

April, 2019

*Far West Ski Association*

## WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

**First-Time Jet Service into Telluride:** *Woo-hoo!* May 15, 2019 will be the launch-date of commercial air travel between Denver and Telluride on *Denver Air Connection*, an interline of *United Airlines*. The daily flight, which holds up to 30 passengers, will operate year-round, with the exception of two short seasonal breaks in spring and fall. Flight time from DEN-TEX will be just 40 minutes in the air, and the schedule will be optimized for connections through Denver. Located just 10 minutes from downtown and the slopes, this service will provide residents and visitors fast, comfortable flights from Denver and United's worldwide connections beyond.

**US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Class of 2018:** April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, was the date set for this year's induction of six new members to the Hall of Fame. Those inductees were: **Tom Kelly**, retired V.P. of communications, for U.S. Ski and Snowboard and active member of the US Olympic Committee; **William Jensen**, former COO and CEO of many resorts including Mammoth, Breckenridge, Sun Valley; **Don Henderson**, a pioneer ski racer and veteran of World War II and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division; **Kristen Ulmer**, legendary extreme skier, known for jumping off massive cliffs and called, by Powder magazine in 1999, "*the biggest icon in the ski industry*"; **Hilary Engisch-Klein**, named by Skiing Magazine "*the greatest female mogul skier alive*"; **Tom Sims**, who built a "skiboard" in 1963 to reflect all of his favorite sports of skiing, skateboarding and surfing. Tom was instrumental in snowboarding's inclusion as an Olympic sport in 1998; **Andrew Weibrecht**, a 16-year member of the US Ski Team, he represented the United States in 157 World Cup starts. He won a bronze medal in the 2010 Olympics, and a silver in 2014; and **Bode Miller**, the most successful US male skier of our time. In five Olympics, Bode has won one gold, three silver and two bronze medals. He has five World Championship podiums, with four victories, 438 World Cup starts, with 79 podiums and 33 victories, and won four Crystal Globes, including the overall titles in 2005 and 2008.

## FAR WEST CONVENTION

**Far West Annual Convention *TWO Months Away:*** **Orange Council of Ski Clubs** is ready to host you and ALL of your ski club friends at the 87th Annual Far West Convention, June 13-16, 2019, in Indian Wells, California, at the beautiful *Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa*. You may register through your ski club, individual registration by mail, on-line through Far West Connect. Visit [www.fwsa.org](http://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. **Orange Council** has 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 is set for the *13<sup>th</sup> 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*. Aside from the "FUN", we also have two Public Affairs Panel Discussions planned, along with three SnowSports Leadership Academy sessions on Saturday. We will have one on "*Club and Council Insurance*"; one on "*Strategic Travel Planning*"; and one on "*Recruiting New Leaders into your Club and Council*". We will also be holding our annual General Meeting & Elections on Sunday morning. Definitely, a full weekend! Come early, and stay late. Take in all that's available in this beautiful city in the desert.

## 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 – Sheri Parshall
- Treasurer – Randy Lew (incumbent)
- Trustees (2)– Tom Bundgard (incumbent)
- 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:sacoxen2000@gmail.com)
- Todd Hood, Succession Planning Committee Chair – [todd@itsmailed.com](mailto:todd@itsmailed.com)

## FAR WEST TRAVEL

**2019 Windjammer Sailing Adventure:** **SUN & FUN AWAIT YOU!!** 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 Sheri Parshall at [cougskier2aol.com](mailto:cougskier2aol.com) or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for further information.

**Far West 2019 Dive Trip:** This will be an exciting trip to *Puerta Galera in the Philippines*. The Philippines is known as “the Center of the World’s Marine Biodiversity”. We will be staying at the beautiful *Marco Vincent Resort* for 9 nights. In addition, we will also be offering stays at the *Azure Resort in Dauin/Dumaguete*, on the east coast of Negros for 5 nights. The dates of this trip are September 28-October 12, 2019. Sign up today by contacting Randy Lew at: [fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org).

**2020 North American Ski Week:** We’ll be going to *Big Sky, Montana*, for 2020 North American Ski Week. Big Sky is BIG with four mountains giving access to more skiing than anywhere else in the United States. The Big Sky lift ticket or IKON pass gives skiers/boarders access to 5,800 skiable acres. Runs up to six miles long and glades and bowls covered in 400+ inches of annual snowfall give every age and level of skier and boarder

something different. Check with your council trip leader or the FWSA.org website for more details beginning this Spring.

**2020 Mini Ski Week:** *Big White* is the destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. Big White is home to the best snow in British Columbia and the longest season in the Okanagan Valley. Big White is Canada's largest totally ski-in, ski-out village. It has 18 on-mountain restaurants cafes delis, pubs, and night clubs. Stay tuned for further information.

**Future Far West International Trips:** Far West will be offering an Adventure trip to *Croatia*, September 3-13, 2020. We will be working with *Alpine Adventures* on this particular trip. Stay tuned for more news on this one. The 2020 International Ski Trip will be to *Davos, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Portugal*; and a Ski Week trip to *Solden, Austria* will take place in 2021. Make room on your calendar now for one, two, or all three of these fantastic trips!

## 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/1540266751252/Eastern+Europe+River+Cruise+Flyer.pdf>. John & Jeanne Reinhardt will be your trip leaders. Contact John at: [johnreinhardt@hotmail.com](mailto:johnreinhardt@hotmail.com)

**Canadian Cultural Tour:** Bergfreunde Ski Club, a NWSCC club, is offering up a trip into Canada, going to: Ontario, Toronto, Kingston, Niagara Falls, and Ottawa. Join them for this cultural event October 3-15, 2019. The trip includes: All lodging, all breakfasts (except in Ottawa), limited Happy Hours, 2 dinners/shows in Toronto & Niagara Falls respectively; Deluxe Motor Coach transportation between all cities; Gananoque Boat Tour of Thousand Islands; Hop On Hop Off (HOHO) - or similar bus tours in most cities; local public transportation passes in the cities; City or Museum Attraction passes for all cities. OPTIONAL: Non-included activities (small group or self guided) tours are optional such as bike &/or walking tours in major cities, Theater, etc. Possible Van rental for a group hike in Gatineau National Park – near Ottawa. Trip cost is \$1745, (taxes & fees included), without air. Contact Michelle or Curt Davis, 503-319-3063 or 503-703-1879; or Email: [miga4555@hotmail.com](mailto:miga4555@hotmail.com)

**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 choose 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 50euro 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](mailto: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. Next, will be a trip to *AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND*, with a **Pre-trip** to *Melbourne-Outback*-Oct 8-13, **Main trip**-Oct 13-31, **Post trip**- *Fiji* Oct 31-Nov 4-2019. And then, in August, 2020, how about a trip to *ICELAND-LAND OF FIRE AND ICE*, with Mayflower Tour Cruise, Aug 5-11,2020. Your 7-day trip includes: full adventures of volcanoes, waterfalls, geothermal activity and nature, Blue Lagoon entrance, whale watching, a full-day Golden Circle tour, Reykjanes Peninsula. **Bonus:** stay at the same hotel every night so you don't have to pack luggage each day.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Iceland* is a separate trip from the *Mosel trip* for accounting purposes. *Mosel* ends Aug 1 and *Iceland* begins Aug 5.

**Sierra Racers Win BIG at NASTAR National Championships:** Four Sierra racers participated in the 2019 NASTAR National Championships at Squaw Valley April 3-7. Barbara McCabe, Charlene Braga, Debi Phelps and Jeff McCabe were all named National Champions in their respective divisions. Based on their standings in the GS and slalom races, they all earned the opportunity to participate in the final race—the Race of Champions. Barbara McCabe won the Pauline's Cup for being the fastest senior female racer in the event. The Nationals attract racers from across the country, so the accomplishments of our Sierra racers are indeed impressive.