

March, 2019

Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

High Five's "Fat" Ski-A-Thon a \$uccess: *Sugarbush Resorts' Valley House and Super Bravo lifts were very busy on Sunday, March 3rd. This was the time and place set for the Eighth Annual Fat Ski-A-Thon. High Fives provide grants to outdoor sports athletes who suffer from life-altering injuries, such as spinal cord or traumatic brain injuries. They also teach safety awareness and smart decision making at schools locally in Northern Vermont and across the country. Began in 2011, this event is set up for local Vermonters to spend a day skiing on "fat" skis, but it has transformed Sugarbush Resort's base area beyond the normal weekend party for expert skiers, novice skiers, adaptive skiers and snowboarders, as well as sit-skiers. Their goal, set prior to the event, was \$200,000 in on-line donations. They beat that by about \$10,000, becoming the most successful fundraiser in High Fives Foundation history. Congratulations to you all!*

Mikaela Continues to Amaze: The "dream season" continues. Having never won a Super-G race before this season, Mikaela Shiffrin won the World Cup Super-G title, and her 10th career crystal globe. This has already been an extraordinary winter for Shiffrin, who won two golds and a bronze at the World Championships, and last week, became the first skier to amass 15 World Cup victories in one season.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

Far West Annual Convention *THREE Months And Counting:* HEY, EVERYONE! *Orange Council of Ski Clubs* will be hosts to the Far West Ski Association's 87th Annual Convention, June 13-16, 2019, in Indian Wells, California, at the beautiful *Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa*. Registration materials have been sent out to ski clubs and ski club councils, as well as our industry partners, and have been posted on our website. Visit www.fwsa.org and select Conventions. For room reservations, call **1-760-776-1234. Reference our group name - **Far West Ski Association**. You can also book on-line at the FWSA room reservation site <http://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHAMP/G-FSKI>. Room rates are just \$139 per night. Your friends from *Orange Council* have planned some exciting activities for us, including a visit to the *Palm Springs Air Museum*, a *Legends & Icons Homes Tour*, and our infamous *Pub Crawl* on Thursday evening, which will be held partly in *Downtown Palm Springs*, at their weekly *Street Fair*. Friday brings the *13th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament*, a *Spa Day*, and/or a ride on the *San Jacinto Tram*, followed by a wet and wild *Pool Party* prior to the *Silent Auction*. Come early, and stay late to take in all that's available in this beautiful city in the desert.**

FAR WEST RECOGNITION AWARDS

Far West Ski Association has numerous recognition awards which members can apply for. The DEADLINE is coming up soon. If you still want to apply for one of the many Awards shown below, HURRY...the dates are as follows!!

FWSA Club & Council Recognition Awards Nominations Due March 19:

These awards are great ways to have your club or council recognized for your good work--and to honor hardworking

volunteers. Applications and instructions for all the awards are on the FWSA website. The award nominations due March 19 are: ***Charities & Community Service, Communications, and History Recognition Awards***

CHARITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

DEADLINE: *March 19, 2019*

FWSA encourages all clubs and councils to get involved with charities and community service. The top two Clubs and the winning Council will be invited to display a picture board at Convention. All groups that apply will be recognized at Convention. Please note: **This year there will be no monetary awards. The winners will get electronic medallions to post on their club/council websites and put in their newsletters.** Information and applications can be obtained on the Far West website: www.fwsa.org. For any Charity & Community Service questions, contact Sigrid Noack at skisig@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS: DEADLINE: *March 19, 2019*

Club and Council Newsletter and Website and Outstanding Club. The newsletter and website nominations are simple this year. Just send a copy of your newsletter and a link to your newsletter and website to Bill King at: willie2K@comcast.net. Also, you don't have to name a judge. Please consider entering.

HISTORY RECOGNITION AWARDS: DEADLINE: *March 19, 2019*

In 2008 FWSA launched this program to develop club, league and council histories with the objective to capture important information about skiing from the skier's perspective, especially the club skier. Far West also has a program to recognize our Historic Ski Clubs that have been in operation for more than 50 years. Contact John Watson, FWSA History Chair at: fwsa.watson@gmail.com.

FWSA Recognition Awards Nominations Due March 31: Applications and instructions for all the awards are on the FWSA website. ***Safety Person of the Year, Western Ski Heritage, and Environment Awards.***

SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD: DEADLINE: *March 31, 2019*

RECOGNITION: *Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain Lodge Telluride* are donating a 5-day, 4-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, and on-mountain tour.

DESCRIPTION: The FWSA is a proponent of safety in skiing and snowboarding. Every year we hear about tragic deaths and injuries that happen during our favorite winter activities that remind us of the great importance of safety. We have a number of ways in which we promote safety and one of our more viable ways is through the Safety Award. The award is for the individual, within the association, that has done the most to promote safety through a number of criteria. These include articles on slope safety, and other ways to raise safety consciousness. The link to detailed information and entry form is: <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-safety.html>

CONTACT: Richard Lubin DC, FWSA Safety Chair, 925-828-7454, botaboardr@comcast.net;

WESTERN SKI HERITAGE AWARD: DEADLINE: *March 31, 2019*

RECOGNITION: Since 2000, *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation* has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, on-mountain tour, half-day lessons and a lunch at Ragnar's Restaurant.

DESCRIPTION: The Far West Western Ski Heritage program annually recognizes the best effort in the prior year that communicates the contributions of snowsports to the community at large. The purpose of the Far West Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of snowsports participants and non-participants alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of snowsports – competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role snowsports has had in its contributions to the communities in the West. It recognizes outstanding effort in the area of snowsports history to find, preserve, document and share the history of snowsports in the West. The Award is open to an individual or a group leader (it is not restricted to Far West membership) and can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. Materials and history

programs will be evaluated against the objectives of the program by individuals selected for their knowledge of the history of Western snowsports and that of the Association. The link to detailed information and entry form

is: <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-wsh.html>

CONTACT: John Watson, FWSA History Chair, 760-723-6539, fwsa.watson@gmail.com

ENVIRONMENT AWARD: DEADLINE: *March 31, 2019*

RECOGNITION: Sponsors, *Aspen Skiing Company* and *Snowmass Tourism, The Gant and Crestwood Condominiums* have donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, and a full-day group lesson.

DESCRIPTION: The Environment Award is designed to encourage good stewardship of our environment. We want to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made a difference. Some areas to consider are: Volunteering at the community level, particularly in a leadership role; conducting or arranging for an environmental event (s) for the club, council, or public; writing a series of columns regarding environmental conservation, education or protection in your ski club or ski club council newsletter; or being pro-active in environmental protection. The link to detailed information and entry form is: <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-environment.html>

CONTACT: Fran Long, FWSA Environment Chair, 805-712-5781, fancat87@gmail.com

FAR WEST ELECTIONS

Election of FWSA Officers: Election of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention June 13-16, 2019. Delegates will elect their President, Secretary, and Treasurer to one-year terms and two (2) Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, the three functional Vice Presidents will be elected for two-year terms. Announced candidates at this time are as follows:

- President – Gloria Raminha (incumbent)
- Secretary –
- Treasurer – Randy Lew (incumbent)
- Trustees –
- VP of Council Services –
- VP of North American Travel – Nancy Ellis (incumbent)
- VP of Public Affairs –

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair by email sacoxen2000@gmail.com. For a copy of FWSA Qualifications for the positions of President, Treasurer, Trustee and VP of North American Travel, please contact Steve Coxen.

All candidates must be members in good standing of clubs affiliated with FWSA or a direct member of FWSA. Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of the elections.

FWSA By-Laws, Job Descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. Click on the “About” tab, then click on the “Governance” tab.

For information or advice on running for any FWSA office contact any member of the FWSA Nominating Committee:

- Steve Coxen, Nominations Committee Chair – sacoxen2000@gmail.com
- Todd Hood, Succession Planning Committee Chair – todd@itsmailed.com

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Northwest Ski Club Council issued a press release on March 1, 2019 expressing concern that climate change will affect the future operations of our ski areas. NW Council supports the recent actions of the members of our industry to provide leadership on climate change and we support policies to combat it. NWSCC will be an active partner in the common goal of addressing the critical issues concerning climate change.

Earlier, in January, the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), Snowsports Industries America (SIA), and National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) announced the formation of the “Outdoor Business Climate Partnership” to provide leadership on climate change. Leaders of seven state and regional ski area trade associations including the Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association, Colorado Ski Country USA, Ski Utah, Ski California, Ski Vermont, Ski Areas of New York, and Ski New Mexico have also joined. The “Outdoor Business Climate Partnership” is committed to providing leadership and advocacy for climate solutions across the country.

The announcement was followed in February with a press release from the resorts on Mt. Hood, OR, to support federal and Oregon state legislation designed to limit our country’s greenhouse gas emissions. The Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association (PNSAA) followed this announcement with a press release in support of federal, Oregon and Washington legislation concerning climate change.

In the press release Northwest Ski Club Council advocated for the passage of three important legislative proposals which will significantly affect climate change:

1. Federal Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019. This Act stands out with its market-based approach to meeting aggressive emissions reductions targets while providing citizens with a dividend. This federal legislation is bipartisan.
2. Oregon House Bill 2020 which creates an Oregon Carbon Policy Office to administer the Oregon Climate Action Program. This Act would adopt an economy-wide “cap and invest” system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon.
3. Washington House and Senate Bills which enhance the transition of Washington’s clean energy economy to a clean, affordable and reliable energy future.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

2019 Windjammer Sailing Adventure: YES, there is still room! The 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip is happening soon. The good ship, *Vela* will be sailing May 19-26, 2019 from *Tortola*. We will have an opportunity for an extended stay on the island of Tortola, for those who are interested. Contact Shei Parshall at cougskier2aol.com or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for further information.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

Northwest Ski Club Council: Northwest Ski Club Council is running an *Eastern European Cruise* on the *Danube River* from *Bucharest* to *Budapest*. Dates for the trip are *August 29-September 11, 2019*. This trip is open to **ALL FWSA members, family and friends**. There is a pre-trip extension for three nights to *Transylvania, Romania*, and a post-trip to either *Prague* (four nights) or *Vienna* (three nights). You also have the option of structuring your own pre and/or post-trip. This trip is operated by Grand Circle Cruise Line, and will be on a smaller boat (approximately 160 passengers). Grand Circle can work with you to arrange flights from anywhere in the U.S. and to other European cities, should you want to structure your own pre- or post-trip. Following is a link to a 7-page brochure with full descriptions of the itinerary, and contact numbers for more information, as well as to sign up for the trip:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57a132e0cd0f6818387287c7/t/5bce9ad4104c7b508aae1a4c/15402667>

[51252/Eastern+Europe+River+Cruise+Flyer.pdf](#). John & Jeanne Reinhardt will be your trip leaders. Contact John at: johnreinhardt@hotmail.com

Reno Ski Club: The Reno ski & Recreation club's "*Mama Mia*" cruise now has **THREE CABINS OPEN** (double occupancy). The trip is May 18-25, 2019 with an Optional 3-night pre-stay in Athens, prior to the cruise. It sold out immediately, but there have been a few last-minute cancellations, leaving spots open for 6 more folks to cruise. For more information, go to: <https://www.renoskiandrec.com/upcoming-trips>, or call Deborah Haling, at 602-909-9485 for more information.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: BIKER CHICKS AND BIKER BUBBAS - Join us on the *MOSEL TRIP* July 25-August 1, 2020. \$1700 per person -Not including airfare. Tour price includes:

- BARGE IRIS -Deluxe river ship- has 12 double cabins all with windows, heat and air conditioning, private bathroom with shower, hair dryers and bath toiletries, wi-fi onboard
- Bikes onboard—or you can chose to stay onboard during the day
- Guided bike tours each day led by experienced guides and guided city walks most evenings
- Bikes and helmets, (pantiers included in price)
- 7 nights in a double room with private bath for each room
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) served on the boat-lunch carried on bike each day, (special dietary needs 50 euro supplement on request)
- Sheets and towels changed out on Wednesday
- Coffee and tea provided on board during the day at minimum cost
- Daily snack in the afternoon upon return to the ship
- Wine and beer onboard not included in price
- Gratuities at your discretion
- E-bike - \$120 additional per person
- Emergency van in area to assist bikers

Trip Leaders: **Eileen & Mike Sanford**, esanford660@gmail.com; -858-695-1442- cell-858-761-6192

Additional Trip Info From San Diego: The Annual Aspen Trip is tentatively set for December 5-11, 2019. Two double rooms are available on the Amsterdam to Brugge bike and boat trip -April 27-May 4,2019 on the luxury boat Manifique III. (\$1600per person not including airfare). Contact Eileen Sanford-esanford660@gmail.com. SDSCC Spring Happy Hour will be April 10, at Duke's in La Jolla, 4-7 pm. No host bar.