

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2018

Historic Ski Clubs: Two new ski clubs have been designated by Far West Ski Association and added to the roster of our long-standing historic clubs. They are *Wailers Ski, Snowboard, and Social Club*, founded in 1958; and *Long Beach Ski Club*, founded in 1938. Both of these clubs are still going strong and were represented at our recent convention in Reno.

Summer Skiing in the Land Down Under: When everyone else is exchanging their skis and boots for bike shorts and cleats, you can head to Australia to get in some fantastic summer skiing. There are a lot of choices – eight resorts in continental Australia and two in Tasmania. AND...the best thing about it...you can use the pass you already have! Should you choose to go to New South Wales, you can use both the Epic Pass and Mountain Collective Pass at Perisher and Thredbo respectively. You might even spot a kangaroo or two on the slopes. The wildlife becomes denser inland, which results in kangaroos, wallabies and deer roaming the mountains. Go, and have a Good Day, Mate!

FAR WEST CONVENTION

ANOTHER AWESOME CONVENTION - 2018!! The Far West Ski Association recently concluded the incredibly fun and successful 86th Annual FWSA Convention in beautiful Reno, Nevada. *Atlantis Casino Resort Spa* was our host hotel, and we couldn't have asked for a better, more attentive and helpful staff, than the gang that we had during our stay. Kudos to everyone at Atlantis...from the wonderful Catering Manager who took care of all our BEO's and other needs, to the AV guys, to the Banquet Managers, to the shuttle drivers. You were all wonderful!

Our delegates and guests enjoyed rafting on the Truckee River, Pub Crawling along the River Walk, golfing at Lakeridge, hiking in the Sierra Foothills and Diamond Peak, the wonderful spa treatments at the Peppermill, and a fun pool party before getting down to business. We had a great crowd at Friday night's Silent Auction, which benefitted "*Achieve Tahoe*", the local chapter of Disabled Sports, USA. Saturday was filled with a Travel Expo, three Leadership Academy sessions, as well as two Public Affairs sessions, and a wonderful lunch hour, followed by a 30-minute talk by our Keynote Speaker, *Olympic Medalist, Billy Kidd*.

Saturday evening was the annual Awards Banquet, during which time, several of our club members were honored for the outstanding people they are in skier safety, history and for their many contributions to the ski community. Our speaker for the evening, was **Tom Kelly**, former Vice President of Communications for US Ski and Snowboard. The rest of the weekend was strictly business, with the General Meeting and Elections held on Sunday morning. Those incumbents who ran for their respective positions were re-elected along with two new Trustees. Our new Board now includes the following:

President – *Gloria Raminha*
Secretary – *Sheri Parshall*
Treasurer – *Randy Lew*
VP of International Travel – *Debbie Stewart*
VP of Marketing – *Debbi Kor*
VP of Membership – *Michael Bouton*
Trustee Position – *Linda Westlund & Tucker Hoffmann*

These folks join an additional 25 Board members who make up your Far West Ski Association Board of Directors. Welcome to our newest members, Gloria, Linda and Tucker.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip: **STILL AVAILABLE...3 DELUXE CABINS** 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 Dive Trip 2018: **SEEKING A SINGLE FEMALE TO MATCH WITH ROOMMATE** on the 2018 FWSA Dive Trip. This trip will be to the beautiful *Cobalt Coast Resort* on the wonderful island of **Grand Cayman** September 15 – 22, 2018! Additional information along with the registration form is uploaded on our website www.fwsa.org. Email Randy Lew: fwsa13randy@telis.org for more information.

Far West 2019 International Trip: **SAVE THE DATE!** March 9-16, 2019 will be the dates for the next international trip, which will take you to *Hakuba Valley Ski Resort*, in Japan. This is the home of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. A Pre-Trip is being offered to Niseko, on the island of Hokkaido (with a limited number of participants) from March 4-8. The Pre-Trip, which will depart the U.S. on March 3rd, will only be sold in conjunction with the BASIC Hakuba trip. There is also an EXTENSION trip, from March 16-23, traveling by motor coach and train to Kanazawa, Kyoto, and Tokyo. While in Tokyo, an optional day-tour will be offered to Mt. Fuji. Final details are still in the making. Contact Debbie Stewart: fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net to add your name to the list.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: 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 *Manifique 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.

Australia and New Zealand – October 13 - November 1, 2019: SDCSC will be doing a trip through Australia and New Zealand, 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.

Sierra League And Council: Sierra Council 's Reno Ski and Recreation has dropped 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.

FAR WEST SKIERS GUIDE

Looking for fun things to do this summer??? Check out the Far West Skier's Guide / Summer Supplement on the www.fwsa.org website. To be included in the **2018 - 2019 Far West Skier's Guide**, please contact Leigh Gieringer at fwsg2@cox.net.