

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2018

Silver Star Celebrates 60 Years: Sixty years of fun has been celebrated throughout this past season at *Silver Star Mountain Resort*. The folks at Silver Star hope that your visit with them was an exceptional one, as always.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

LESS THAN TWO Months & Counting - Far West's 86th Annual Convention: The Far West Ski Association is **SHOUTING OUT** to all snowsports enthusiasts to attend its' 86th Annual Convention, to be held at the *Atlantis Casino Resort Spa*, June 7-10, 2018, in beautiful Reno, Nevada.

Your four-day weekend will be busy with optional activities on Thursday and Friday, Public Affairs panel discussions on forestry programs and slope sustainability, as well as skier safety, ski history, athletic scholarships, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry and community outreach. The event is being hosted by the *Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League and Council*.

The Silent Auction & Trade Show, on Friday evening, provides attendees the opportunity to bid on ski and travel packages, and discuss future trip plans with our industry partners. The event is open to the public, with no cost to attend, and a free beverage for everyone. We are hoping for a large turnout from the Reno community.

Besides the Education and Public Affairs sessions, Saturday morning brings the Travel Expo, Racing Seminar and Bid Presentations for 2020 Far West Ski Week, while your evening will be celebrated with the Awards Banquet and dancing to the sounds of the local band "*Sweet Success*". Sunday will be the time for our Annual Meeting and Elections of new officers.

Delegate Registration Packets have long since been sent out. If your club has still not received theirs, please contact your ski club council President immediately. All Convention information, including registration forms, Optional Activity descriptions, and leadership info for the 86th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is available at www.fwsa.org.

FAR WEST ELECTIONS

Election of FWSA Officers: Election of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention June 7-10, 2018. Delegates will elect their President, Secretary, and Treasurer to one-year terms and two (2) Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, four functional Vice Presidents will be elected for two-year terms. Below, is the current list of nominees for 2018-2019 ski season:

President – *Gloria Raminha*

Secretary – *Sheri Parshall* (incumbent)

Treasurer – *Randy Lew* (incumbent)

VP of Communications – no declared candidate

VP of International Travel – *Debbie Stewart* (incumbent)

VP of Marketing – *Debbi Kor* (incumbent)

VP of Membership – *Michael Bouton*

Trustee Position – *Fran Long* (incumbent), *Linda Westlund*, *Norbert Knapp*

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair by email at sacoxen2000@gmail.com. Steve will not be a candidate for any FWSA officer or board position in 2018. **For a copy of FWSA Qualifications for the positions of President, Treasurer, Trustee and VP of International Travel, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair by email at sacoxen2000@gmail.com.**

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
- Arleigh Meiners, Arizona Ski Council President – arleigh.meiners@cox.net
- Todd Hood, Succession Planning Committee Chair – todd@itsmailed.com

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip: 3 Deluxe cabins STILL AVAILABLE on the 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip aboard the *NEW* sailing vessel *Vela*. The ship departs Tortola and will sail May 19-26, 2019. Extended stay on the island of Tortola will be available. Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for more information.

Far West International Adventure Trip, 2018: Far West will be going on an adventure trip to *India*. The dates are set for October 5-21, 2018. We will be visiting all the must-see places while in Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra. Of course, we'll be visiting the UNESCO world heritage site of the Taj Mahal. We'll also be traveling by air, motor coach and by train to get the true experience of India. Included will be Ranthambore National Park where we'll be on 2 animal safaris. Contact Debbie Stewart: fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net. *

***This trip is limited to 35 participants, so mark your calendars now as the marketing materials are currently being prepared.**

Far West Dive Trip 2018: Selling Out Fast......the 2018 FWSA Dive Trip will be to the beautiful *Cobalt Coast Resort* on the wonderful island of **Grand Cayman** from September 15 – 22, 2018! Additional information along with the registration form is available on our website www.fwsa.org. Email Randy Lew: fwsa13randy@telis.org for more information.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: In 2019, SDCSC will be doing a trip through Australia and New Zealand, October 13 – November 1, with a pre-trip to *Melbourne, Alice Springs* October 9-13, and post-trip to *Fiji*, November 1-5, 2019. Grand Circle Tours will be the tour operator on this amazing trip to *Cairns and Sydney, Australia; Queenstown, New Zealand, Rotorua, and Auckland*, before returning back home. Contact Eileen Sanford (esanford660@gmail.com) for more information.

Aspen - December 6-12, 2018: The Annual *Aspen* ski trip will be taking place again this year. If you buy the *IKON* pass from deanna@ski.com, you will receive \$30 off your SDCSC Aspen trip. The pass, on sale now, includes *Mammoth, Bear Mountain, Aspen and Steamboat*. The Aspen early sign up party will be June 23, 2018 at the Sanfords' house. At that time, deposits will be taken, and online registration will be open. Contact powerskristinam@gmail.com for more information.

Amsterdam to Bruges- April 27- May 4, 2019: The *Amsterdam Bike & Boat* will be an amazing bike trip. The trip spends three days cycling in Belgium which will introduce you to famous brands of Belgium beer each served in their special style glass and of course Belgium waffles!. Three professional guides will be with the group on daily long or short ride. We will be on the brand new, luxurious boat, the *Magnifique III*, with some large suites featuring outside decks, satellite TV and a jacuzzi on the top deck. Come join us for this wonderful adventure! Contact Eileen Sanford-esanford660@gmail.com for more information.

Sierra League And Council: Sierra Council 's Reno Ski and Recreation has reduced the price on their 2019 *Big Sky, Montana*, January 12-19, 2019, trip to \$1,775. They are waiving the club membership fee for any FWSA club members who would like to participate. The trip includes lodging and breakfast at the ski in/ski out Huntley Lodge, a sleigh ride with dinner, and a top-of-the-mountain farewell dinner. Contact Mary Kelly: mkellyintahoe@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs: New officers were elected recently into LAC's Board of Directors. Serving for the 2018-2019 season will be: President, *Sandy Blackwell*; Secretary, *Sandra Knapp*; VP of Membership, *Erin Hayden*; VP of Programs, *Sandy Blackwell*, and VP of Travel, *Jane Wyckoff*. Installation of new officers will be May 7, at Delancey's. Besides these newly elected officers, *Hannah Niishimoto*, of the *Unrecables*, has been named LA Council's Woman of the Year, and will be representing them at this years' convention in Reno. Congratulations, Hannah.

SAYING GOODBYE TO A LEGEND

Bob Beattie, former U.S. Ski Team coach, and skiing and Olympics commentator, has died at the age of 85. Beattie passed away on Easter Sunday at his son's home in Fruita, Colorado. Bob adopted Aspen as his second home when he moved there in 1970. Beattie put U.S. skiing on the international map in the 60's. He was named Head Alpine Coach for the U.S. Ski Team in 1961, and led the U.S. to four medals in the 1964 Olympics, including the first two medals, ever, by the men's team in Alpine skiing, won by Billy Kidd and Jimmy Heuga. He also coached the ski team in the 1968 Olympics.

Bob was well-known as a skiing and Olympics Commentator for ABC Sports, where he started working in 1969. He led the University of Colorado ski team to the NCAA Championships in 1959 and 1960.

He was inducted into the *National Ski Hall of Fame* in 1984, and inducted into the *Aspen Hall of Fame* in 2004.

Of all his major accomplishments in ski racing, Bob was most proud of helping establish the program through the *Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club* that gets Roaring Fork Valley kids out on the slopes at little to no cost. More than 1500 kids participate in the program. *Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club* has renamed their base camp to honor Bob.