

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

All About the Environment: If you want to keep your skis running well every day, *and* spend less time in the garage waxing, try this new product recommended by Outside Magazine, *Start's Gels*. These gels were selected as the wax of the year. This is different, as it uses a water-based agent. Most other waxes, or pastes, use an alcohol base. These gels go on easy and will not dry out your ski like alcohol-based waxes do. They are easier on the environment, and there is no waste, so you will get a better value on your wax.

America's Top 10 Eco-Friendly Ski Resorts: Mountain Resorts from across the country have been taking steps to reduce their environmental footprint in numerous ways. They are banning plastics, upgrading snow-making machines, using less water, incentivizing their guests to carpool or bus to the resort. Those Top 10 are: *Aspen/Snowmass, Diamond Peak, Sugar Bush, Arapahoe Basin, Snowbird, Berkshire East, Eldora Mountain Resort, Taos Ski Valley, Crystal Mountain and Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows*. The next time you are heading to any of these resorts, or any at all: go with friends in a carpool or bus, forget using plastic straws, and think ECO-FRIENDLY.

Six Olympic Runs YOU Can Ski: Have you ever thought about trying some turns on Olympic Downhill courses? Here are six that you can hit if you feel up to tackling them: *Franze's Downhill* in Whistler (Whistler, 2010), *Men's Downhill* at Snowbasin (Salt Lake, 2002), *Women's Downhill* at Squaw Valley (Squaw Valley, 1960), *Olympic Hommes*, Chamrouse (Grenoble, 1968), *Cloudspin* (Lake Placid, 1980), and *Le Face de Bellvard* (Val d'Isere, 1992).

Far West Connect: Promote your Council's and Club's tips and events to all FWSA members! *FWSA Connect* has a shared trip schedule that you can view to help decide where you want to go next. Visit <https://connect.fwsa.org> to browse and search events, and to get contact information, links, and fliers. You can also promote your *own* Council's and Club's events. Simply create an account in FWSA Connect (if you don't already have one), and email Jim Nachbar at jnachbar201@gmail.com that you want to be able to post events. Webmasters can also get a link to include their own Council's and/or Club's events in an iframe on their website, thereby giving their members a way to post events in one place and have them visible on both their local websites and on FWSA Connect.

Something Exciting Coming Your Way in June: *An exciting time can be found in Indian Wells, California this coming June 13-16, 2019. Stay tuned for more info!*

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Ski Week, 2019: February 2-9, 2019, are the dates for the Far West Ski Week trip to *Steamboat*. "A Night at the Movies" is the theme for this year's ski week. Councils are encouraged to

select a movie and have participants dress as characters from the movie. We will hold an Academy Awards Ceremony at the Thursday night Banquet and hand out various awards. Contact your Council Trip Leader or Nancy Ellis to sign up: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or (530) 414-8261.

Far West 2019 International Trip: **REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN...** 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, or Stand-Alone-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 Mini Ski Week: The Mini Trip to *Winter Park* is set for March 24-29, 2019. Registration information is on the website. Winter Park is on the Ikon Pass so people can go on this trip and add a trip to Steamboat, Copper Mtn., or Aspen/Snowmass before or after the trip. Clubs and Councils can bring a group of 12 or more and earn compensation for each person they bring. A great way to raise money for your club or council. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, to sign up for the trip or for information on the Club/Council Incentives program. Gloria: garski2011@gmail.com; (661) 800-8229.

Far West Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip: **HEY! We still have room for YOU!** The 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip will be 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. She assures me that there is still room.

Far West 2019 Dive Trip: This will be an exciting trip to *Puerta Galera in the Philippines*. We will be staying at the beautiful *Marco Vincent Resort*. In addition, we will also be offering stays at the Azure Resort in Dumaguete, on the east coast of Negros. The dates of this trip are September 28-October 12, 2019. Sign up today by contacting Randy Lew at: fwsa13randy@telis.org.

2020 NA 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.

Far West Future International Trips: Far West will be offering a trip to *Davos, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Portugal* for 2020, and a Ski Week trip to *Solden, Austria* in 2021. Best put those dates on your calendar now! Also, in 2020, An Adventure Trip to *Croatia* is under creation.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs:

- **Greek Island Trip – May 3-11, 2019.** This trip will be through Mayflower Tours and Cruises. 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

Intermountain Ski Council: Intermountain Ski Council is heading to Sun Valley, January 5-12, 2019 and is inviting any FWSA Council member to join them for a week of fun. You can choose from a room at the Sun Valley Lodge, or a Sun Valley Condo. Kids ski FREE with each paying adult and 3-nights lodging. Check with Paul Markowitz, President of Intermountain Council for further information: pmarkowitz@cableone.net.

FAR WEST FOUNDATION

Far West Ski Association at 90: John Watson, Foundation Chairman, has suggested that FWSA and its' clubs and council's, set a "**Founders Day**", to celebrate the founding of our particular clubs and councils. We have over 20 clubs, and 1 council who have been designated historic groups. (Founded prior to 1969). John has suggested the clubs mark the day of their beginning and celebrate it each and every year.

Far West is turning 90, on October 7, 2020. This marks the day in 1930, that a luncheon was held at the *Palace Hotel* in San Francisco, involving skiers, state officers and businessmen, and from that luncheon, a decision was made to form an organization called the *California Ski Association*. Over the years the affiliation has changed a couple times to get us to where we are today, now known as **Far West Ski Association**. October 10, 2020 has been selected for the date to celebrate our 90th birthday, and for one and all to join us in San Francisco, at the Palace Hotel for that celebration. More info will be posted as it is made available. However, we will be celebrating our birthday at the 2020 Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon May 28-31, 2020.

Other Foundation News: FWSA Heroes. Every organization has a member or members that are unforgettable, but rarely recognized. Someone who has contributed greatly to the success or enhancement of snowsport or your particular organization. The Foundation would like to create a standard display for the History Table at Convention to display your hero's picture and a short description of what he or she has done to receive the honor. For more information, contact John Watson at: fwsa.watson@gmail.com.

California Ski Library. The California Ski Library holds photos, records, posters, equipment, books, and all sorts of memorabilia related to skiing worldwide, but with a special focus on Southern California.

Ingrid Wicken, Far West “*Western Ski Heritage*” award recipient (twice over) is planning to double her space in the library. The Foundation is starting a campaign now, as part of its Education mission, to support the expansion of the Library. Club and Council involvement is needed, as well as donations. Ingrid will have a display at the 2019 convention in Indian Wells, California June 13-16, 2020.

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Far West Skier’s Guide Coming Soon: The 31st Annual Edition of the *Far West Skier’s Guide*, is currently out in the racks at your favorite ski shop, or you should have received a copy through your Ski Club Council. If you haven’t received it, contact your council or club president to obtain a copy. The *digital edition* is scheduled to be uploaded by the end of November.