellis* and *Nancy Ellis*, Sierra Council; and *Jack Pieroni* (unable to attend) and *Kathy Wood* (unable to attend), Central Council. You are all so deserving of this recognition.

BY-LAWS TO BE STREAMLINED - OPERATIONS HANDBOOK TO BE COMPILED

J. Watson, Chairman, By-Laws Committee

The mission of the Bylaws Committee is to streamline and reduce the bylaws and transfer all operational detail to an Operations Handbook (OH). Our target date for completion and approval is the 2008 annual meeting. This is an initiative launched by the Board of Directors/Board of Trustees at their first meeting in the Association's 2006 year. It was expected to take two annual cycles to complete and was launched using Directors sitting as ad hoc

committee members at each Board meeting. The Trustees have oversight for bylaws maintenance and this preparation phase as well. The committee participants include Bob Ellis, Robb Margrave, Ken Calkins, Cliff Young, George Kish, Mike Rogers and all roster executives. I serve as committee chair and keep other interested parties informed.

The streamlining and transfer mission stated above should reduce the bylaws from 14 pages, not including the change diary, to about

8. There is no hard objective regarding number of pages. Certain articles in any set of bylaws are irreducible and are required by the laws of the state in which the organization is incorporated. Process information should be transferred to an operations handbook. The main process work will be in rewrites for and organization of the OH.

The Operations Handbook will have many sections, only part of

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Councils' Man and Woman of the Year



Jessica Freeman

Jessica is a member of Single Ski Club of Los Angeles. She is currently a Club Trustee, and has been Club Treasurer, Awards Chair, Competition Chair, and Corresponding Secretary. For the Race League, she has been Treasurer for the Week-long training camp at Mammoth (Rokka Week), 2006 Overall co-chair, and Awards Chair. In the FWSA Region: she was Vice President Nordic 1981 – 1983, FWSA Nordic Citizen Race Chair. She received the FWSA Woman of the Year “Schatzi” award, the Terry Smith Intramural Racing award, Distinguished Service Award. She has also been given the Appreciation award for Nordic Service, and Appreciation award for LA Council Development. Other awards include the Annual Merit Award 1987, 1984, 1980; Nordic Competition Chair 1977-1985; Alpine Racer of the Year 2000, 2001; Nordic Racer of the Year 1975-1986 and LA Council Woman of the Year Candidate 1984, 1998, 2006. Was also Race League Awards Chair – responsible for obtaining and awarding awards at all races from 1997 – 2007.

Bob is a member of Cabernet Ski Club (Sierra League) 2006-2007 and was a Bota Baggers (Singles League) member from 1980-2007. In 1982, he won the National GS Criterium Champion- Class A- at Sun Valley, and the USSA Ski Week 2005 & 2006 Far West Ski Week-Slalom Champion at Snowmass, Co & Telluride, Co. He has won other races but there is not room to mention all of them. He has been the FWRA Pacesetter from 1983-2007. He is the founder and organizer for the Keystone Nationals (2005-2007). He has been responsible for registration, ordering awards, race results, course setting on the mountain, and worked with the Keystone Race Department to provide accurate results. He consulted with Keystone on how to design the parties, racing, lodging and travel. He reviews FWSA race courses in which he participates, to ensure a safe environment for racing. He has been responsible for making the difficult decision to cancel FWSA races due to weather or conditions, making safety the main concern.



Bob Ellis



Council Man and Women of the Year nominees were as follows: Susan Shaffer from San Diego, Dennis Heffley and Christine Hoskinson from BAC, Mary Ann Russo from Orange, Nancy Ellis from Sierra, Jessica Freeman from LAC, Bob Ellis from Sierra, David Felker from LAC, Arleigh Meiners from Arizona, David Arnold from San Diego, Rod Robinson and Becki Robinson from Northwest Council.

Tollakson Award for Outstanding Clubs

Tollakson Award Outstanding Clubs

Class AAAA

- 1st Conejo Ski & Sports Club
- 2nd North Island Snowdrifters
- 3rd Bergfreunde Ski Club

Class AAA

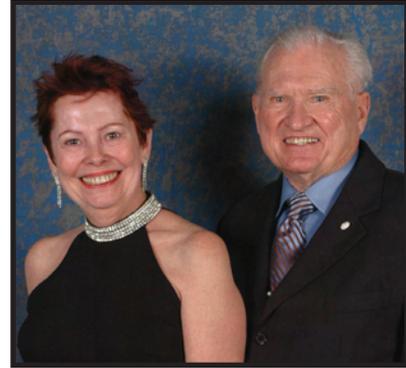
- 1st Mountain High Snowsports Club
- 2nd Pacific Rim Alliance
Snow Sports Club

Class A

- 1st The Unrecables
- 2nd Skiyente Ski Club
- 3rd Rusty Bindings Ski Club

Dave Tollakson's activities in club leadership, racing and committees mark him as the finest that organized skiing can produce. Dave's involvement in Far West started in the mid-60s with the Rokka League. He trained, skied, took lessons and practiced. Concurrently, he took up patrolling with the National Ski Patrol [NSP] at Goldmine and trained in first aid, evacuation and winter survival. He was a major force in the development of search & rescue and ski mountaineering with the Southern Region NSP. Dave's climbing was related to this activity and the climb on which he met his death on Mt. San Jacinto training with Steve Reneker on a 1995 assault on Everest. Steve completed the climb and carried the Far West banner and Dave's ashes to the top. In 1995, the Outstanding Club Award was named in honor of Dave. In an effort to recognize the recreational skier, Far West awarded the first outstanding ski club in 1963. The criteria used then was based on the percentage of members who belonged to Far West, amount of money donated to Far West, number of members holding Far West offices, and number of members passing the Uniform Ski Test. Today, the Tollakson Award is presented to an outstanding club based on an evaluation of their structure, organization, skiing, sports, social events, and giving to the community.

Written by Catherine Ohl



Conejo Ski & Sports Club
Class AAAA Winner
Kathleen and Ray Craig



Mountain High Snowsports Club
Class AAA Winner
Emilio Trampuz and Linda McGavin



The Unrecables
Class A Winner
Sigrid Noack

Delegates & Industry Benefit from Travel Expo

With over 60 Industries represented at this year's Travel Expo, ski club delegates and industry representatives were a happy group! Lots of worthwhile information was exchanged, with delegates sharing their club needs and industry reps explaining their options for travel.

It was wonderful observing the interactions throughout the room. There was so much energy all around. For sure, this year's Travel Expo was another great success!

A great big "thank you" to all participants. The Travel Expo is a definite highlight of our FWSA conventions. The delegates learn so much, when

they meet one-on-one with our industry friends. This information is then shared back home with their board of directors, which helps the clubs and councils plan future trips.

Thank you very much to the BAC volunteers, who assisted, and of course the Travel Expo Team made up of **Mary Olhausen, Jane Wyckoff, Debbi Kor-Lew** and chief **Sigrid Noack**, all shown in the photo.

This year our Travel Expo grand prize, a trip to Whistler/Blackcomb, was won by **Jeanne Reinhardt** of Cabernet Ski & Sail Club in Northwest Ski Club Council. Happy skiing Jeanne, and thank you Whistler/Blackcomb.



Travel Expo sponsors and FWSA participants getting the latest information on Ski Resorts.

Door Prizes – Convention 2007

Item	Donor
3 Ski hats	Chaos
7 pr. Sunglasses	Carrera
120 head bands	Screamer Hats
3 kegs of beer	Gordon Biersch
1 Camelback Pack	Ski.Com
2 sports bags	Ski.Com
2 bottles wine	Ski.Com
2 wall hangings	Mountain Chalet
3 pr. Goggles	Swans
4 1-day lift tickets	Alpine Meadows
2 all day lift tickets	Diamond Peaks
2 t-shirts	Diamond Peaks
2 water bottles	Winter Park
Hat & Shirt Combo	Steamboat
2 fleece sweatshirts	Aspen/Snowmass
Fleece Jacket	Mt. Rose
6 gift certificates (2x\$100; 4x \$50)	Sports Basement
Adobe/ Dream- weaversoftware	Paul Vlasveld
5 bottles of wine	BAC



Travel Expo Team

Jane Wyckoff, Mary Olhausen, Debbi Kor-Lew and Sigrid Noack



Percy Rideout helping to show off the FWSA Banner given to him by FWSA past presidents Steve Coxen and John Watson

Distinguished Service Awards



Vail Resorts
Peter Albro



Big Mountain Resort
Sheila Winchel



Big Sky Resorts
Brandon Bang



Grouse Mountain Lodge
Edna White



Intrawest
Leslie McQuade



Mammoth Mountain
Derrick Agee



Red Mountain
Sarah Wight



BAC
Dennis Heffley, president



Steamboat Resorts
Mary Beth Magalis

* Award winners with President Randy Lew and VP of Marketing Debbi Kor-Lew

Silent Auction & Travel Expo

Participants

by Mary Olhausen and Debbi Kor-Lew

The Far West Ski Association and Bay Area Snow Sports Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 22nd Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners to the efforts of our Association. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2007-2008.

Alaska Airlines	Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY	Silver Mountain Ski Resort, ID
Alpine Meadows Ski Area, CA	Juniper Springs Resort, CA	Silver Star Resort, BC, Canada
Alpine Sports Ski Rentals, UT	Kandahar Lodge at Big Mountain, MT	Ski Alpine Xperience, VA
Alyeska Resort, AK	Keystone Resort, CO	Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Canada
Aspen Skiing Company, CO	Kirkwood Mountain Resort, CA	SKI.COM, CO
Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Lakeland Village Resort, NV	Ski Dazzle, CA
Aspen Square Hotel, CO	Lakeside Village, UT	SkiNSee Ski Rentals, UT
Banff Lodging Company, AL, Canada	Lespri Resorts, UT	Snakedance Condominiums, NM
Best Western Truckee Tahoe Inn, CA	Maddronna Inn, CA	Snow Tours, NJ
Betty Donellan - Senegence, CA	Mammoth Mountain Resort, CA	Snowbasin Ski Resort, UT
Big Mountain Resort, Whitefish, MT	Marriott International, UT	Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, UT
Big Sky Resort, MT	Miracle Springs Resort & Spa, CA	Solitude Mountain Ski Resort, UT
Big White Ski Resort, BC, Canada	Moguls Mountain Travel, CA	Southwest Airlines
Breckenridge Resort, CO	Morning Start Condos, ID	Sports America Tours, CA
Canadian Adventures, Canada	Mountain Chalet	Squaw Valley USA, CA
Charles Schwab Company, CA	Mountain Resorts, CO	Steamboat Ski & Resort,, CO
Copper Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort, OR	Sun Peaks Resort, BC, Canada
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe, CA	Sun Valley, ID
Crested Butte Mountain Properties, CO	Northstar at Tahoe, CA	Tamarack Resort, ID
Daman-Nelson Travel	Ogden Conv & Visitors Bureau, UT	Taos Ski Valley, NM
Davis Area Conv & Visitors Bureau, UT	Ogden Marriott Hotel, UT	Telluride Ski Resort, CO
Deer Valley Resort, UT	Ogden Express Transportation, UT	The Canyons, UT
Delta Airlines, UT	Owyhee Cottage, ID	The Cliff Lodge, UT
Diamond Peak Resort, CA	Panorama Ski Resort, BC, Canada	The Crestwood Lodge, CO
El Dorado Ranch, Baja, Mexico	Panorama Mtn Lodging, BC, Canada	The Cruise Company of Modesto, CA
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada	Park City Mountain Resort, UT	The Fairmont Heritage Place, CO
Fairmont Chateau Whistler, BC, Canada	Park City Peaks Hotel, UT	The Hotel Alyeska, AK
Fernie/Kimberley Resorts, BC, Canada	Park City Transportation, UT	The Riverhouse Hotel, OR
Forest Suites Resort, CA	Parkway Inn, WY	The Village at Squaw Valley, CA
Franz Klammer Lodge, CO	Perimeter Transportation, BC, Canada	Tourism Sun Peaks, BC, Canada
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, NV	Powder Mountain Ski Resort, UT	Town of Snowmass Village, CO
Grand Summit Resort Hotel, UT	Red Resort, BC, Canada	Trickle Creek Residence Inn-Marriott, BC, Canada
Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT	Resort Quest Telluride, CO	Vail Resorts, CO
Heavenly Mountain Ski Resort, CA	Resorts Canadian Rockies, BC, Canada	Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada
Holiday Inn Express, Layton, UT	Rooster's Brewing Company, UT	White Pine Lodge, ID
Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ	Salt Lake Conv & Visitors Bureau, UT	Winter Park Ski Resort, CO
Horizon Airlines	Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID	Wolf Creek Grille Restaurant, UT
Huntley Lodge, MT	Sheraton City Centre, UT	Wolf's Den Lodge, BC, Canada
Intrawest, BC, Canada	Sierra at Tahoe, CA	Ziptrek Ecotours, BC, Canada
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY	Silver Legacy Casino, NV	

The support from our Industry Partners continues to grow. In 2008 we look forward to the 23rd Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo at the 76th Annual FWSA Convention in Bellevue, Washington

Distinguished Service Awards



Big White and Silver Star
President Randy Lew, Michelle Beaudry, Debbi Kor-Lew, and Jim Loyd



Mountain Resorts
Peter Hunter



Mountain Chalet
Wayne Cimperman



Salt Lake Convention Visitors Bureau
Kaitlin Ye, Salt Lake CVB, Vince Kerzman, Salt Lake Sheraton, Meghan James, Solitude Mountain Resort, and Daryn Edmunds, Snowbird.



Snowbasin
Cyd Heatherly



Sports America Tours
Sarah Ford



Ski Alpine Xperience
Andre Gupta



Snowbird Ski Resort
Daryn Edmunds



Ogdan Convention Visitors Bureau
Silent Auction Coordinator Mary Olhausen and Elaine Cobos

* Award winners with President Randy Lew

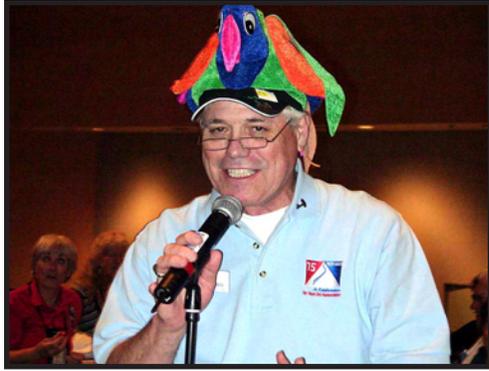
Event Sponsors

75th Annual FWSA Convention by Debbi Kor-Lew, Industry Marketing Representative

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 75th 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 offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2007-08.

Event	Sponsor	Website
Golf Tournament	 Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort	www.snowbasin.com
Wine Tour	 Ski Alpine Xperience	www.skialpinexperience.com
Pub Crawl / FWSA Safety Person of Year Award	 Aspen/Snowmass	www.aspensnowmass.com
Delegate Neck Wallets	 Intrawest	www.intrawest.com
Silent Auction Welcome Party	 Ski Dazzle, Sacramento & Bay Area Ski Shows; Gordon Biersch	www.skidazzle.com www.gordonbiersch.com
Silent Auction Entertainment	 Mammoth Mountain	www.mammothmountain.com
Saturday Luncheon	 Vail Resorts (Heavenly, Vail, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone)	www.vailresorts.com
Awards Banquet Band / FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize	 Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation	www.steamboat.com
Awards Banquet Wine	 Big Sky Resort Ski.com	www.bigskyresort.com www.ski.com
Councils' Men & Women of the Year	 Big White Ski Resort Silver Star Mountain Resort	www.bigwhite.com www.skisilverstar.com
Grand Prize Travel Expo	 Far West Ski Association FOUNDED 1938	www.fwsa.org
Eye Opener	 Bay Area Snow Sports Council	www.skibac.org
Delegate Gift	 Mountain Chalet	www.mchalet.com
FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program	 Karbon BIG MTN RESORT Grouse Mountain Lodge	www.karbon.net www.bigmtn.com www.grousemountainlodge.com

Did We Have Fun?



Can we seriously have a discussion with past president Mike Sanford looking like this?



Does President Randy Lew realize that is his wife Debbi Kor-Lew in the strange face?



Definitely a Convention Committee Trio.
Liz Frank, hotel liaison, Linda Indreboe, host convention coordinator, Mary Azevedo registrar.



What are Loni Kawecki, and Barbara Gaston looking at?



Conventions are just no fun without cutting up a bit. Pictured are Sheila Winchel, Richard Lubin, and Linda Indreboe.



Mary Olhausen invites us in song to Bellevue, Washington for the next convention

The First Michael German Golf Classic



Eileen Sanford and Barbara German



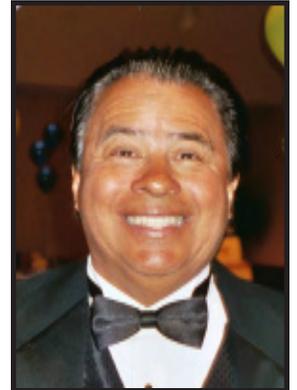
Jim Loyd, Big White; Cyd Heatherly, Snowbasin; Murray Blaney, Mt. Rose, Barbara German; Craig Faitel, BAC Singles League Race Director; and Diana Gartland, Golf Tournament Chair



Jim and Diana Gartland, Golf Tournament Chairs, Cyd Heatherly, Snowbasin Tournament Sponsor, Barbara German (Mike German's wife), Eileen Sanford, Debbie Pitts, Snowbasin.

This golf tournament honors Michael J. German, FWSA Vice President for Council Services and Past President, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. He was a friend to us all.

We have been witness to love of the most generous kind, dedication that set the highest standards, generosity that touched us all and memories made precious by a dear friend. We have now observed bravery of the highest magnitude as we have watched his daily brave battle against cancer. There is no braver a soul than he who understands and chooses to face adversity head on, with a smile, with the knowledge that he is supported by those whom he loves and trusts as true friends.



Michael German

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides – David Viscott, Author

Our world of skiers has lost one of its' dearest ambassadors. DS, OVC Council

The emotions are being shared across the nation about losing such a wonderful human being. DF, BAC

Written by Mike Sanford



Barbara German
at the Saturday Night Banquet

Skiing Takes a Bow for the year 2006-2007

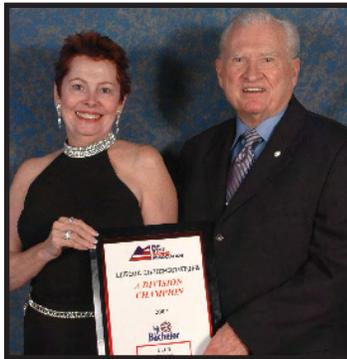


Most points earned at FWSA Championships
 PACRAT's Shawn Storey, Sheri Parshall, Emilio Trampuz, Sally Niedermeyer, and Diane Hicks



Keystone Cup
 Nancy Ellis handing Bota Bagger Gary Brannan the Keystone Trophy

ULLR League A Champions
 Ray and Kathleen Craig



Sierra League AA Champions
 Pavel Busin, Sierra Council President and Bob Ellis, FWRA President

2007 Convention Raffle Prizes

1 pair 2007 Volkl Skis with Marker Bindings
Sjersaas Ski Shop
 Value: \$1000

Weekend for Two Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara
Santa Clara Hyatt Regency
 Value: \$400

2 Pair All Day Lift Tickets Ski Santa Fe
Ski Santa Fe
 Value: \$200

Picnic Backpack
Keystone Resort & Conference Ctr.
 Value: \$100

Wine & Cheese Basket
Snowtours
 Value: \$125

Gift Basket
Bay Area Snow Sports Council
 Value: \$125



Roma McCoy Trophy for BAC
 Craig Faitel; BAC Singles League Racing Director, Bob Ellis FWSA President; and John Schultheis, BAC Open League Racing Director



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Race Schedule

Fri 4/4	Pacesetter Trials
Sat 4/5	Slalom Races/Awards Banquet
Sun 4/6	Giant Slalom Races

For more information, contact Bob Ellis, FWSA
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Arizona Ski Council

By Marge Fons



Marge Fons, Arizona Ski Council President

The heat doesn't slow down the activities in the Arizona Ski Council; we just move out of the desert! In addition to the happy hours, parties, and dinners, the six different clubs have planned a plethora of activities to beat the heat this summer throughout the southwest!

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AOTC) has many activities planned through Arizona and the southwest. In June they have hikes and bike rides planned in northern Arizona, Tucson area, and throughout the mountain region. In July, AOTC ventures out of state to one of our favorite destinations; Telluride, Colorado! In July they also will be joining forces with the Arizona Trails Association to do maintenance work on Arizona trails. Looking ahead will be backpacking on the John Muir Trail, hiking in Hawaii, biking in Holland, and exploring the Canadian Rockies! Go to www.arizonaoutdoortravelclub.com for more information on these and other exciting trips.

The Boeing Employee Adventure Club will be continuing their hiking schedule as well as pool parties and family events around town. Employees may contact www.boeing.com for more information about recreation activities that are planned!

The East Valley Ski Club, (EVSC) will beat the heat with campouts planned in the mountains, at the lakes and rivers! To join them, check out their website at www.evskiclub.org!

Partytime Sports, (PTS) will be at the lakes this summer. Many boating trips are planned monthly as well as playing in Laughlin and Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

The Phoenix Ski Club (PSC) has already returned from their California Wine tasting adventure in Sonoma Valley. In July, the club will visit San Diego for their annual Bike Trip on Coronado Island. The club has some special trips planned to Arizona mountain regions. A campout in the Chiricahuas in southern Arizona, a Pinetop getaway and later in August they will travel to Prescott, Arizona to bet on the ponies at Prescott Downs! For more details on these and

the special activities set up for their 60th anniversary, see www.phxski.org!

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SSSC) started their summer schedule with golfing in Sedona. Even the worst golfer has to enjoy a day with the breathtaking views of Sedona! They kicked off their water activities with an instructional day of kayaking on the Salt River. A Pub Crawl on the famous Whiskey Row in Prescott is a popular favorite getaway weekend scheduled in August. A Las Vegas week end, campouts, water skiing, and boating are highlights for this summer. The culminating trip of the season will be to New Zealand and Fiji in August. Check out these trips and more at www.scottsdale-skiclub.com.

Preparations are underway for planning diverse and exciting winter ski schedules. Each club's ski schedule will be posted on their websites soon! To keep track of these and other exciting Arizona Ski Council events, please check www.arizonaskicouncil.org!

The Arizona Ski Council announces and welcomes their new club officers and representatives!

- Phoenix Ski Club; President *Ron Lamoureaux* and representatives *Dave Towar* and *Bobbie Davis*.

- Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club *Brent Bowles*; president, and representatives *Clarence Miller* and *Dan Romanenko*.

- *Gary Giertz*; president of Partytime Sports

- *Francoise Fernandez*; president of Boeing Employee Activity Club and *Colleen Perkins*; representative.

- *Chuck Will*; Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, and *Jeff Peebles*, representative.

- *Roger Sevison*; East Valley Ski Club president and representative *Greg Schaffer*.

In addition, the council re-elected its officers; vice-president; *Arleigh Meiners*, secretary; *Karen Bonine*, treasurer; *Mary Beth Fitchlee*, and race coordinator, *Mike Rogers*. We look forward to an exciting and productive year!

Safety Person of the Year



Emilio was given the Safety Award for promoting safety awareness among FWSA members and demonstrating support for safety on the slopes. Emilio demonstrated his safety leadership role by emphasizing safety related activities and publishing newsletter articles during the year. In addition, his club demonstrated a willingness to involve themselves in safety promotion and actions.



Aspen Ski Company recognized winner Emilio Trampuz Emilio was given a seven nights lodging package plus lift tickets and ski rentals at any Aspen Mountain Resort. Shown above are Connie Hamlin and Mary Manning from Aspen Ski Company; Emilio Trampuz, and Richard Lubin, FWSA Safety Committee Chairman.

Western Heritage Award



Steamboat Springs recognized winner Catherine Ohl with a five day vacation for two at Steamboat. Pictured above is John Watson, History Chairman, Steamboat representative Mary Beth Magalis, Catherine Ohl, and Scott Bowker, FWSA VP Public Affairs.

The Western-Heritage award is presented to the person



who has raised the awareness of skiers/non-skiers of the contributions made by individuals, groups or companies to all aspects of skiing. This includes both competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness. In addition, a parallel purpose is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to Western Communities. It recognizes efforts in sharing skiing history.

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley



Dennis Heffley
BAC President

I hope that you had as much fun as I had at the 75th Annual FWSA Convention that was hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)!

What a wonderful weekend we had filled with “hello’s” to previous friends and “great to meet you” to our new friends!

The Hyatt Regency Santa Clara did a magnificent job of making sure that all of our needs were met. They even went “above and beyond” when it came to our Saturday Night After Party ~ the food and beverages just kept coming!

Our band ~ The Fabulous Cruistones (www.cruisetones.com) kept the dance flow filled from the beginning to the end. I have never experienced so much energy and fancy (!?) dance moves before at a FWSA Convention! A special Thank You goes out to all of our incredible vendors who danced the night away with us!

This event could not and would not have happened with all of our amazing volunteers. Enough can never be said of what they accomplished! Especially to our own Ms. Linda Indreboe ~ I hope that you’ve caught up on your sleep, work and that your e-mail file and phone messages are back down to a number that you don’t mind looking at!

Just because the convention hosted by the BAC and come and gone ~ this doesn’t mean that we are sitting back and relaxing! We have some fun things scheduled for the upcoming months.

There are club events such as camping in Yosemite, river rafting the South fork of the American River, mountain biking trails in the Bay Area and Sierra Nevada’s, road biking the many wonderful rides in our region, softball games, golfing, tennis, roller blading and just about anything else that you can think of to

have fun doing before the snow arrives in a few months!

We also have a couple of special events that are going to take place.

September 13 & 14, 2007 there is the Third Annual Mark Wellman Celebrity Golf Classic (www.nolimitstahoe.com/golf.htm). The ~ Welcome Reception ~ Meet the Celebrities on the 13th at the Coyote Moon. Golfing (best ball ~ scramble) takes place at the Tahoe Donner Golf Course on Friday the 14th with the awards ceremony following the golfing. All of this is in the Tahoe Donner Region of Lake Tahoe and it benefits both Mark Wellman’s No Limit organization and Disabled Sports USA. You

will be amazed at what can be accomplished on a golf course during this tournament!

On Friday ~ September 28, 2007 the BAC is hosting its Third Annual Oakland A’s Baseball Game Benefiting Disabled Sports USA!

That Friday evening will begin with one of our signature

Tailgate Parties. Then we go to our seats down the 3rd base line to enjoy another spectacular performance of the Oakland A’s and then sit back with our eyes to the sky to watch what is one of the greatest Fire Works displays in the SF Bay Area! We have two hundred (200) tickets in our hands and can add another hundred (100) if you sign up soon enough! Three dollars from each ticket sold and the proceeds from our tailgate party will be going to Disabled Sports USA.

We are looking forward to a great ski / snowboarding season which is quickly approaching. Then traveling north for not only the FWSA Ski Week at Whistler/Blackcomb ~ but for the FWSA 2009 Convention being hosted by the NorthWest Ski Council!

As I always close my articles ~ I’d like to say “thank you for being the one who makes the difference!”



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Steve Coxen
Northwest Ski Club Council
Council Website Winner



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3rd North Island Snowdrifters

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3rd Pacific Rim Alliance

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1st Inskiers Ski Club
2nd Snowchasers Ski Club
3rd The Unrecables

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1st Northwest Ski Club Council
2nd Bay Area Snow Sports Council
3rd San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

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- 3rd Snowchasers Ski Club

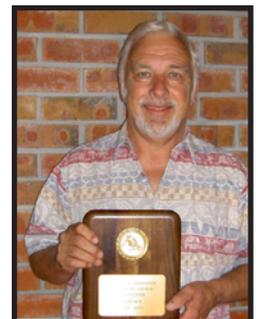
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Central Council of California

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
Central Council of
California President*

Once upon a time, many years ago, ski clubs were formed for people who liked to ski and race. Those avid skiers soon realized that they also liked the social aspects of organized skiing. One thing led to another, ski clubs evolved, and now we have “ski, snow sports, sport, and social clubs”! That translates to year round clubs jam packed with activities for all levels of involvement and all interests.

Central Council and all its member clubs are in full swing for summer, with outdoor activities galore! The council’s biggest summer event is the annual float trip down the King’s River, with a campout at Kelly’s Beach. We’ll leisurely float down the river, water blasting toys in hand, for 4-5 hours on Saturday, then pot luck and party the night away. It’s a great way to get acquainted for our new members, and a wonderful way to renew friendships between our participating clubs. This year’s event promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Central Council clubs are located in some of the most ideal areas for outdoor summer activities. You

can’t beat the weather in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Salinas, and the central valley for taking the fun outdoors.

The clubs definitely take advantage of our ideal climate and location as they plan for volleyball tournaments, bike rides, lake trips, mountain campouts, picnics, etc., etc. Club websites and newsletters are the best way to access information about the variety of activities and events available.

Winter is no less busy for the Central Council group. We’re all in the process of planning and revealing the locations of next year’s trips, but I’m already hearing rumblings of Taos, Big Mountain, Sun Valley, Whistler, Park City...as well as our weekend locations of Mammoth, Sierra Summit, Sugar Bowl, and all the Tahoe ski areas.

All in all, we are a busy group, as a council and as individual ski, sport and social clubs!

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which will deal with policies and practices transferred from the former bylaws. Transferred material will cover both issues that require compliance and issues that are best practices. It is envisioned that changes to the OH would require majority approval by the Board of Directors. Notice of changes to sections of the OH would have to be provided to the membership, preferably using the web pages as a primary vehicle. The bylaws are on the website now.

The schedule for further by-laws activity is as follows:

- A circulation draft will be presented to the Board of Trustees/Board of Directors in July
- The reviewed draft will be circulated using the web and through councils and a final draft prepared in December-January
- Dissemination draft. Final draft posted and presented to clubs and councils January-April
- Notice requirements for a 2008 approval at Seattle will be satisfied using the dissemination draft.

• Concurrent with the bylaws activity will be completion of the compliance and practices sections of the Operations Handbook.

We are trying to separate out any new initiatives so that they can be considered on their merits without holding up the approval of the new set and its accompanying OH. It should be noted, however, that if there are new ideas or procedures that need to be incorporated, that this is a good time to do it. Feel free to submit suggestions to any of the committeemen identified above, either for the bylaws or the OH.

FWSA Kayaking in Elkhorn Slough



Norm Azevedo
FWSA Kayak Chair got lost?
He is by himself!!



All decked out and ready to go!!

Wow! What a time we had paddling amongst the Elk Horn Slough wildlife. We had just about every sea bird that you can imagine. Most interesting were the baby pelicans. The sea otters and their pups were also out in large numbers. The pups haven't learned to stay away from people yet and would come right up to the kayaks. An adult otter even tried to get into a kayak. They were all over the place. Elk Horn Slough at Moss Landing is California's second largest marine tidal wetland habitat. Where you find sea otters, harbor seals and over 250 resident and migratory bird species.

Moss Landing at the mouth of the slough is a quaint historic, fishing village easily identified by the huge smoke stacks of a power generating plant. We ate lunch at Phil's Fish Market restaurant. Phil's serves everything from chowder to lobster. Everyone took note and swore they would return. It was a great experience.



Emilio Trampuz
George Stewart took an unbelievably unique picture

More Convention Pictures!!



George and Debbie Stewart
Debbie is FWSA secretary



Members of the San Diego Council looked chic in their Four Black Diamond "Very Difficult" shirts.



New Trustee Jane Wyckoff
with President Randy Lew



Lynnell and Ken Calkins
Lynnell is outgoing VP North American
Travel and Ken Calkins, Trustee



Los Angeles All
In front, Jane Wyckoff, Jessica Freeman, Laura Vahl
Gillespie; John Watson, Judith Miller, Ed Gillespie.

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

By Judith Miller



*Judith Miller, Los Angeles
Council of Ski Clubs*

The Council volleyball tournament has started this month. In addition, Beach Cities Ski Club has several special tournaments. Single Ski Club has a strong series of golf Sundays and has hikes, bike rides, kayaking, and horseback riding.

California's Complete Sports Club (formerly Century City) has several water skiing trips as well as a trip to the Blues-a-Palooza at mammoth.

Los Padres is having its annual Kern River Tube Float in July. Buckhorn Ski Club is holding an Alpine Fest with home-made beer tasting, guided hikes, pine needle skiing demo, wood splitting and yodeling contests. This event also includes the re-opening of their lodge at Mt. Waterman ski area.

Other clubs have camping trips, park concerts as well as those at the Hollywood Bowl and a local winery, Dodger games, moonlight movies, a Shakespeare play, and picnics. Wailers Ski Club held its annual Bash and Pac Rim is going to ski in Argentina.

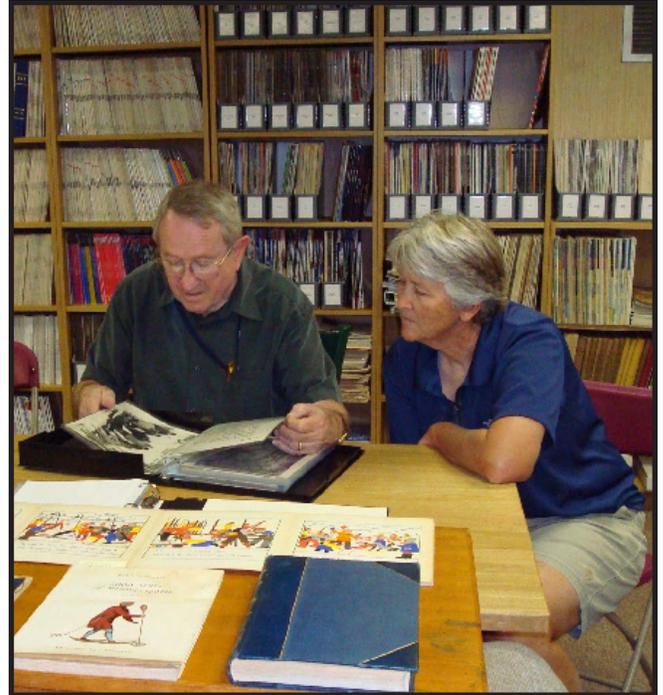
California Ski Library in Norco Open House

The California Ski Library mission is to acquire historically significant material pertaining to skiing in the U.S., especially the west; process, preserve, and catalog the materials; and provide public access to researchers, journalists, students, and others interested in skiing history.

The library has many ski collections donated by Western Skiers. For example, the *Wolfgang Lert Collection* has extensive collection of photographs documenting ski racers, Western ski areas, and the 1960 Squaw Valley Winter Olympics. The Ethel Van Degrift Collection - Van Degrift was an Associate Editor for *Ski Illustrated* and the ski columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* from 1939 to 1954. The collection consists of thousands of photographs and ephemera, as well as books and periodicals.

Ingrid Wicken has received two Steamboat FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize trophies recognizing her authorship (2002) and her single-handed effort in founding the California Ski Library (2005).

The California Ski Library is located at 3321 Aryana Ave. Norco, CA 92860. Tours are by appointment only.



John Watson, FWSA Past President with Ingrid Wicken (library director) at the second annual open house of the California Ski Library in Norco June 24.

The library is an asset for the researcher, writer and for simple enjoyment of ski history books, photos, magazines and equipment. To see the exhibits or to arrange for donations, call Ingrid at 951-207-9218.



Steve and Linda Coxen

Steve is the Chairman Trustee, Webmaster, Annual Convention Chairperson, and all-around nice person.



Linda Westlund, outgoing Trustee and John Schultheis, BAC Open League Director



Mary Olhausen Northwest Ski Club Council President

Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen

NWSCC sends a big thanks to Bay Area Council for hosting a great and fun Convention!! Our hats are off to our NWSCC Man & Woman of The Year – *Rod and Becki Robinson* of Altair Ski Club. Also congrats to NWSCC clubs that competed in Outstanding Club, Publications, Website, Safety, and

Charity competitions and came away winners in these areas.

NWSCC clubs seem to have as much fun in the summer as they do in the Winter ski season, though many of us still get in some skiing in the summer, with our very own **Timberline Resort** open year-round. The Council will hold its 9th annual “Clubs 4 Play” Golf Tournament, July 29 at the Oregon City Golf Course. Club teams compete in this event for the perpetual club trophy. This year’s winning team will receive \$100 towards a charity of their choice. Besides the usual hiking, biking, camping and golfing, our clubs are busy planning some interesting events as well - Altair Ski Club will be biking the San Juan Islands and taking a week-long trip to the Wallowas & Hell’s Canyon area. They will celebrate their 20th year with a huge tropical party.

Ski Hawks are busy hiking, golfing, and kayaking and planning a ski trip to Bormio, Italy in 2008. Desert Ski Club is camping on the Lewis & Clark Trail and holding a family event on the Snake River. In September, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol will hold its annual golf tournament to raise funds for the search and rescue activities on Mt. Hood. S’noJoke Ski Club will hold their annual Whistler All Sports Weekend in August and hold a house boat water ski trip on Lake Roosevelt. September takes them to Mt. St. Helens for a fun-filled weekend. Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum continues to offer amazing displays and public sessions on the history of Government Camp, OR. All clubs are invited to participate in the annual September Mt. Hood Heritage Day. Many of our clubs hold apres’ ski events at the Museum. Seattle Singles Yacht Club holds several on-water cruises in Seattle/Puget Sound area, as well as off-water parties. Bergfreunde Ski Club is biking in the

San Juan Islands, taking a cruise to Alaska, a trip to the Florida Keys, and a trip to Hell’s Canyon for biking & paddling.

The NWSCC Ski Fair will be held on Monday, October 29, at the Monarch Hotel. Ski Fair is open to all club members and the general public. Clubs, ski resorts, industry representatives and several ski related non-profits will have booths to inform attendees about their activities and products. NWSCC Commercial Members donate items for the silent auction. Discounted lift ticket packages will be available from several Northwest ski resorts. NWSCC will have booth space at the Seattle Ski Show, October 26-28, and the Portland Ski Show, November 2-4. NWSCC and member clubs are beginning to put their ski trips together. Bergfreunde Ski Club is going to **Mt. Bachelor** and **Steamboat**. Mt. High Ski Club is again hosting their Canada Ski Safari to **Silver Star, Revelstoke, Kicking Horse, Fernie & Schweitzer**. In Feb they will join forces with Scottsdale Ski Club and visit **Big Sky, MT**.

Then the “Mystery Trip” takes place in March, and a trip to **Heavenly & Mammoth Mountain** to coincide with FWRA Race Championships. Skiyente Ski Club is again hosting a “family” ski trip to **Sun Valley**.

PACRAT racing is gearing up for another great race season! They have six races scheduled for Mt. Hood ski areas and the grand finale “Rat Attack” party in April. PACRATS were the overall winner at the 2007 Race Championships - stay tuned for another win in 2008! PACRAT racing information can be found at www.pacrats.org.

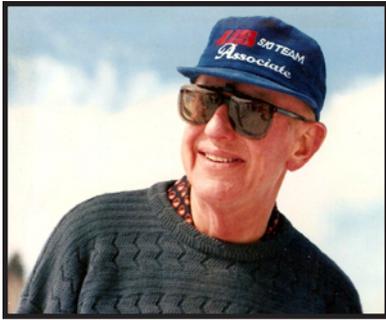
NWSCC will hold elections shortly after press time. I would like to take a moment to thank my Board - without them, there would be NO fun activities for all the clubs to take part in: *John Reinhardt* (Vice President), *Jeanne Reinhardt* (Secretary), *Linda Coxen* (Treasurer), *Debbi Kor-Lew* (Special Events), *Barbara Bousum* (Travel), *Linda McGavin* (Publications), Jack Folliard (Pacrat Racing), and Steve Coxen (Immediate Past-President), *Barbara Parshall* (Commercial Membership Program/Advertising). Please visit our website at www.nwskiers.org to find out more about NWSCC and all the great things, both ski and non-ski, that our Council and clubs are doing!!



Remembering Richard Goetzman

By Maxine Hanlon

Richard Goetzman, accountant and man of many talents died April 3, 2007. He was born Jan 1, 1929 in New



York. While attending college in New Mexico, Dick was introduced to skiing.

He was a life time member of Balboa Ski and Sports Club which he joined in the early 1960's. Past President of Southern Council just before it spilt into

Inland, Orange and LA Council , he went on to serve as FWSA Treasurer and later FWSA President. There were very few (USSA/ FWSA) Conventions that Dick did not attend. He had intelligent questions, answers and infor-

mation. His star shown brightest when he became President of the USSA (aka US Ski Team organization) where as President, President of Trustees, and as a Trustee he actively served



for over twenty years. He loved skiing and loved his second home in Mammoth Lakes, California. He loved the fact that his Mammoth annual pass displayed #1.

His friendship and respect for Dave McCoy prompted him to join forces to be a founding member of the



Mammoth Foundation which created and supports Mammoth College. This is a brief - very brief overview of just a few offices he held, but does not go into the depth of his

influence, accomplishments and interest in the sport of skiing. Tally Ho! St. Richard, you will be missed.

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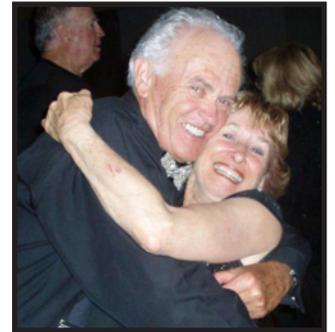
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**Ski With Pride,
Let It Ride,
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San Diego Council

By Cheryl Riess

With elections and end of ski season parties behind us, the ski clubs in San Diego are busy planning social events typical of the San Diego life style. We're going to concerts in the park, the famous *San Diego County Fair*, brunches and paddock parties at the *Del Mar Race Track*, Tours on the de-commissioned *USS Midway*, brewery and winery tours, baseball games and tailgate parties, walking tours of our famous landmarks and tourist areas, champagne brunches, potlucks, happy hours, hiking, biking, bocce ball, tennis, golf, kayaking on the bay, evening kayaking to listen to top bands and entertainers, water skiing, house boating, *Old Globe Theater* and open air plays, *Rueben H. Fleet Science Center* IMAX film presentations, regular club meetings, board meetings and council meetings. We are truly blessed to live in beautiful San Diego, with so many exciting things to do. Unfortunately, we can't do them all ... but many of us try to catch as many as we can.

On the business side of things, the Council normally meets the first Wednesday of the month. In June we had a great turnout for the Council Board meeting with all but one club represented. *Susie Vetter*, past Council Travel and long-time Council and



FWSA supporter, energized the Council members with proposal for an all-club golf competition in October. So far, the tournament is being well-received. *Mike Sanford*, Council Public Affairs Representative and trip leader for the annual December Council trip to Aspen, announced that he has sold all the initial seats for the trip. That was good news, except for those who had planned to sign up and hadn't! *Susan Shaffer*, newly elected Travel Director, announced that she had already taken deposits for Ski Week, Whistler. (In June she revised that number to 100% plus several on the wait list.) *Laura*

Gale Meldrum, Council Web Designer and Communications Director, updated the Council calendar she keeps on *Google* calendars. This is a great way to share all

the business and social events that each of our clubs and the council members are involved with. *Eileen Weiner*, Council Race Director, co-hosted a happy hour in May where the San Diego Alpine League announced the winner of its annual Race Championships. North Island Snowdrifters won for the 7th consecutive year, but were pushed hard by the San Diego Ski Club. Next year, the championship trophy may very well go to a different club if the competition keeps growing!

In June, the board voted to cancel the July meeting as it fell on the 4th. *Judy Schultheis*, interim Council Treasurer, presented the



Cheryl Riess, President
San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

annual Treasurer's Report which the board used to draft, finalize and approve its 2007/8 budget. *Connie Smith*, Activities Director, tentatively selected the date of November 3, 2007 for our Winter Gala, the event that honors the club men and women of the year. *Bob Cleaver*, North Island Snowdrifters newly appointed representative to the council, volunteered to champion a Council picnic and the board voted to hold one August 12. We are only charging \$3 for adults and children under 18 are free. I am excited about this and hope to see lots of involvement from all members of all San Diego clubs.

Since we cancelled our July 4 board meeting, the Council had a special election meeting June 27 where we elected *Chris Houkom* of Don Diego Ski Club as our new Treasurer. Outgoing Treasurer *Judy Schultheis* has agreed to remain on our board as past-president.

Our clubs are planning trips to *Beaver Creek*, *Davis County* and *Park City* so far. We'll know more once our club Travel Directors meet in August. All in all, San Diego council clubs are working together well. We should have a great ski season!

Thanks to Photographers

From the Editor.....

Photographer Bunny Arms of All Action Photos did a wonderful job, as seen by the great pictures we have. Many thanks to the people who sent me photographs: Emilio Trampuz, George Stewart, Paula Kinahon with Jim Korn, and Richard Lubin made it possible to see such great candid pictures. Mary Azevedo



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FWSA keeps a database on members, clubs, and councils. It's important that information in this database is current so that communications are received in a timely manner. Let me know if there are changes in club or council officers, changes in membership addresses and phone numbers, changes in members' club affiliations, or if your club or council has changed its meeting location.

Requests for information from the database must be sent to the FWSA President (Randy Lew) for approval before it will be dispersed.

The Far West Ski Association website (FWSA.org) has a *Ski Club Officer Update Form* that can be downloaded, completed, and mailed to me at:

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