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Far West Ski Association

75th Annual Convention

22nd Annual Silent Auction & Travel Expo

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75th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
May-31-June 3, 2007 – Santa Clara, California
Schedule of Events –



Thursday, May 31, 2007

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration <i>Delegate neck wallets sponsored by Intrawest</i>	Magnolia
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Magnolia
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Pub Crawl (\$39 Optional Event) <i>Pub Crawl sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass</i>	Hyatt Lobby

Friday, June 1, 2007

7:00 am - 3:00 pm	Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club (\$95 Optional Event – Shotgun Start at 7:30 am) <i>Golf tournament sponsored by Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort</i>	Hyatt Lobby
9:45 am - 3:00 pm	South Bay Wine Tour (\$85 Optional Event) <i>Wine tour sponsored by Ski Alpine Xperience</i>	Hyatt Lobby
7:45 am - 4:00 pm	Kayaking (\$60 Optional Event)	Hyatt Lobby
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Welcome Pool Party (No Host) - <i>Presented by Central Council</i>	Hyatt Pool Area
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Exhibitor Registration & Set Up	Grand Ballroom B-G
3:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Ballroom B-D Foyer
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	FWSA History Committee Meeting	Camino Real
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Exhibitor Meeting	Grand Ballroom B-G
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	“Happy Hour” Reception (No Host)	Terra Courtyard
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Councils’ Man & Woman Reception (Invitation Only)	Rutherford
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party, <i>Silent Auction Welcome Party sponsored by Ski Dazzle, Sacramento & Bay Area Ski Shows, Gordon Biersch</i>	Grand Ballroom B-G
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Silent Auction and Dance <i>Entertainment sponsored by Mammoth Mountain</i>	Grand Ballroom B-G
11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Exhibitor booth breakdown	Grand Ballroom B-G

Saturday, June 2, 2007

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Ballroom B-D Foyer
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom C-F
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Opening Session	Grand Ballroom C-F
9:00 am - 11:15 am	Travel Expo <i>Grand Prize – Far West Ski Week / sponsored by Far West Ski Association</i>	Grand Ballroom A-B
9:00 am - 12:15 pm	Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year Judging <i>Awards sponsored by Big White Ski Resort & Silver Star Mountain Resort</i>	Sonoma
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Outstanding Club Judging	Mendocino
9:45 am - 12:15 pm	Far West Racing Association (FWRA) Meeting	Alameda
TBA	FWSA Bylaws Committee Meeting	TBA
10:00 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Camino Real
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation <i>Luncheon sponsored by Vail Resorts – Heavenly, Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, and Keystone</i>	Grand Ballroom C-F
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	VIP Celebrities Reception / Multimedia Show	Grand Ballroom C-F
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Leadership Info Panel Sessions	Napa Rm 1, Napa Rm 3, Sonoma
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucuses	Napa Rm 1, Napa Rm 3, Sonoma, Bayshore
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	Grand Ballroom B-D Foyer
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance “Diamonds Are Forever” <i>Wine sponsored by Big Sky Resort and Ski.com</i> <i>Band sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Company</i>	Grand Ballroom C-F

Sunday, June 3, 2007

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener Party, <i>Hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council</i>	Regency Club Lounge
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	General Meeting/Elections	Grand Ballroom C-F
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch	Grand Ballroom C-F
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Board of Directors and Trustees Meeting	Cypress

VIP Celebrities Reception

Schedule Saturday, June 2, 2007, 1:45-5:30 PM

Room	1:45 - 3:00 PM	Leadership Info Panel Sessions* 3:00 - 4:00 PM	Council Caucuses 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Grand Ballroom C-F	VIP Celebrities Reception / Multimedia Show		
Sonoma		Public Affairs- (moderator Scott Bowker)	AZ/Sierra
Bayshore			BAC/Central
Napa Room 3		Leadership Forum– Dennis Heffley / Judith Miller	LA/Northwest
Napa Room 1		Volunteerism, Charities/Our Community – Sigrid Noack	San Diego/Orange

1:45-3:00 PM VIP Celebrities Reception / Multimedia Show* – Grand Ballroom C-F

Meet your favorite VIP celebrities. The reception continues with the showing of videos, slide shows, and more.

Multimedia Show Part 1 Early Days of Snow Sports: Founders/10th Mountain Division. Guests include: Myrna Hampton, Historian of 10th Mountain Division; Robin Morning, Olympian & Author – Mammoth Mountain; Percy Rideout, 10th Mountain Division Vet and Founder of Aspen Ski Corp; Charles Sanders, Author - 10th Mountain Division.

Multimedia Show Part 2 Modern Evolution of Snow Sports: Olympics & X Games/New Formats-Snow Cross & Half Pipe. Reggie Crist, Olympian & X Games medalist.

3:00-4:00 PM Leadership Info Panel Sessions* – Sonoma, Napa Room 1, Napa Room 3 Meeting Rooms

Public Affairs (Sonoma) – Moderator: Scott Bowker, FWSA VP Public Affairs. The guest speakers include Jim Pena (Deputy Regional Forester, USFS Region 5 Pacific Southwest) and Kathy Hubbard (Director, CA Ski Industries Association). Our distinguished guest speakers provide an exciting forum for discussing the wide range of topics under the umbrella of Public Affairs focusing on the impact snow sports enthusiasts have on issues with regards to area development; environmental impact of resort development, advertising, Planning Rule changes plus industry efforts such as NSAA Model for Success, Sustainable Slopes, Keep Winter Cool.

Leadership Forum (Napa Room 3) – Presenters: Dennis Heffley, Bay Area Snow Sports Council President; Judith Miller, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs President. This popular open forum is ideal for club leaders to share ideas, concerns and solutions to issues facing many snow sports clubs today.

Volunteerism, Charities/Our Community (Napa Room 1) – Presenter: Sigrid Noack, Chair of FWSA Charities/Our Community Committee. A review of how FWSA and its councils and clubs support and involve themselves in their respective communities and a sharing of ideas on how we can increase that support and involvement.

* Please note that this is a preliminary list of invited guests & rooms which is subject to change.

4:00-5:30 PM Council Caucuses – Sonoma, Bayshore, Napa Room 1, Napa Room 3

AZ/Sierra (Sonoma)

BAC/Central (Bayshore)

LA/Northwest (Napa Room 3)

San Diego/Orange (Napa Room 1)

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Order of Business

Saturday, June 2, 2007

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 AM Call to Order (Randy Lew)
Introduction of Officers, Trustees, Committee
Chairpersons, Council Presidents, FWSA
Appointed Representatives, League
Chairpersons and Special Guests.

Credentials Committee Report (Barbara Bryant)

Nominations Committee Report (Mike Sanford)

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Report
(Donn Bryant)

Communication and Club Awards Report
(Ray Craig / Karen Davis)

Bylaws Committee Report (John Watson)

Industry Marketing Representative
(Debbi Kor-Lew)

Silent Auction Coordinator (Mary Olhausen)

Travel Expo Report (Sigrid Noack)

RECESS FOR TRAVEL EXPO

9:00 am – 11:15 am Travel Expo (Sigrid Noack)

Sunday, June 3, 2007

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

8:30 am Call to Order (Randy Lew)

8:30 am – 2:00 pm FWSA General Meeting and
Election of Officers

10:30 am RECESS FOR BRUNCH AND HOTEL
CHECKOUT

11:31 am GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

Order and timeframe of Sunday session to be
determined by the FWSA President

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL SESSION (Continued)

Secretary's Report (Debbie Stewart)
Acceptance of Minutes from 2006 Annual
Meeting

Credentials Committee Report (Barbara Bryant)

Parliamentarian's Report (John Watson)

Nominations of Candidates for Officers &
Trustees (Mike Sanford)
Speeches by Candidates (3 minutes time limit
each)
Election and voting for new President,
Trustees, and Officers
Substantive Resolutions

Treasurer's Report (Nancy Kelly)

Board of Trustees Report (Steve Coxen)

Industry Marketing Report (Silent Auction)
(Debbi Kor-Lew & Mary Olhausen)

FWSA Officers' Reports (FWSA VPs)

FWRA President Report (Bob Ellis)

FWSA Committee Reports (Committee Chairs)

FWSA 2008 Convention Report
(Mary Olhausen / Steve Coxen)

Old Business (Randy Lew)

New Business (Randy Lew)

Introduction of Newly Elected Officers and
Trustees (Randy Lew)

Adjournment (FWSA President)



75th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION May 31 – June 3, 2007 – Santa Clara, California



DELEGATE TRAVEL EXPO INSTRUCTIONS

WIN A TRIP TO WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB

Greetings Delegates! Welcome to the 5th annual Far West Travel Expo. Whether you've participated in past Travel Expos or are new this year, here are some tips to help you get the most out of your experience.

The Travel Expo is the Ski Industry's time for focused 1-on-1 time with our delegation and membership leaders. Our relationships with our Industry Partners and their participation in our Convention are invaluable. Their future participation and support is influenced by return value. In addition, the Travel Expo serves as a venue that attracts new vendors who will be willing to support our Conventions and FWSA Programs in the future. It is our goal to insure that our time with them is a positive and worthwhile experience.

The Expo

The Travel Expo is a forum where delegates [voting and non-voting] can meet with the Ski Industry [resorts, operators, and suppliers], up close and personal in a pre-scheduled 10 minute appointment format. These appointments are held every 15 minutes on the quarter hour starting at 9:00am till 11:15am, giving you **nine** opportunities to meet with Ski Industry. We are asking that delegates take advantage of all **nine** opportunities.

There will be a maximum of 4 people per appointment. In some cases, the Industry may choose to meet with fewer than 4 people. Please respect their wishes. We are asking that no one club take all four spots for any one meeting unless the Industry requests it.

Signing Up For Appointments

Your "Travel Expo Passport" was in your Delegate Packet, which you received at Registration. The Passport is for you to record your appointments as you sign up with our Industry. Make sure you also record your appointment on the Industry's signup sheet. If you miss the Silent Auction, you can sign up for appointments Saturday morning after the General Meeting.

So...you have two opportunities to sign up for Travel Expo Appointments:

- During the Silent Auction on Friday from 7:00pm – 11:00pm
- On Saturday morning from 8:30am – 9:00am, during the half hour prior to the start of Travel Expo

Meeting Suggestions

We strongly recommend that you schedule a few resorts, at least one tour operator, and a supplier that you have not visited or used before.

If, after the two sign-up periods, your appointment slots are not totally filled, use your open times to meet with any Industry

person who also doesn't have a scheduled appointment at those times. If someone from the Industry specifically asks you for an appointment, try to accommodate the request.

Expo time should not be used for finalizing a trip already in the works. Use the time Friday night for this purpose, or schedule time with this vendor later during the weekend.

Bring club business cards with you to pass out to the Industry. To facilitate the meeting process, bring a one-page club profile to leave with Industry. Copies should be made for each delegate to give out at every appointment. The profile should include:

Club Name, Address, Internet Address, Email, Phone, President & Travel VP Contact Information, # of Trips taken each year, Average # of Participants per trip, What trips you are planning for 2008? Where your club traveled in 2006 – 2007?

There will be separate instructions for those involved in the Far West Ski Bidding, the Man and Woman of the Year judging, and the FWRA meeting. These meetings are by invitation only.

Meeting Etiquette

Remember, even if you are not your club's travel person, you are representing your club and will be bringing information and recommendations back to your board.

Please be on time for your appointments. Don't linger past your scheduled time. Be respectful of others at your appointments and try not to monopolize the conversation.

If you see an Industry person without an appointment, please take time to stop, chat for a few minutes, thank them, pick up their literature, ask a question, leave a business card and your club profile.

Please do **NOT** ask Industry to sign your Passport, if you have not sat down for a meeting with them.

The Meetings

The meetings this year will be in the **Grand Ballrooms A & B.** An attempt will be made to have Industry seated in alphabetical order. Announcements will be made for the beginning and end of all appointments.

For those of you who meet with **ALL NINE** appointments, and get all the Industry signatures on your Passport, you will be entered into a drawing for many prizes, including the **Grand Prize:** A ground package for one person (not to exceed \$900) on the 2008 annual ski trip to **Whistler/Blackcomb in Canada** with the Far West Ski Association, January 19-26, 2008.

Welcome

From Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association

From beautiful Santa Clara, California, welcome to all club delegates, invited guests and industry sponsors attending the 75th Annual Convention and Meeting of Far West Ski Association.

This weekend is a showcase for Far West, a celebration of our accomplishments, an opportunity to renew friendships, a period of time that we set aside to do the Association's business and an opportunity to build on our relationship with our snowsports industry partners. This year marks our 75th Annual Meeting and our 77th year of existence.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to both the FWSA Convention Committee and the Bay Area Snowsports Council volunteers who put in many hours of work to make this Convention a success. I would especially like to thank the BAC committee who diligently worked many hours this last year: Committee Chair **Linda Indreboe**, President **Dennis Heffley**, Registrar **Mary Azevedo**, Hotel Liaison **Liz Frank**, and **all the activity organizers**. In addition, many kudos for the FWSA Convention Committee of **Steve Coxen, Mike Sanford, Nancy Kelly, and Scott Bowker**. Their committee of volunteers has done a great job in performing all the groundwork to keep the local effort focused, enthusiastic and productive. Special thanks to Silent Auction Coordinator **Mary Olhausen** and VP of Marketing / Convention Sponsorships **Debbi Kor-Lew** who through their dedicated efforts and long hours have made this year of transition a success. Lastly I would like to thank the FWSA Awards Chairperson **Catherine Ohl**, for her efforts in improving the program and the Convention Awards Book. Please read the list of Committee Volunteers and thank them for their efforts.

The annual Silent Auction on Friday night and our Travel Expo on Saturday morning is an excellent opportunity for all attendees to meet with representatives of the ski resorts. **Mary, Debbi, Linda, and Sigrid Noack** have done a great job of coordinating these events for us. Please visit with as many representatives as you can and thank them for their support of FWSA. You'll find a wealth of information to take back to your clubs for planning your travel activities. Remember our relationship with the ski industry is key to the success of FWSA, its clubs and councils.

Special guests this year include Olympian & X Games Medalist, Reggie Crist; Historian of 10th Mountain Division, Myrna Hampton; Director CA Ski Industries Association, Kathy Hubbard; Olympian & Author – Mammoth Mountain, Robin Morning; Deputy Regional Forester, Jim Pena; 10th Mountain Division Vet and Founder of Aspen Ski Corp., Percy Rideout; Author - 10th Mountain Division, Charles Sanders. Saturday we will have a featured luncheon speaker and a multimedia presentation. We are also planning a special golf awards presentation for the 1st annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament.

The Awards Banquet on Saturday evening will be the highlight of the weekend. There we will recognize the people who have made significant contributions during the year to Far West Ski Association, clubs and councils, and to organized skiing in the Far West region. Their efforts along with our strong volunteer corps keep FWSA the strong organization that it has become today, a Nationally recognized organization and **“The Voice of the Western Skier”**.



Mayor

Patricia M. Mahan

Council Members

Dominic J. Caserta
Will Kennedy
Pat Kolstad
Joe Kornder
Jamie McLeod
Kevin Moore

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Welcome

It is an honor for me as Mayor of the City of Santa Clara and on behalf of the entire City Council, to welcome you to Santa Clara and the *Far West Ski Association's 75th Annual Convention*. We are proud to be hosting your convention at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara.

After your official business has ended, I hope you have the opportunity to discover our City and enjoy all that it has to offer. Santa Clara has many wonderful restaurants, hotels, businesses, and the famous Great America theme park. All, I'm sure, would be pleased to be of service to you and your families during your visit and when you leave our city, you will know that you have attended a meeting in a city that cares.

I am confident that this will be the best convention yet and that your experience in our city will encourage you to return time and time again.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Mahan
Mayor

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Event Sponsors

75th Annual FWSA Convention by Debbi Kor-Lew, Industry Marketing Representative

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 75th Annual Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of this year's Convention. By offsetting Convention costs through the sponsorship program, we are able offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2007-08.

Event	Sponsor	Website
Golf Tournament	 Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort	www.snowbasin.com
Wine Tour	 Ski Alpine Xperience	www.skialpinexperience.com
Pub Crawl / FWSA Safety Person of Year Award	 Aspen/Snowmass	www.aspensnowmass.com
Delegate Neck Wallets	 Intrawest	www.intrawest.com
Silent Auction Welcome Party	 Ski Dazzle, Sacramento & Bay Area Ski Shows; Gordon Biersch	www.skidazzle.com www.gordonbiersch.com
Silent Auction Entertainment	 Mammoth Mountain	www.mammothmountain.com
Saturday Luncheon	 Vail Resorts (Heavenly, Vail, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone)	www.vailresorts.com
Awards Banquet Band / FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize	 Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation	www.steamboat.com
Awards Banquet Wine	 Big Sky Resort Ski.com	www.bigskyresort.com www.ski.com
Councils' Men & Women of the Year	 Big White Ski Resort Silver Star Mountain Resort	www.bigwhite.com www.skisilverstar.com
Grand Prize Travel Expo	 Far West Ski Association FOUNDED 1938	www.fwsa.org
Eye Opener	 Bay Area Snow Sports Council	www.skibac.org
Delegate Gift	 Mountain Chalet	www.mchalet.com
FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program	 Karbon BIG MTN RESORT Grouse Mountain Lodge	www.karbon.net www.bigmtn.com www.grousemountainlodge.com

Silent Auction & Travel Expo

Participants

by Debbi Kor-Lew & Mary Olhausen

The Far West Ski Association and Bay Area Snow Sports Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 22nd Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners to the efforts of our Association. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2007-2008.

Alaska Airlines	Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY	Silver Star Resort, BC, Canada
Alpine Meadows Ski Area, CA	Juniper Springs Resort, CA	Ski Alpine Xperience, VA
Alpine Sports Ski Rentals, UT	Kandahar Lodge at Big Mountain, MT	Ski Banff-Lake Louise- Sunshine, Canada
Alyeska Resort, AK	Keystone Resort, CO	SKI.COM, CO
Aspen Skiing Company, CO	Kirkwood Mountain Resort, CA	Ski Dazzle, CA
Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Lakeland Village Resort, NV	SkiNSee Ski Rentals, UT
Aspen Square Hotel, CO	Lakeside Village, UT	Snakedance Condominiums, NM
Banff Lodging Company, AL, Canada	Lespri Resorts, UT	Snow Tours, NJ
Best Western Truckee Tahoe Inn, CA	Maddronna Inn, CA	Snowbasin Ski Resort, UT
Betty Donellan - Senegence, CA	Mammoth Mountain Resort, CA	Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, UT
Big Mountain Resort, Whitefish, MT	Marriott International, UT	Solitude Mountain Ski Resort, UT
Big Sky Resort, MT	Miracle Springs Resort & Spa, CA	Southwest Airlines
Big White Ski Resort, BC, Canada	Moguls Mountain Travel, CA	Sports America Tours, CA
Breckenridge Resort, CO	Morning Start Condos, ID	Squaw Valley USA, CA
Canadian Adventures, Canada	Mountain Chalet	Steamboat Ski & Resort., CO
Charles Schwab Company, CA	Mountain Resorts, CO	Sun Peaks Resort, BC, Canada
Copper Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort, OR	Sun Valley, ID
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe, CA	Tamarack Resort, ID
Crested Butte Mountain Properties, CO	Northstar at Tahoe, CA	Taos Ski Valley, NM
Daman-Nelson Travel	Ogden Conv & Visitors Bureau, UT	Telluride Ski Resort, CO
Davis Area Conv & Visitors Bureau, UT	Ogden Marriott Hotel, UT	The Canyons, UT
Deer Valley Resort, UT	Ogden Express Transportation, UT	The Cliff Lodge, UT
Delta Airlines, UT	Owyhee Cottage, ID	The Crestwood Lodge, CO
Diamond Peak Resort, CA	Panorama Ski Resort, BC, Canada	The Cruise Company of Modesto, CA
El Dorado Ranch, Baja, Mexico	Panorama Mtn Lodging, BC, Canada	The Fairmont Heritage Place, CO
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada	Park City Mountain Resort, UT	The Hotel Alyeska, AK
Fairmont Chateau Whistler, BC, Canada	Park City Peaks Hotel, UT	The Riverhouse Hotel, OR
Fernie/Kimberley Resorts, BC, Canada	Park City Transportation, UT	The Village at Squaw Valley, CA
Forest Suites Resort, CA	Parkway Inn, WY	Tourism Sun Peaks, BC, Canada
Franz Klammer Lodge, CO	Perimeter Transportation, BC, Canada	Town of Snowmass Village, CO
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, NV	Powder Mountain Ski Resort, UT	Trickle Creek Residence Inn-Marriott, BC, Canada
Grand Summit Resort Hotel, UT	Red Resort, BC, Canada	Vail Resorts, CO
Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT	Resort Quest Telluride, CO	Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada
Heavenly Mountain Ski Resort, CA	Resorts Canadian Rockies, BC, Canada	White Pine Lodge, ID
Holiday Inn Express, Layton, UT	Rooster's Brewing Company, UT	Winter Park Ski Resort, CO
Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ	Salt Lake Conv & Visitors Bureau, UT	Wolf Creek Grille Restaurant, UT
Horizon Airlines	Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID	Wolf's Den Lodge, BC, Canada
Huntley Lodge, MT	Sheraton City Centre, UT	Ziptrek Ecotours, BC, Canada
Intrawest, BC, Canada	Sierra at Tahoe, CA	
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY	Silver Legacy Casino, NV	
	Silver Mountain Ski Resort, ID	

The support from our Industry Partners continues to grow. In 2008 we look forward to the 23rd Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo at the 76th Annual FWSA Convention in Bellevue, Washington

Convention VIPs

FWSA President.....	Randy Lew
Bay Area Council Convention Coordinator.....	Linda Indreboe
Bay Area Council President.....	Dennis Heffley
FWSA Convention Committee Chairperson.....	Steve Coxen
FWSA Silent Auction Coordinator.....	Mary Olhausen
FWSA Convention Sponsorship Coordinator.....	Debbi Kor-Lew
Convention Registration.....	Mary Azevedo
Convention Accounting.....	Nancy Kelly
Convention Secretary.....	Debbie Stewart
Hotel Liaisons/Banquet Coordinators.....	Liz Frank & Sandy Saadi
Travel Expo Coordinator.....	Sigrid Noack
Multi-Media Presentation Coordinator.....	Mike Sanford
Pub Crawl Coordinator.....	Erin Barnett
Golf Tournament Coordinators.....	Jim & Diana Gartland
Kayaking Coordinator.....	Norm Azevedo
Wine Tasting Tour Coordinator.....	Walt Johnson
Pool Party Coordinator.....	Fran Long
Eye Opener Party.....	Walt Johnson
Entertainment.....	Dennis Heffley
Decorations.....	Cathy Wilson
Graphics and Printing.....	Jim Korn
Publicity and Marketing.....	Scott Bowker
Local sponsorships.....	Cheryl Lawson
Host Committee Secretary.....	Paula Kinahon
Photographer.....	BunnyArms
Extreme Ideas/Technology Innovation.....	Richard Lubin
FWSA Awards Chair person.....	Catherine Ohl
FWSA Awards Book Editor.....	Catherine Ohl
Tollakson Award Chairperson.....	Ray Craig
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Chairperson.....	Donn Bryant
Delegate and Leadership Books Editor.....	Scott Bowker
Travel Expo Prize Donations.....	Debbi Kor-Lew
Parliamentarian.....	John Watson
Post Convention Adventure Chair person.....	Greg Robinson

Our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers from Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Far West Ski Association for their assistance in making the 2007 FWSA Convention a success.

Reggie Crist

1992 Downhill Olympian,
2002 & 2005 X Games Skier X Gold Medalist



ON THE SLOPES...

- • 2005 X Games Skier X Champion
- • 2004 Rocky Mtn Skier X Telluride Champion
- • 2004 X Games Boardercross Champion
- • 2003 X Games - 2nd
- • 2003 US Open Skier X – Vail – 2nd
- • 2002 X Games Skier X Champion
- • 2002 US Open Champion
- • 2000 US Open Champion
- • 1992 Olympic Downhill Team
- • 1991 World Championship Team
- • 1986-96 US Ski Team

SNOW SPORTS MOVIE APPEARANCES:

- Off The Grid by Warren Miller
- Corduroy by Rage Films
- Waiting Game by Wink Inc
- Booter Crunk by Rage Films

The Skier X competition is an extreme race determined by speed and agility and is best described as motor cross on skis. sFilled with tabletop jumps, rollers and gaps, Skier X also allows unintentional contact unlike other more traditional skiing competitions.

Reggie has written for Men's Journal and owns his own production company (along with his brother, fellow WX competitor Zach Crist) called Equator Productions that has made documentaries for Outdoor Life Network and National Geographic Explorer.

QUOTES

“Follow your passion and eventually you will become good at what you enjoy doing...”

“Skiing is a family sport and Mom/Dad are my biggest influencers.”

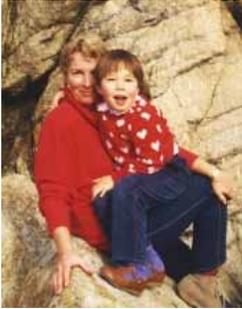
“Competition. It's amazing how much of this is mental. Everybody's in good shape. Everybody knows how to ski. Everybody has good equipment. When it really boils down to it, it's who wants it the most, and who's the most confident on his skis.”

OTHER

- Enjoys surfing and Class V kayaking.

Myrna Hampton

Historian, 10th Mountain Division



Daughter of Col. Henry Hampton, 86-HQ-1.

- 10th Mountain Division oral history project coordinator
- 10th Mountain Division Descendent Board Member at Large.

Henry "Hank" Hampton graduated from UC Berkeley in 1931, participated in ROTC, and became an Oakland fireman. He joined the U.S Army in 1941 and ascended to a Lt. Colonel during his military career. He is well known for his planning and execution of the Tenth Mountain Division's successful nighttime assault of Italy's Riva Ridge at the close

of World War II. (picture right: Ruth Clarke Hampton holding baby, Myrna, Jacqueline, and Lt. Col. Henry J. Hampton, 1947).



The Hampton family moved from Oakland to Sapporo, Japan during the Japanese Occupation. During that time, Hank was called back into action for the Korean War. Shortly after the war began, he was killed in action at the Inchon Landing near Suwon, Korea. He and his wife, Ruth, are buried at the National Cemetery in the San Francisco Presidio.

Myrna Clarke Hampton, like her father, graduated from UC Berkeley in 1968. She participated in and witnessed the lively social protests of the late 1960s. She went on to teach for twenty-five (25) years at various schools in California. She married, divorced, and has one daughter, Sierra Hampton-Eng, who is now grown and studying in Hawaii.

Elder Daughter, Jacqueline Marlene Hampton, is an artist and avid gardener in Monroe, Washington.

Kathy Hubbard

Director, California Ski Industries Association



Kathy Hubbard is the Director of Administration for the California Ski Industry Association (CSIA). Located in San Francisco, the CSIA supports California and Nevada resorts by coordinating legislative activities, risk management and technical training on behalf of the industry. A New England native, Kathy spent her childhood in Massachusetts and moved to the Bay Area shortly after receiving her B.A. in History from Dartmouth College.

Robin Morning

Olympian & Author – Mammoth Mountain



Robin Morning, researcher on Mammoth and principal biographer of Dave McCoy and his family. Her display “For the Love of It” may be viewed in the Mammoth Ski Museum. Robin is working diligently on a new photo essay book on Mammoth and the McCoy family, which could be available next spring. Steamboat Ski and Resort, a historic area in its own right and focus of many other historical works, make this annual prize possible. The Association owes a debt of gratitude to Steamboat for this altruistic effort. Robin Morning was a protégé of Dave McCoy and a product of his coaching. She is, indeed, one of our own!

Her Work: About three years ago, Robin took a two-year sabbatical from teaching music and moved to Mammoth to research her beloved coach Dave McCoy and his Mammoth Mountain. While she continues to write her book on Dave, she has been involved in a number of historical projects.

Robin did much of the research for Martin Forstenzer’s book, “Mammoth, the Sierra Legend”, and contributed many of the photos that she has uncovered in her research.

Robin co-wrote with Morten Lund and Chis I. Lizza, “The Early Days of Young Dave McCoy” which recently appeared in Skiing Heritage Magazine [March 2004 (First Issue), Vol. 16 No.1].

Most impressive is Robin’s exhibit in the newly opened Mammoth Ski Museum. The Pioneer Gallery exhibition features “From Independence to Chair One – The Illustrated History of Dave McCoy and Early Skiing in the Eastern Sierra.” As Mammoth Mountain celebrates its 50th year, this exhibition journeys back to the days when skiers came from far and near to ski not Mammoth, but McGee. The exhibit follows Dave McCoy from his first day in Independence in 1930 up to Mammoth’s opening day in 1955 – when Chair One first begins to move skiers up the mountain. Robin contributed her research and shares her unique access to Dave in this exhibit. Visitors will delight in her many never-before seen photographs and artifacts. It’s an amazing walk back through time.

Here are Robin’s own words from her biographical sketch.

“The owner of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Dave McCoy, took us under his wing along with a troop of about twenty other kids. Fantasy ruled. We lived and breathed for being on that mountain. I found a friend, Wendy Allen, who was as obsessive as I was about memorizing lyrics and the two of us almost drove the other ski racers crazy with our incessant singing.

The National Ski Team was infiltrated with ski racers from Mammoth. We raced in Europe, South America and all over the USA. I bought a nylon stringed guitar and two songbooks... Peter, Paul & Mary and Joan Baez.



In 1968 in Grenoble, France, at the Olympics I broke my leg in a downhill training run, the day before the opening ceremonies. From a bed in a French military hospital, I watched Jean Claude Killy, Nancy Green and Peggy Fleming win, but that's another story. Nancy brought me her roses. Wendy, who was also on the team, brought me chocolate. Sgt. Pepper ruled, and life was ‘groovey’ if you didn't think about what was really happening in the world, and that was impossible.”

Jim Peña

Deputy Regional Forester, Region 5 Pacific Southwest Hubbard



Jim Peña, formerly Forest Supervisor on the Plumas National Forest, has accepted the position as Deputy Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry in the Pacific Southwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service.

Peña's Forest Service career began in 1978 as a Forester trainee on the Rogue River National Forest in Southern Oregon where he worked in timber, recreation, special uses, fire, planning, and contract management. He later worked on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington as a Timber Management Assistant and as a District Ranger on the Malheur National Forest in Oregon and the Wenatchee National Forest in Washington, and Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Peña received his degree in forest resource management from

Humboldt State University.

He recently served on a detail as Deputy Regional Forester for Natural Resources and at the USDA's Office of Natural Resources and the Environment in Washington D.C. Peña replaces Tom Tidwell, who was selected as the Regional Forester for Region 1 headquartered in Missoula, Montana.

He will be moving to the Bay Area with his wife, Debbie and two children.

Percy Rideout

10th Mountain Division Vet and Founder of Aspen Ski Corp



Born November 28th, 1918, just after his Uncle Percy Adonis Rideout was killed in France, therefore named after him.

Grew up in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, where he learned to ski and began competing at Cushing Academy (the local high school) serving as captain in 1936. Also played varsity football, track and was captain of the tennis team.

Graduated from Dartmouth College in 1940, as well as being captain of the ski team.

Taught skiing at Sun Valley Ski School under Friedl Pfeiffer, with whom he later became associated with in the development of skiing



in Aspen, Colorado.

Prior to being drafted he served as ski coach at Dartmouth because Walter Prager had been drafted earlier. Following basic training and officers training school at Ft. Benning, Ga, he was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Hale, Colorado.

Served with the 10th Mountain Division from December of 1942 to October of 1945. Received Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star for actions in Italy.

Upon discharge from the service returned to Aspen to rejoin Pfeiffer and commence promoting and developing Aspen as a destination ski facility.

Left Aspen in 1948 for San Francisco with wife and two children.

Moved to Yuba City, California in 1953, where he became involved in farming and operated fruit and nut orchards. Being associated with the California Canned Fruit industry, was chosen as European Sales Promotion Director and moved to Brussels Belgium for 3 years.

At this point in time the major production of canned fruit in California was controlled by two large grower cooperatives. Being cooperatives they were able to form a joint sales organization for export purposes only. (The Robinson Patman Act of 1918.)

This joint venture as called California Valley Exports. He returned from Belgium to become managing director of California Valley Exports and for the and for the next ten years promoted and developed canned fruit sales to Europe, the Middle East and the Far East

Was married in Omaha in 1946, and had two daughters, (one deceased) and one grandson.

Skied until he was 70, mostly in California. Belonged to Sugar Bowl Ski Club, built 12th home in Saginaw Valley. Was in charge of maintaining McKinney Creek Cross Country Courses during the 1960 Olympics.

Charles Sanders

Author - 10th Mountain Division



Charles J. Sanders has been a mainstay in the American music industry for over twenty-five years as an attorney, author, musician, producer, philanthropist, and business analyst. He is currently engaged in private legal practice in New York City, representing numerous music industry clients including the Songwriters Guild of America, the nation's oldest and most prominent organization run solely by and for songwriters, to whom he serves as counsel.

Sanders likewise serves as Chairman of the Board of World Hunger Year, the music industry's premier social outreach program, which is supported principally by Bruce Springsteen and other of the world's most popular musical entertainers. He is also a director of The Native American Music Association, in which capacity he has visited Indian Reservations throughout the western United States in order to help Native American youths to realize their musical aspirations. Since 1994, he has served as an adjunct professor of law and business at New York University. Sanders was a Derenberg/Brown Copyright Fellow at New York University School of Law (LL.M. 1984), and is a member of the bars of New York, California, Washington, D.C., and The Supreme Court of the United States.

Among Sanders' other pursuits, he is a platinum award-winning record producer, a saxophone player with numerous album credits, a long-time voting member of The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS), and producer of the Carnegie Hall Congressional Gold Medal Tribute to Harry Chapin (1987) (which remains one of the most successful fund-raising programs and albums ever produced for PBS).

Sanders is also the author of many entertainment and sports industries-related articles and law reviews, as well as the recent history of the U.S. 10th Mountain Division entitled ***"The Boys of Winter: Life and Death in the U.S. Ski Troops During the Second World War"*** (University Press of Colorado), which was well reviewed in numerous scholarly and popular journals and awarded the prestigious Ullr Award for journalistic excellence by the International Ski History Association. Sanders was also co-author of the seminal 1992 law review article ***"The Cold Truth: Have Attorneys Really Chilled the Ski Industry"*** (Fordham Law School Journal of Media Law Studies), which argued passionately against ski area liability in most on-slope accident cases. Sanders is an active member of the U.S. 10th Mountain Division Association (descendent), an associate member of the U.S. National Ski Patrol, and has so far skied at well at well over 100 different ski mountains and resorts across three continents.

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Elections to be held Sunday, June 3, 2007

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustee (1)

Trustee (2)

VP Council Services

VP North American

Travel

VP Public Affairs

President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one year terms. Trustees and Vice Presidents are elected for two year terms. In 2008, the two year term elective positions will be VP Communications, VP International Travel, VP Membership and two Trustee positions.

Director Report

Treasurer's Report by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Far West Ski Association

Treasurer's report

May 2006 through April 2007

Versus

May 2005 through April 2006

Attached are the Comparative Balance Sheet and Income Statements. Please note the figures for 2006/2007 are preliminary and not final.

The final accounting for the Far West trips has not been completed. The additional income/expenses will be reflected in the final year-end reports.

Accumulated depreciation for 2006/2007 will be updated and appropriately reflected in the final year-end reports.

Director Report

Comparative Balance Sheet by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	<u>April 30 2007</u>	<u>April 30 2006</u>	
Assets			
Checking/Savings			
General Account	1,585	1,945	
General Acct CD	128,586	93,666	
Convention Acct B of A	16,222	18,799	
North American Travel Acct. B of A	65,272	81,369	
New Int. Travel Acct B of A	33,032	-	
Int Travel Acct WF	-	57,706	
Total Checking/Saving	244,697		253,485
Accounts Receivable	-	720	720
Prepaid Expenses			
Convention	9,203	9,090	
Federal taxes	-		
Karbon Orders		634	
Prepaid Travel Expenses			
Whistler 2007/08	15,000		
Tibet/China 2007/08	24,000		
Machu Picchu Steamboat		273,943	
		3,500	
Total Prepaid Expenses	39,000		287,167
Total Current Assets	292,900		541,372
Fixed Assets			
Equipment			
Office Equipment	5,251	7,445	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,983)	(6,007)	
Total Equipment	268	1,438	
Total Fixed Assets	<u>268</u>		<u>1,438</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>293,168</u>		<u>542,810</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	100	3,131	3,130
Other Current Liabilities			
Prepaid Income			
Convention	7,854	2,726	
Athletic Scholarship		2,516	
Prepaid Trips			
Whistler 2007/08	19,500		
Tibet/china 2007/08	27,700		
Machu Picchu 2006/07		279,011	
Steamboat 2006/07		24,668	
Total Current Liabilities	-	55,054	308,921
Long Term Liabilities			
Public Lands Research Fund	1,120		1,120
Total Liabilities	56,274		313,171
Equity			
Retained Earnings	229,639		203,160
Net Income	7,279		26,479
Total Equity	236,918		229,639
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>293,192</u>		<u>542,810</u>

Director Report

Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	<u>April 30 2007</u>	<u>April 30 2006</u>
REVENUE		
Membership Dues	1,800	965
Public Affairs		
Development		
Travel		
Cruise Panama	5,951	
Steamboat	594,564	
Batchlor FW RA Finals	24,216	
Machu Picchu	279,195	
Bormio	277,861	
Telluride		510,461
China		209,896
Zermatt		658,987
Total Travel	1,181,787	1,379,344
Council Man/Woman of Year	325	275
FW SA T-Shirts	135	150
Ahletic Scholarship Fund	6,681	1,570
Raffle	2,554	1,100
Carbon Order	937	
Convention	81,535	127,895
Interest	5,090	2,845
Total Revenue	1,280,844	1,514,144
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Travel Services		
Machu Picchu	275,700	
Cruise - Panama	2,286	
Steamboat	585,076	
Bormio	264,329	
Batchlor	24,211	
Telluride		492,711
Zermatt	50	646,109
China		205,558
Site Inspection Trips		2,819
Total Travel Expenses	1,151,652	1,347,197
Convention	72,040	93,457
Man/Woman of Year	537	228
FW SA T-Shirts	117	271
Athletic Scholarship Fund	4,250	2,000
Scholarship Execution Expenses	136	451
Carbon Order	928	
Total Cost of Revenue	1,229,660	1,443,604
Net Revenue	51,184	70,540
EXPENSES		
President	1,619	1,463
Board of Directors Meetings	21,258	21,310
Secretary	1,578	847
Treasurer	1,821	3,297
Past President	25	-
Trustees	68	269
Awards Program	2,581	2,199
Communications	4,762	4,537
Convention		5
Councils	500	979
Marketing	1,368	1,124
Membership	1,124	938
Public Affairs	1,253	907
History Committee	156	
North American Travel	1,127	1,583
International Travel	1,180	2,004
Database	-	299
FW RA Racing	1,505	1,250
Unclassified-Insurance	785	
Depreciation & Equip Disposal	1,170	1,014
Unclassified-Misc	25	36
Total Expenses	43,905	44,061
NET INCOME (LOSS)	7,279	26,479

Director Report

Preliminary Detailed Expenditures by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Cost Center	Postage	Phone	Copies BusCard Printing Badges	Supplies	Promotion Donations	Travel	Awards Awards	Special Committees	Other	licenses Taxes & Insurance	Web Outreach	Total
President	43				304	788			484			1,619
Board of Director Meetings						21,258						21,258
Secretary	98		1,331	148								1,577
Treasurer	299		138	215						1,170		1,822
Past President	25									-		25
Communications-General											275	275
Communications-Councilman	70		717				50					837
Communications-Skiers Guide Councils	2,000								1,650		500	3,650
Marketing	100		64		600	604						1,368
Membership	185		909	30								1,124
Public Affairs					1,253							1,253
History							156					156
N Amer.Travel Services		675		50		275			27	100		1,127
Int'l. Travel Services	4	340		200					535	100		1,179
Trustee	11			50								61
Awards							2,489					2,489
Charities Award							100					100
Database Services											-	-
Convention												-
FWRA Racing	5						250			1,250		1,505
Miscellaneous-Insurance										785		785
Miscellaneous-Other										1,195		1,195
												-
TOTAL	2,840	1,015	3,159	693	2,157	22,925	3,045	-	2,696	4,600	775	43,905

Director Report

Board of Trustees by Steve Coxen, Chairman

The Far West Ski Association Board of Trustees has the responsibility for long range planning as well as insuring that the Associations corporate records are properly maintained and timely government filings are made. In addition, the Trustees oversee the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program, the FWSA database and the FWSA Awards Program. The Trustees also recommend changes to the organizational structure and By-Laws of the Association when appropriate.

As FWSA Convention Chairman I would like to thank **Linda Indreboe**, Bay Area Host Council Convention Chair, and her committee of dedicated volunteers who have worked diligently for over a year to make the 2007 Convention in Santa Clara a huge success. I would also like to thank **Debbi Kor-Lew** for taking over the Convention Sponsorship Program and **Mary Olhausen** for assuming the duties of the Silent Auction Coordinator for the 2007 Convention. These are huge responsibilities that have been added to their already full plates. We truly appreciate the services these volunteers have provided to our Association.

Over three years, the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program has awarded over \$7,000 in scholarships to eight deserving junior racers. The Athletic Scholarship Committee is guided by Chairman Robb Margrave and has been comprised of the Board of Trustees and the VP of Racing. The applicants for the scholarships, which include USSA affiliated athletes competing in the FWSA geographic region in the J1, J2, and J3 age groups, were evaluated on financial need, academics, competitive achievements, community activities, and goals and desires.

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee is chaired by **Linda Westlund**. The on-going committee will be responsible for short and long-range planning for family and youth involvement, with the objective of developing programs and services to welcome families and youth into our ski organizations. Skiyente Ski Club, a NW Council club, has run two successful family ski trips, to Big White and Big Mountain. Past trips have included welcome receptions, Nastar racing and pizza parties. Skiyente has already made plans to run a family trip to Sun Valley, February 6-10, 2008. These family trips are open to all NW Council members and other clubs in FWSA. We look forward to more exciting programs in the future as FWSA continues to endorse family and youth activities.

Catherine Ohl volunteered to take over the FWSA Awards Program in 2007. She began by setting up a new FWSA Awards website with email communication for nominations and electronic Awards voting. Catherine has been responsible for the publication of the FWSA Awards book at our annual Conventions since 2002.

John Watson, FWSA President 1971-73, took over as Chairman of the By-laws Committee in 2006. He has committed to a two year project to re-write the Associations By-laws for submission to the membership at the 2008 Convention. John has reported on the progress of his committee at each Board of Trustees and Directors meeting.

Nancy Ellis has taken the responsibility for the FWSA database and has been working diligently to insure a smooth transfer and insuring the data is accurate and timely to all functional programs that need this information.

Nancy Kelly has done an excellent job in providing the Association with detailed, timely, and accurate financial reporting and budget control. **Randy Lew** and **John Reinhardt**, our Tax Advisor, have prepared and timely filed our corporate tax returns

I would like to recognize **Randy Lew** for an outstanding job in his first year as FWSA President. Randy's service on the Board of Trustees made him a natural to take the FWSA helm when **Mike Sanford** stepped down after three years as President. Randy has worked hard to ensure the successful transition of our Sponsorship and Silent Auction programs which are so instrumental to the success of our annual Convention. Randy also partnered with the industry to provide an outstanding venue for our December Board of Directors meeting at Northstar-at-Tahoe.

The Trustees goals for 2007 are: 1) recommend improvements to our sources of revenue and annual expenditures; 2) improve the demographics of our membership by encouraging families and younger members; 3) improve communications to club membership; 4) improve publication and communication of the important things accomplished by FWSA; and 5) establish a long range financial plan for the Athletic Scholarship Program.

I would like to thank Trustees **Ken Calkins, Robb Margrave and Linda Westlund** for their time and efforts in improving the organization. In addition, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, FWSA committees and volunteers, and all council and club volunteers for their continued outstanding efforts in making the Far West Ski Association "**THE VOICE OF THE WESTERN SKIER**".

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2006 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION #5 – FWSA/FWRA Mini-Week

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, FWSA and FWSA travel program staff work together to establish a FWSA/FWRA mini ski week/championship with ski lessons and racing in a combined venue.

The FWSA VP of North America Travel provided travel services for air and lodging for the FWRA 2007 Championships at Mt. Bachelor.

RESOLUTION #6 – Award Nominations, Voting and Tabulation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as we are living in the electronic age. the Far West Ski Association convert the annual awards nomination, voting and tabulation process to an electronic format with all transactions being conducted on-line as a controlled access portion of the FWSA.org website. Finally, I move that the FWS Board of Directors and Trustees establish a committee to develop this website, its format procedures, and protocols. Also, that the FWSA commit to the full implementation of this resolution by the 2008 convention.

The new FWSA Awards Chairperson implemented an electronic format for the 2007 awards nomination and voting processes.

RESOLUTION #7 – More Visible International Travel Program

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the travel chairmen conduct short and long range travel planning with a public report released as part of the convention Delegate Handbook and the web page. Secondly, that notice of all trips be posted on the web site two weeks prior to sign-ups, emails sent to all clubs, presidents, and VP's of travel. No sign-ups accepted prior to this notification period.

Referred to the FWSA Board of Directors, the VP of North American Travel, and the VP of International Travel.

RESOLUTION #8 – Longer Terms

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, FWSA officers be limited to four consecutive years in any one office.

Motion tabled

Director Report

Bylaws Committee by John Watson, Chairman

The mission of the Bylaws Committee is to streamline and reduce the bylaws and transfer all operational detail to an Operations Handbook (OH). Our target date for completion and approval is the 2008 annual meeting. This is an initiative launched by the Board of Directors/Board of Trustees at their first meeting in the Association's 2006 year. It was expected to take two annual cycles to complete and was launched using Directors sitting as ad hoc committee members at each Board meeting. The Trustees have oversight for bylaws maintenance and this preparation phase as well. The committee participants include Bob Ellis, Robb Margrave, Ken Calkins, Cliff Young, and George Kish, all roster executives. I serve as committee chair and keep other interested parties informed.

The streamlining and transfer mission stated above should reduce the bylaws from 14 pages, not including the change diary, to about 8. There is no hard objective regarding number of pages. Certain articles in any set of bylaws are irreducible and are required by the laws of the state in which the organization is incorporated. But the main work will be in rewrites for and organization of the OH.

We are trying to separate out any new initiatives so that they can be considered on their merits without holding up the approval of the new set and its accompanying OH. It should be noted, however, that if there are new ideas or procedures that need to be incorporated, that this is a good time to do it. Feel free to submit suggestions to any of the committeemen identified above, either for the bylaws or the OH. Some such suggestions are noted at the end of the report. Mentioning them here is only as a service and does not constitute endorsement

The Operations Handbook will have many sections, only part of which deals with policies and practices transferred from the former bylaws. Transferred material will cover both issues that require compliance and issues that are best practices. It is envisioned that changes to the OH would require majority approval by the Board of Directors. Notice of changes to compliance sections of the OH would have to be provided to the membership, preferably using the web pages as a primary vehicle. (The bylaws are on the website now).

The treatment of the bylaws by Directors sitting as an ad hoc committee is Phase One and is complete. The schedule for further bylaws activity is as follows.

- Phase Two: bylaws drafting. Using a backbone draft by George Kish we will add back any necessary articles or sections that we can't do without
- The convention rough draft will be smoothed in a committee workshop and presented to the Board of Trustees/Board of Directors at its mid summer meeting
- The reviewed draft should be ready in October and a final draft prepared in December
- Phase Three: dissemination. Final draft posted and presented to clubs and councils January to April
- Notice requirements will be satisfied using the final draft
- Approval by delegates at 2008 Annual Meeting
- Concurrent with the bylaws activity will be population of the compliance and practices sections of the Operations Handbook.

Some new initiatives for the bylaws or the OH mentioned so far include the following. This does NOT constitute endorsement by this committee.

- All terms of office to be two years with officers staggered

- Providing the President with veto authority
- Define and document the role of council presidents for FWSA governance
- Define how policy is developed and enforced
- Create a mission statement for the Board of Trustees
- Define minimum experience requirements for Trusteeship
- All controlling documents on website

Director Report

76th Annual Convention (2008) by Steve Coxen,
FWSA Convention Chairman



FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
and
NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL
Present



The FWSA 76th Annual Convention
At the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, Washington
June 5-8, 2008



Convention Highlights:

Silent Auction
Travel Expo
Celebrity Speakers
Saturday Awards Luncheon
Celebrity Multi-Media Reception
Saturday Awards Banquet & Dance
FWSA General Meeting and Elections
Educational Breakout Sessions

Fun Optional Activities:

Pub Crawl
Golf Tournament
Kayaking
Tillicum Village Native American Dinner
Seattle Area Sightseeing Tours

Hotel Amenities:

Upscale Shopping and Dining at Bellevue Square
Lap Pool and 24 Hour Fitness Club
Wireless Internet Service

Hotel Reservations:

The Westin Bellevue
600 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004
\$137 per night plus tax, double occupancy
Call 1-800-937-8461
Internet: www.westin.com/bellevuewa

Information:

Steve Coxen, FWSA Convention Chairman
Email: sacoxen@aol.com
Phone: 503-679-9022

Director Report

Athletic Scholarship Committee by Robb Margrave, Trustee

When an athlete gains a position on the U.S. Ski Team it is a culmination of years of training and dedication. It is also liberation day, of sorts, for the parents since the United States Ski Association now begins to pick up the tab for the athlete's training, travel and equipment. However, before the athlete obtains team membership, expenses for coaching, entry fees, equipment and travel can quickly send parents to the poor house. Many dedicated and gifted athletes cease their racing careers prior to attaining this goal due to a lack of financial resources.

Since September 2004 the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) has been providing financial assistance to young alpine ski racers in the form of scholarships to help pay coaching, training, and competition entry fees. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers licensed by the United States Ski Association (USSA) and participate in racing programs in the states represented by the councils of the FWSA. Scholarships were awarded on the basis of the racer's financial need (30%), academics (25%), competitive record (20%), community activities (15%) and personal goals and desires (10%).

However, commencing in 2007, scholarships will be awarded based on an applicant's competitive history and dedication to the sport, as detailed in a biographical sketch written by the athlete. This year's applications are due at the end of June. The FWSA Scholarship Fund Committee, which reports to the Board of Trustees, administers the program and will be selecting the scholarship recipients and awarding the scholarships during September.

Funding of Scholarships is a constant "work in progress". We have been very fortunate to have Big Mountain, Grosse Mountain Lodge, and Schure Sports, Inc. as sponsors from the start. To date the Association has awarded a total of nine scholarships totalling over \$7,000. At Ski Week at Steamboat, a Karbon brand ski suit provided by Schure Sports, Inc, was raffled. The reception was tremendous, with over \$2,500 going to the Scholarship Fund. The Committee wants to thank Far West Racing Association for their donation of \$1,000 following their Championships held at Mt Bachelor in April.

At this year's convention, the Scholarship Committee will auction a week trip to Big Mountain on Friday night. Additionally, we will raffle a pair of Volkl skis w/bindings and a trip to Grosse Mountain Lodge in Montana. Both of these drawings will be held Sunday morning. See the flier in your convention packet for details.

To learn more about the application process and the racers who have received our scholarships, stop by our booth at the Convention or visit the FWSA web site, www.fwsa.org, click on "About FWSA", then "Athletic Scholarship Program". We also encourage you to spread the word about our scholarships and we invite those interested in applying for a scholarship to also visit our web site for applications and information on how to apply.

FWSA Athletic Scholarship - 2006 Winners



Kaylee Ann Cortopassi, Mammoth Lakes Ski Team, \$1,250. Kaylee is 16 years old and attends Mammoth Charter School where she maintains a 3.8 GPA. In September 2005, Kaylee was named to the United States Ski Association “All Academic Team”. In 2006, she was ranked in the top 10 nationally in her age group in the Downhill and Super G.

Geordie Lonza, Mammoth Lakes Ski Team, \$1,250. Geordie is 17 years old and is a senior at Mammoth Charter School where she maintains a 3.9 GPA. She is ranked by the United States Ski Association in the top 10 nationally in her age group in the Downhill and Super G.



Anton Hilts, Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, \$750. Anton is 16 years old and has a 3.4 GPA at Summit High School in Bend, OR. In 2006, he was ranked by USSA in the top 15 nationally in his age group in the Downhill, Giant Slalom and Slalom. In 2005, Anton was ranked #3 nationally in the Super G.

Jetta Rackleff, Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, \$750. Jetta is 15 years old and is a sophomore at Summit High School in Bend, OR, maintaining a 3.9 GPA. In addition to ski racing, her interests include hockey and playing her cello.



Andrea Wallace, Mt Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, \$250. Andee is 15 years old and has a 3.9 GPA at Summit High School, Bend, OR. In addition to ski racing and training, Andee volunteers each week at her local library.

Director Report

Charities & Our Community Committee by Sigrid Noack, Chair

"The Far West Ski Association and its ten participating Ski Councils are committed to supporting charitable giving and volunteerism. Through donations and volunteer services of our individual members in clubs and councils, we hope to enhance the quality of life within our communities."

FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition

For the first time, FWSA will be officially recognizing clubs and councils, who so lovingly support their favorite charities. The first annual "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" will be presented at this year's convention in Santa Clara to the FWSA Club or Council, which during the past year has shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations. Our charity committee has been working diligently these past couple of years to develop this special recognition. We have so many clubs and councils, that very actively support such a huge variety of charities, that we wanted to find a way to recognize their wonderful efforts. By bringing these selfless activities out into the open, recognizing them at convention, we also hope to encourage others to become more involved in charity work.

I am very excited that so many clubs and councils have shown an interest in this first-time attempt at this official recognition by filling out an application and agreeing to bring their photos and charity activity descriptions to our convention. We will have photos displayed on several picture boards at convention to show how our FWSA clubs and councils have chosen to be involved with charities and community work.

Thank you and congratulations to the following council and clubs, who made the effort and took the time to apply for this FWSA Recognition: **Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Beach Cities Ski Club, Bergfreunde Ski Club, Century City Sports Club, Don Diego Ski Club, Edelweiss Ski Club, Grindelwald Ski Club, Pacific Rim Alliance, Phoenix Ski Club, Single Ski Club, and Skiyente Ski Club**. All of these wonderfully caring groups have been doing outstanding work with their community organizations! The top three were selected in April, and they have agreed to display their charity activities on a picture board here at our convention this weekend. Please look for the displays of **Phoenix Ski Club (ASC), Bay Area Council and Skiyente Ski Club (NWSCC)**. All of the applicants will be recognized this weekend, and the top charity supporting club or council will receive a \$100 recognition from FWSA to support their favorite charity.

We plan to make this "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" an annual award for club and councils' charity and community support efforts. Please check www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/686807.htm, the FWSA Charity & Community Service site to see updates on how to get involved with this special recognition next year. And please keep up the phenomenally wonderful charity work.

Community Involvement Updates

Our FWSA 2005 Safety award winner T.J. Barnes reports that Vail Mountain has put her **Hearing U Recognition Symbol** up on the slopes, ticket booths, etc. Persons, who are hearing challenged cannot only request 1/2 priced lift tickets, but they can wear this symbol, not only if they are hearing challenged, but also if they are listening to ipods, while on the slopes. Check out "The Voice of Hearing", T.J. (Teresa June) Barnes, R. N. at www.HearingU.com and www.IntlAHC.org.

Some of FWSA's favorite charity groups are athletic groups for the mentally and physically challenged. Three of the most popular charities for our ten FWSA councils and approximately 160 snow sports clubs are **Disabled Sports USA, Special Olympics, and the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS**. You can go to the following page

www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/686807.htm at the FWSA website for more information on how to become involved with these charities.

Special Olympics as a movement, relies on dedicated volunteers to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with mental retardation. The Special Olympics global community includes athletes, volunteers, coaches, family members and sponsors/supporters. For more information to get involved, check out <http://www.specialolympics.org>. Research shows that there is an overwhelming consensus among Special Olympics athletes, coaches and family members that there is significant improvement in athletes' sense of self, social skills, and social interactions due to their participation in Special Olympics. Parents see health benefits that are critical, given the unmet health needs of people with intellectual disabilities.

The **Heuga Center** helps people with multiple sclerosis gain health and hope. One in 750 people has multiple sclerosis, a devastating, neurological disease in which a person's immune system attacks the brain and spinal cord. There is no known cause or cure for MS. [The Heuga Center is](http://www.heuga.org) dedicated to improving the lives of people and families living with MS through its interactive, educational programs unique to any in the world. All of the Heuga Center's programs are based on the philosophy that you can have a chronic condition AND have your health. By drawing on a wide range of medical professionals and focusing on all aspects of health - exercise, nutrition, social support and disease management - The Heuga Center helps people with MS learn how to live healthier, happier, more active lives. Participation with the **Vertical Express** is a wonderful way to help raise funds for the Heuga Center for MS. For more information to get involved, check out <http://www.heuga.org>.

Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA) was founded in 1967 by disabled Vietnam veterans to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to gain self-confidence, greater independence, dignity, and mobility through sports, recreation and educational programs. The organization is the nation's largest multi-sport, multi-disability organization serving more than 60,000 people nationwide. The **Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project**, is in a partnership with Disabled Sports USA and its chapters, providing year round sports programs for severely wounded service members from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict and the Global War on Terrorism. Programs take place at sites throughout the United States of America offering Wounded Warriors the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communities.

We are now seeing many **Wounded Warriors** returning home to our FWSA communities. Hopefully our councils and clubs will become involved, in one way or another, helping our disabled vets, who lost so much in Iraq or Afghanistan.

FWSA councils have a long term relationship with three California Chapters of Disabled Sports, USA: The Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows, the US Adaptive Recreation Center at Big Bear (USARC), and The Unrecables Ski Club in Los Angeles. For more information to get involved, check out <http://www.dsusa.org>, and www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

* If your club/council has a charity/community event or a donation of time/money to an organization which is not listed, please email the details to Sigrid Noack (FWSA Charities & Our Communities Chair) at skisig@earthlink.net. FWSA relies on its clubs/councils to communicate to Sigrid their charity/community events or donations as they occur during the year.

Recipient Donation Summary by Sigrid Noack

Summary of organizations to which volunteer time and/or money has been donated by Far West Ski Association councils, clubs and their members.

24 hour Relay for Cancer Research
Adopt-a-Classroom program at Long Beach Aquarium
Adopt-a-Family program
Adopt-a-Highway program
Adopt-an-Olympian
AIDS Bike Ride
American Cancer Society's Relay for Life
American Stroke Association
Bear Valley Ski Patrol for Oxygen Unit
Becky's House, a battered women's shelter
Blood Drive
Book Drive
"Bookman" for Senior Centers
Breast Cancer Walk
Brighten a Life, a Home Start Agency
California Foundation for Children for underprivileged and at-risk
California International Air Show, Monterey County
Cedar House for Abused Mothers & Children
Chamber of Commerce
Chris Klug Foundation for Organ Donations
Christmas in April for the Needy
Christmas Toy Drive for women/children shelters
Clothing to the Homeless
Clothing & Equipment for Skiers with Disabilities
Compton Homeless Education Project
Disabled Sports, USA, Mother Lode Chapter
Disadvantaged Youth Mentoring
Disadvantaged Youth Recreational Skiing & Boarding Program
Eastern Sierra Disabled Sports, USA
Eppie's Great Race for disabled sports
Feed the Homeless program
Female Racer Scholarship Fund
Food Drives
Habitat for Humanity
High School Ceramics Program
Highway Clean-up
Home for the Holidays with the Marines
Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis
John Tracy Clinic for deaf children
Junior Ski Racer Scholarship Fund
Kidney Donation
Kids' Ski Program
Los Angeles November Flood Catastrophe
Leukemia Association
Lymphoma Association
Mammoth Lakes Foundation for Cerro Coso College
Marine Expeditionary Unit
Montrose Search & Rescue
Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation
Multiple Sclerosis Society Walks & Bike Rides
NCAA ski/race program
Northwest Harvest, hunger relief agency
Northwest Snow Sports Foundation, scholarships for junior racers
Pacific Burn Institute, Code 3 races
Paso Robles Earthquake Relief fund
Pierce College Disabled Ski Program
Polinsky Children's Center
San Diego "Cedar" Fire victims
Sarajevo Olympic Site, reforestation
Scholarship Fund for Female Racers
Search & Rescue of Montrose
Shoebox Ministries for the homeless
Ski for All for Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
Ski Patrol, Sponsor a Rescue Sled
Ski Swap for NCAA Ski/Race Program at U. of Nevada
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Special Olympics, Arizona Ski Patrol
Special Olympics, Arizona Winter & Summer Games
Special Olympics, Oregon
Stop-Gap for Schools, Hospitals, Cancer Patients & Abused Women
Stroke Walk
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
Sun Peak's Health Association
Sunshine Kids with Cancer Program
Swim With Mike at USC
Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP)
The United Way
The Unrecables Ski Club, Disabled Sports, USA
Thomas J. Pappas School for homeless children
Thousand Oaks Women's Shelter for battered women & their children
Toys for Tots
Tree People Organization
US Adaptive Recreation Center
US Ski Team
Valley View Vaulters for Disabled Children
Women's Shelters
Youth Sports Mentoring Program

FWSA Minutes

Annual Meeting, June 10-11, 2006, Chandler, AZ
by Mary Azevedo, Secretary

MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION
FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
JUNE 10-11, 2006
CHANDLER, ARIZONA

The 74th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa in Chandler, Arizona.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006

GENERAL SESSION

President Mike Sanford called the meeting to order on June 10, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. A warm welcome was extended to all those attending the convention. He introduced his 2005-2006 FWSA Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, and Committee Chairs.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Bryant listed the clubs that need to see her about credential verification.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John Watson announced the candidates running for office.

President:	Randy Lew
Secretary:	Debbie Stewart
Treasurer:	Nancy Kelly (incumbent)
Trustee 1:	Steve Coxen (One year)
Trustee 2:	Ken Calkins (incumbent)
Trustee 3:	Robb Margrave (incumbent)
VP Communications	Ray Craig
VP Council Services:	Fran Long (One year)
VP Marketing	Debbi Kor-Lew (incumbent)
VP of Membership	Barbara Bryant (incumbent)
VP International Travel:	Norm Azevedo and Joe Loader

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM REPORT

Mike Sanford said the nominees for the Man and Woman of the Year will be introduced at the noon luncheon. The winners will be announced at dinner.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Lew read the Bylaw change as follows:

CURRENT WORDING:

16.7 Approval of any proposed By-Laws Amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the Amendment is being considered.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

16.7 Approval of any proposed By-Laws Amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the Amendment is being considered. Any section numbering changes will automatically change their appropriate reference in any other section of the by-laws.

Randy reminded everyone that in order to approve the bylaws change, 2/3 of the delegates must vote in favor of the change.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

John Watson, parliamentarian, explained voting procedures and what to expect tomorrow during voting.

MARKETING

Debbie Kor-Lew announced that the Barbados raffle and other prizes will be given away at lunch. The funds will go to the scholarship program.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2005

GENERAL SESSION

SESSION RECONVENED

The 74th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President, Mike Sanford, at 8:50 A.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mary Azevedo announced that last year's minutes could be found on pages 35-42 in the Delegate Handbook.

MSC

Moved Delegate # 80, Barbara Bryant, the minutes be approved.

Seconded by Delegate # 133, Jan Horn

Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

John Watson, Parliamentarian, announced that he is working on cleaning up FWSA's bylaws.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Bryant, VP Membership announced there are 165 voting delegates.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Lew referred to the proposed bylaw amendment, which he mentioned on Saturday and asked everyone to read. He explained the need for the bylaw change. The bylaw change is as follows:

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Randy stated that 110 votes are needed to pass this Bylaw change.

MSC

Moved Delegate # 161, Norm Azevedo, the Bylaw change be approved.

Seconded by Delegate # 80, Barbara Bryant.

Bylaw Change

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Watson, Nominating Committee Chairman, outlined the ballot procedure. There will be nominations from the floor, with seconds not required. Speeches will be 3 minutes in length. Ballots were distributed to the delegates.

PRESIDENT - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Randy Lew
Delegate #62 – Mike Sanford moved the nominations be closed.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Randy Lew.

SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Debbie Stewart.
Delegate #62, Mike Rogers, moved the nominations be closed.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Debbie Stewart.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Nancy Kelly.
Delegate #17, Dennis Heffley, moved the nominations be closed.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Nancy Kelly.

TRUSTEE #1 - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Steve Coxen.
Delegate #3, Maria Mistos, moved the nominations be closed.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Steve Coxen.

TRUSTEE #2 - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Ken Calkins. Robb Margrave and Sue Kane were nominated from the floor.
Delegate #21, George Kish, moved the nominations be closed.
Robb Margrave and Sue Kane deferred to run for third trustee.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Ken Calkins.

TRUSTEE #3
The Nominating Committee entered the names of Robb Margrave. Sue Kane was nominated from the floor.
Delegate #62, Mike Rogers moved the nominations be closed.
Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken.
John Watson, Nominating Committee Chairman, announced the election of Robb Margrave.

VP Council Services - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Fran Long
Delegate #168, Maxine Hanlon, moved the nominations be closed.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Fran Long.

VP Marketing - The nominating committee entered the name of Debbi Kor-Lew. Bonnie West was nominated from the floor.
Delegate #23, Susie Vetter, moved the nominations be closed.
Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken.
John Watson, Nominating Committee Chairman, announced the election of Debbi Kor-Lew.

VP Membership - The nominating committee entered the name of Barbara Bryant.
Delegate # 3, Maria Mistos, moved the nominations be closed.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Barbara Bryant.

VP Communication - The nominating committee entered the name Ray Craig.
Delegate #23, Susie Vetter, moved the nominations be closed.
The election being uncontested, John Watson announced a ballot of acclamation for Ray Craig.

VP International Travel – The nominating Committee entered the names of Norm Azevedo and Joe Loader.
Delegate #62, Mike Rogers, moved the nominations be closed.
Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken.
John Watson, Nominating Committee Chairman, announced the election of Norm Azevedo.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy Kelly announced that a detailed treasurer's report is on page 10 of the Delegate Handbook. We now have \$429,000 in the treasury.

MSC
Treasurer's Report

Moved Delegate #148, moved to accept the Treasurer's report
Seconded by Delegate #23, Susie Vetter
Motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Randy recognized Mike Sanford, Steve Coxen, Catherine Ohl and Gene Fulkerson for the wonderful job they did on last year's convention.

He thanked Award Chairperson Susie Vetter for her dedicated efforts in administering the Awards Program the last two years.

He thanked Kathy and Tucker Hoffmann who have done such a wonderful job on International Travel.

He thanked Debbie Kor-Lew for her work on renewing Aspen and Steamboat sponsorships for our Ski Heritage and Safety programs. Also, he thanked her for getting the Barbados sponsorship for the Athletic Scholarship Program.

Randy stressed that we need to communicate with our Councils and Membership in the following year. In addition, we need to address how we can develop programs for young families.

He thanked the Board of Trustees for all their work.

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPORT

Jan Wyckoff announced that our sponsors are listed on page 10 of the Delegate Handbook. We received \$6,000 in prizes and another \$10,000 in cash. She asked all members to please support our industry sponsors.

Barbara Razo reported that the silent auction brought in \$36,400. She was pleased that the Industry continues to support FWSA. \$93,000 in ski trips were donated with a 30% return.

FAR WEST RACING REPORT

Bob Ellis reminded everyone about the Keystone Nationals Jan. 17-21, 2007. The Far West Ski Association Championships will be held at Mt. Bachelor the last weekend in March, 2007.

RESOLUTIONS – John Watson requested that delegates come to the microphone to read their resolutions. They are as follows:

Resolution #1 – Laudatory Resolution – Nancy Furtado and Bill Funkhouser Proclamation

WHEREAS, Nancy Furtado and Bill Funkhouser have shared their lives for 30 years, and
WHEREAS, they also have been dedicated volunteers in their club, racing and the FWSA Convention.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, FWSA celebrate their marriage on June 7, 2006 and honeymoon at the 2006 convention.

Moved by Delegate #148 Nancy Kelly; Seconded by Delegate #150 Richard Shawkey.

Resolution #2 – Laudatory Resolution – Phil Mahre

WHEREAS, ski racing competition requires a strong and vigorous regimen, and
WHEREAS, the northwest has produced some of the most memorable athletes.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we encourage a “New” unseeded face on the slalom circuit and congratulate his start-at-the back of the pack 2nd place finish in last week’s Golden Rose Senior Race and applaud this 47 year old US Nationals comeback hopeful – Phil Mahre.

Moved by Delegate #69 Diane Hicks; Seconded by Delegate #70, Colleen Walter

Resolution #3 – Laudatory Resolution - Northwest Council’s Weather Comments

WHEREAS, at the awesome FWSA 75th Anniversary convention the Zonies promised the waterlogged members of the NWSCC that the sky’s would be blue and the temperatures hot, and
WHEREAS, “hot” was not defined, and
WHEREAS, we were disappointed the mercury did not top 110 degrees.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the members of NWSCC reluctantly accept the cool low 100 degree temperatures encountered at the 76th FWSA convention as being “hot” and absolve the Zonies from any further weather promises.

Moved by Delegate #79, Dale Parshall; Seconded by Delegate #138 Sheri Parshall.

The meeting **recessed** for brunch at 11:00 A.M.

The FWSA 73rd Annual Meeting **reconvened** at 11:20 A.M.

FWSA RAFFLE

Sponsors for the FWSA Raffle were recognized and thanked for their contributions. A drawing was then held for the raffle. The Barbados Raffle winner was Peter Morrison from Visalia. Debbi Kor-Lew also gave out additional prizes to Barbados ticket holders.

Continuation of Resolutions:

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution - Michael German

WHEREAS, he is the consummate *Good Old Boy*, also known as a “GOB,” inserting himself into not only the lives, but also many photographs of friends, acquaintances, and strangers alike, injecting fun, foolishness, noire and frivolity (along with just enough wisdom) into any and all events, no matter how boring they were doomed to be, making everyone feel as if they were his best friend and often making them unwitting co-conspirators in all kinds of outrageous and sophomoric behaviors.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Michael John German be forever recognized as one of the Best Friends that Far West Ski Association, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs and North Island Snowdrifters could ever have and that he be granted membership in those bodies – forever.

Moved by Delegate #100, Cheryl Riess; Seconded by Delegate #99, Rick Bonnett

Resolution #5 – Substantive Resolution – FWSA/FWRA Mini-Week

WHEREAS, FWSA conducts an annual 3 day race championship which is attended by both racers and skiers from all FWSA councils.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, FWSA and FWRA travel program staff work together to establish a FWSA/FWRA mini ski week/championship with ski lessons and racing in a combined venue.

Moved by Delegate #167, Mark Hanlon; Seconded by Delegate #168, Maxine Hanlon.
Referred to VP North American Travel Lynnell Calkins

Resolution #6 – Substantive Resolution - Award nominations, voting and tabulation

WHEREAS, be it noted that FWSA has a great history of contribution and dedication by so many volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the association has over many years honored the outstanding people by the annual bestowing of notable awards and accolades upon them at our convention, and
WHEREAS, the nomination and selection of awardees has traditionally been conducted via manual process, involving considerable costs in time and money for the printing, mailing of ballots and the collation of results.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as we are living in the electronic age. I propose that the Far West Ski Association convert the annual awards nomination, voting and tabulation process to an electronic format with all transactions being conducted on-line as a controlled access portion of the FWSA.org website. Finally, I move that the FWS Board of Directors and Trustees establish a committee to develop this website, its format procedures, and protocols. Also, that the FWSA commit to the full implementation of this resolution by the 2008 convention.

Moved by Delegate #167, Mark Hanlon; Seconded by Delegate #168, Maxine Hanlon.
Referred to the Board of Trustees

Resolution #7 – Substantive Resolution – More Visible International Travel Announcements

WHEREAS, information regarding travel location selection and sign-up is conducted on a highly secretive basis with little to no visibility to the general membership, and
WHEREAS, International trips have typically been filled prior to release of sign-ups to the general membership.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the travel chairmen conduct short and long range travel planning with a public report released as part of the convention Delegate Handbook and the web page. Secondly, that notice of all trips be posted on the web site two weeks prior to sign-ups, emails sent to all clubs, presidents, and VP's of travel. No sign-ups accepted prior to this notification period.

Moved by Delegate #167, Mark Hanlon; Seconded by Delegate #21, George Kish.

Discussion: the following delegates spoke about the resolution: Norm Azevedo, Mike Sanford, and Tucker Hoffman.

MSC
Resolution
#7
Moved Delegate #7, the matter be referred to the Board of Directors, VP of North American Travel and VP of International Travel.
Seconded by Delegate #59, Robb Margrave
Motion carried.

Resolution #8 – Substantive Resolution - Longer Terms

WHEREAS, some of the FWSA officers have been in office for a long time, and
WHEREAS, most elected offices – even US President, have term limits, and
WHEREAS, term limits will promote diversity in the participation of ski clubs and councils throughout the region.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, FWSA officers be limited to four consecutive years in any one office.

Moved by Delegates #152, Gail Stewart and Delegate #68, Gretchen Bornhop; Seconded by Delegate #115 Mary Albritton and Delegate #130 Ken Calkins.

Discussion: Mike Sanford said that we need more people to come forward and volunteer to run for office. In addition, some of these offices require time to learn what the job entails. Robb Margrave concurred with Mike.

MSC
Resolution
#8
Moved Delegate #62, Mike Rogers moved the motion be tabled
Seconded by Delegate #100, Cheryl Riess
Motion carried

Resolution #9, Laudatory Resolution – Arizona's Hosting of the 2006 Convention

WHEREAS, Arizona Ski Council led us through the cactus and tumble weeds, and
WHEREAS, Arizona Ski Council hosted one of the hottest FWSA conventions on record, and
WHEREAS, the FWSA 74th Convention was a wonderful experience and success with the efforts of the Arizona Ski Council.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bay Area Sports Council invites one and all to the Coolest Themes for the FWSA's 75th convention in Santa Clara, CA.

Double Diamond Dreamin'

Moved by Delegate #187, Dennis Heffley; Seconded by Delegate# 72, Linda Indreboe.

FWSA OFFICERS' REPORTS:

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REPORT

Tucker Hoffman encouraged everyone to get their deposits in for the Bormio Ski trip. He thanked his wife Kathy for all her hard work and congratulated her on receiving the President's award. He also thanked all the staff members who had help out during the years.

NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL REPORT

Lynnell Calkins talked about the success of the Telluride Ski Week, the upcoming Panama Canal trip and the 2007 Ski Week at Steamboat.

COUNCIL SERVICEDES REPORT

Fran Long thanked Donn Bryant for his hard work on the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year.

MARKETING REPORT

Debbie Kor-Lew announced that Big white and Silver Star have opted to continue supporting the scholarship program for next year.

Old Business – None

New Business - None

ADJOURNMENT

MSC

Moved by Delegate #1127, Ken Calkins, the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Delegate #187, Dennis Heffley.

Motion carried

Meeting

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Azevedo, FWSA Secretary

FWSA Bylaws

As Amended June 11, 2006 by John Watson, Bylaws Committee Chair

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06/11/2006

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of this organization shall be "FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION".

2.0 PURPOSES

2.1 The purposes for which Far West Ski Association was formed and is operated and conducted are exclusively charitable, educational, civic, recreational and social; and its primary objectives are

To take an active civic interest in and to encourage, develop and maintain the sport of skiing as a healthful outdoor recreation.

To promote, encourage and maintain friendly relations between skiers, members and other organizations interested in the sport of skiing; to cooperate with other such organizations instituted and maintained for purposes comparable to the purposes of this Association.

To cooperate, if required, with any governmental or other agency engaged in activities affecting the sport of skiing and winter sports, to the end that the public at large may obtain the fullest appropriate use and enjoyment of areas particularly adapted to wintertime use and recreation.

To develop skill in skiing and to standardize rules governing ski competitions, races and other ski events.

To establish and maintain uniform tests of amateur standing among skiers in conformity with the higher ideals of a gentlemanly sport.

To render such services as do not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to its members and for all the purposes for which individuals may associate themselves subject to the laws and regulations applicable to nonprofit corporations of the State of California.

In general, to carry on any business and to exercise all rights and privileges and do all things incidental or desirable for carrying out the foregoing purposes.

3.0 AUTONOMY

3.1 Far West Ski Association, sometimes referred to as "FWSA" or the "Association", herein, is an autonomous non-profit California corporation.

4.0 CONTROL OF PROPERTY

4.1 The Association shall not be liable for any debts other than its own, shall not enter into any form of guarantees for the debts of another, and no property, real or personal, belonging to the Association shall be subject to the debts of or control from any other organization.

5.0 FISCAL YEAR

5.1 The fiscal year shall begin May 1 of each year.

6.0 GEOGRAPHIC AREA

- 6.1 Far West Ski Association shall restrict its membership recruiting to those geographic areas as determined by the Board of Directors of this Association which for most part will cover those geographic areas which have historically been recognized as the Far West Region.

7.0 RULES OF ORDER

- 7.1 All meetings of the Association, and meetings of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Councils Committee shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order except where otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 Membership shall be open to all individuals who subscribe to the goals and purposes of this organization.

8.2 Definitions for Membership

- 8.2.1 A "Member" shall be any individual who has fulfilled the requirements and application procedures for membership as set forth in Section 8.4.1, herein, and has paid the annual dues, if any, as prescribed by the Association.
- 8.2.2 A "Club Member" shall be any individual Member who is a member in good standing of an FWSA "Affiliated Ski Club".
- 8.2.3 A "Direct Member" shall be any individual Member who is not a member of an FWSA "Affiliated Ski Club".
- 8.2.4 A "Honorary Member" shall be any deserving individuals who by affirmative vote of the Board of Directors is so designated.
- 8.2.5 A "Ski Club" shall be a ski club, ski association or other ski organization which has at least 10 individual members in good standing in accordance with the membership requirements of that club, association or organization.
- 8.2.6 An "Affiliated Ski Club", hereinafter referred to as "Ski Club", herein, shall be a Ski Club which has fulfilled the requirements and application procedures for affiliation as set forth in Section 8.4, herein, has had its affiliation request accepted and processed by FWSA and has paid the current annual affiliation fee, if any, as prescribed by the Association.
- 8.2.7 An "Unaffiliated Club" shall refer to any Ski Club which is not affiliated with FWSA.
- 8.2.8 A "Council Club" shall be any "Affiliated Ski Club" which is a member in good standing of an FWSA Council.
- 8.2.9 A "Direct Club" shall be any "Affiliated Ski Club" which is not a member of an FWSA Council.
- 8.2.10 FWSA Members or Individual Members shall refer to the total number of Club Members and Direct Members of the Association.
- 8.2.11 FWSA Affiliated Ski Clubs shall refer to the total number of Council Clubs and Direct Clubs of the Association.

8.3 Categories of Membership

- 8.3.1 Club Member (individual)

8.3.2 Direct Member (individual)

8.3.3 Honorary Member (individual)

8.4 Requirements and Application for Membership or Affiliation

8.4.1 Application for membership shall be submitted in writing/on the Association's Membership Application Form, accompanied by the appropriate dues as set by the Association and addressed to the V.P. of Membership of the Association.

8.4.2 A ski club, ski association or other ski organization must qualify as a Ski Club as defined in Section 8.2.5, herein, to become affiliated with FWSA.

8.4.3 Any ski club, ski association or other ski organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, with its regular meeting place within the membership recruitment area of the Far West Ski Association, may apply to become an Affiliated Ski Club of the Association by following the procedures as set forth, herein.

8.4.4 Application for Ski Club affiliation shall be submitted in writing/on the Association's Affiliation Application Form, accompanied by appropriate fees; addressed to the V.P. of Membership of the Association; and signed by the responsible executive officer of the applicant/Ski Club.

8.4.5 Application for Ski Club affiliation shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's Articles of Incorporation, Partnership Agreement, Unincorporated Association Agreement, Constitution or other similar enabling document; a copy of its By-Laws, if any; and a list of all of its members at the time of application.

8.5 Additional Categories of Membership

8.5.1 The Board of Directors is authorized to create additional categories of membership, to be effective as specified by the Board of Directors and such action by the Board of Directors shall be subject to ratification by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association, but no changes may be made by the Board of Directors to the existing categories of membership as set forth in these By-Laws.

8.6 Benefits of Membership

8.6.1 Individual members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Association; express their opinions on matters considered at those meetings; hold an elected office or position on the Board of Trustees; hold Committee positions within the Association; receive all regularly issued publications of the Association and any special benefits offered by the Association, from time to time; and have such other rights, privileges and benefits as are set forth in these By-Laws.

8.7 Expulsion from Membership or Affiliation

8.7.1 Any individual Member or any Affiliated Ski Club may be expelled from membership or affiliation, respectively, by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all votes actually cast on the issue at any Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for such purpose.

9.0 DUES AND FEES

9.1 Establishment and changing of Dues and Fees

9.1.1 Dues and fees shall be established or changed at the Annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the establishment or change is being considered.

9.1.2 The Board of Directors is authorized to establish appropriate membership dues for any categories of membership established pursuant to Section 8.5, herein, and such action by the Board of Directors shall be subject to ratification by the Delegates at the next Annual meeting of the Association, but no changes may be made by the Board of Directors to the dues which have been previously ratified by the membership for any existing categories of membership.

9.1.3 Dues for Direct Members shall always be set at least \$5.00 higher than the dues for Club Members of Non-100% Ski Clubs, as long as 100% and Non-100% Ski Clubs' dues are different amounts, otherwise, dues for Direct Members will just be set at least \$5.00 higher than dues for Ski Club Members.

10.0 MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

10.1 Definitions for Meetings of the Association

10.1.1 A person shall be considered registered at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association after filling out the required registration form(s) and paying the required registration fee(s), if any, for such meeting.

10.1.2 A "Delegate" shall be an individual who is a Member in good standing of FWSA as set forth in Section 8.0, herein, is registered as set forth in Section 10.1.1 and is officially registered with the Credentials Committee as set forth in Section 10.4.2, herein, at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association then in session.

10.1.3 A member of a Ski Club shall be a person who has been officially accepted as a member of said Ski Club in accordance with said Ski Club's membership requirements and policies, is currently a member in good standing of said Ski Club and may not be a person who is still an applicant of said Ski Club.

10.1.4 The "Direct Members' bloc" shall be made up of all of the current Direct Members of record of the organization.

10.2 Annual Meeting of the Association

10.2.1 The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held between April 1 and July 1 of each year, on a date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

10.2.2 The agenda at the Annual Meeting of the Association shall include the following:

- Presentation and consideration of credentials
- Reading of minutes of last meeting.
- Reports from the President and Treasurer.
- Committee and panel meetings.
- Reports from Committees, which have not previously been submitted to the members.
- Unfinished business.
- New business.
- Report from the Nominating Committee and election of Officers and Trustees.
- Adjournment.

10.3 Special Meetings of the Association

10.3.1 Special Meetings of the Association shall be called by the Secretary, upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or upon written request of either one-third (1/3) of the individual members or one-third (1/3) of the Ski Clubs.

10.4 Delegates to Meetings of the Association

10.4.1 A Delegate may represent either Club Members or Direct Members at a Meeting of the Association, but not both and may not be a Delegate for more than one Ski Club.

10.4.2 To be an officially registered Delegate, a person must be on the Delegate list submitted by the Ski Club which they will represent or Delegate list from the registered Direct Members representing the Direct Members' bloc. Such lists must be submitted to the Credentials Committee prior to the time set for such submission at the Meeting then in session.

10.4.3 Each Ski Club may appoint Delegates to all Annual and Special Meetings of the Association pursuant to Section 10.7.1, herein, and these Delegates shall be representing Club Members of the Association, but no person shall be appointed as a Delegate of a Ski Club, by that Ski Club, unless that person is a member in good standing of that Ski Club.

10.4.4 Delegates representing the Direct Members bloc shall be appointed by the Direct Members registered at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association then in session and pursuant to Section 10.7.3, herein.

10.4.5 Each Ski Club shall be entitled to appoint Delegates, based on its number of members as set forth in Section 10.7.1, herein, according to the formula as set forth in Section 10.7.3.

10.5 Quorum for Meetings of the Association

10.5.1 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total number of officially registered Delegates.

10.6 Voting Procedures for Meetings of the Association

10.6.1 Votes at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association may only be cast by officially registered Delegates to said meeting.

10.6.2 Each Delegate present at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association and present at such Meeting at the time a vote is taken on any motion, matter or issue presented to the Delegates for consideration, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on such motion, matter or issue, unless otherwise stated, herein.

10.6.3 Passage of any motion, matter or issue presented to the Delegates for consideration at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association, shall require a majority vote of the quorum as set forth in Section 10.5.1, herein, unless otherwise stated, herein.

10.7 Determination of the Number of Delegates at Meetings of the Association.

10.7.1 The number of Delegates which may be appointed by a Ski Club or the Direct Members' bloc shall be determined pursuant to Section 10.7.3, herein, based on the number of members of record of said Ski Club or the Direct Member bloc as of forty-five (45) days prior to the date of each Annual meeting or as of the date of any Special Meeting.

10.7.2 Any dispute concerning the number of Delegates shall be resolved by the Credentials Committee.

10.7.3 The formula for calculating the number of Delegates which may be appointed by each Ski Club and the Direct Members' bloc at Annual and Special Meetings of the Association is:

<u>No. of members in a Ski Club or in the Direct Members' bloc</u>	<u>Total Number of Delegates Entitled to be Appointed</u>
At least:	
10	2
15	3

20	4
30	5
40	6
50	7
60	8
70	9
80	10
90	11
100	12
125	13
150	14
175	15
200	16
250	17
300	18
350	19
400 or more	20

10.8 Notice of Meetings of the Association

10.8.1 Notice of all Annual and Special Meetings of the Association shall be given at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the meeting and shall include the important items on the agenda for the meeting.

11.0 ELECTED OFFICES

11.1 Definitions for Elected Offices

11.1.1 An "Officer", sometimes referred to as an "Elected Officer", herein, of the Association shall be any individual elected to an elected office as set forth in Section 11.2, herein.

11.2 Titles of Elected Offices

- 11.2.1 President
- 11.2.2 Secretary
- 11.2.3 Treasurer
- 11.2.4 V.P. of Membership
- 11.2.5 V.P. of Marketing
- 11.2.6 V.P. of North American Travel
- 11.2.7 V.P. of Public Affairs
- 11.2.8 V.P. of Communications
- 11.2.9 V.P. of Council Services
- 11.2.10 V.P. of International Travel

11.3 Terms of office of Elected Offices

11.3.1 Terms of office shall begin on the day of the election.

11.3.2 The elected offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one (1) year terms and shall, therefore, be elected annually.

11.3.3 The remaining elected offices shall be for two (2) year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered with the offices of the Vice Presidents of Marketing, Membership, Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of North American Travel, Public Affairs, and Council Services.

11.3.4 The Officers shall serve the terms as set forth in Sections 11.3.2 and 11.3.3, herein, or until their successors take office.

11.4 Eligibility for Election to Elected Offices

11.4.1 Any individual Member may be nominated and elected at an Annual Meeting of the Association for any one of the elected offices of the Association up for election at that Annual Meeting.

11.4.2 Any individual nominated for an elected office shall hold an individual membership in the Association as required in Section 8.0, herein, and if elected to an elected office, said individual shall maintain such membership in the Association during their term of office.

11.5 Voting for Elected Offices

11.5.1 Each Delegate, as defined in Section 10.1.2, herein, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for one (1) candidate in each elected office up for election at an Annual meeting of the Association.

11.6 Election to Elected Offices

11.6.1 The candidate who receives the highest number of the votes cast in an election for an office of the Association, shall be elected to such office.

11.6.2 In the event of a tie for the highest number of the votes cast in an election, there shall be a run-off vote between the candidates tied for the highest number of the votes cast.

11.7 Duties of Elected Officers

11.7.1 The Officers of this Association shall perform such executive and administrative duties and functions as shall be within the designation of their respective offices as well as such additional duties and functions as may be assigned, from time to time, by the President or Board of Directors.

11.8 Line of Authority for Elected Officers

11.8.1 The Secretary, Treasurer and all Vice Presidents of the Association shall report directly to the President and shall be directed by the President in the performance of the duties and functions of their offices.

11.9 Resignation from Elected Offices

11.9.1 Any Officer of the Association may, at any time, resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

11.10 Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices

11.10.1 In the event of a vacancy in any elected office of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a qualified person to fill such vacant office or position until that office or position is filled by an election by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. If the position, filled by the appointment by the Board of Directors, would not normally be scheduled for election at the next Annual Meeting, the election, referred to above, of the new Officer shall only be for the length of time which remains in the original term for that office.

11.11 Dual Positions in Elected Offices

11.11.1 No individual may hold or be elected to more than one elected office at the same time, or serve as Immediate Past President and hold an elected office at the same time.

11.11.2 No individual may hold or be elected to an elected office while holding an elected position on the Board of Trustees.

11.12 Removal from Elected Offices

11.12.1 Notice of intent to propose removal of an Officer to the Members of the Association and notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the proposed removal will be considered shall be mailed to all members of the Board of Directors and the Officer whose removal is sought at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting and the Officer whose removal is being sought shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to the Board of Directors prior to the Board of Directors taking a vote on the proposed removal at the meeting referred to in the above mentioned notice.

11.12.2 Upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number members of the Board of Directors, a recommendation for removal of an Officer shall be presented to the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Association called for said purpose. Written notice of said meeting stating the purpose of said meeting shall be mailed to the Members of the Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.

12.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

12.1 Definitions for the Board of Trustees

12.1.1 A "Trustee" of the Association shall be any individual who is a member of the Board of Trustees as set forth in Section 12.3, herein.

12.1.2 An "ex officio" member of the Board of Trustees is a member by virtue of their position or office as set forth in Section 12.3.2, herein.

12.2 Number of Members on the Board of Trustees

12.2.1 The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) individuals.

12.3 Members of the Board of Trustees

12.3.1 There shall be four (4) elected members of the Board of Trustees.

12.3.2 There shall be three (3) ex officio members of the Board of Trustees, being the President, Immediate Past President and Treasurer of the Association.

12.4 Terms of Position on the Board of Trustees

12.4.1 Terms of position for Trustees shall begin on the day of the election.

12.4.2 Trustees shall be elected for two (2) year terms and the elections for the Trustees shall be staggered so that two (2) Trustees are elected each year.

12.4.3 The Trustees shall serve the terms as set forth in Section 12.4.2, herein, or until their successors take office.

12.5 Eligibility for election to the Board of Trustees

12.5.1 Any individual nominated for a Trustees position shall hold an individual membership in the Association as required in Section 8.0, herein, and if elected to said Trustees position, said individual shall maintain such membership in the Association during their term as a Trustee.

12.5.2 Any individual Member may be nominated and elected at an Annual Meeting of the Association for one (1) of the two (2) Trustees positions up for election at that Annual Meeting.

12.6 Voting for Trustees

12.6.1 Each Delegate, as defined in Section 10.1.2, herein, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for one (1) of the candidates running for each Trustee position up for election at an Annual meeting of the Association.

12.7 Election to the Board to Trustees

12.7.1 The candidate who receives the highest number of the votes cast in an election for an open position on the Board of Trustees of the Association, shall be elected to such office.

12.7.2 In the event of a tie for the highest number of the votes cast in an election, there shall be a run-off vote between the candidates tied for the highest number of the votes cast.

12.8 Chairman of the Board of Trustees

12.8.1 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees must be one of the elected Trustees and may not be the Association's President, Past President or Treasurer.

12.8.2 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be elected annually by the members of the Board of Trustees at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following each Annual Meeting of the Association pursuant to the requirements for action by the Board of Trustees as set forth in Section 12.11, herein.

12.9 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

12.9.1 The Board of Trustees shall meet at least two (2) times annually.

12.9.2 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as set forth in Section 12.8, herein, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

12.9.3 Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be called, scheduled and/or authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees or any four (4) Trustees.

12.9.4 Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be accurately kept and copies of those minutes shall be mailed to every member of the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and Councils Committee in a timely manner.

12.10 Quorum Required for meetings of the Board of Trustees

12.10.1 A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall be necessary for the Board of Trustees to take action.

12.10.2 A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of the total number of Trustees.

12.11 Requirements for Action by the Board of Trustees

12.11.1 Action by the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 12.10.1, herein, shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present, unless otherwise stated, herein.

12.11.2 No member of the Board of Trustees may vote upon a matter being considered at any meeting of the Board of Trustees unless that member is present at said meeting and present at the time the vote is taken.

12.11.3 The members of the Board of Trustees shall have no powers to act individually in their capacities as members of the Board of Trustees, but may act only as a Board.

12.12 Duties of the Board of Trustees

12.12.1 The Board of Trustees shall be in charge of long-range planning for the Association as well as insuring that the Association's corporate records are maintained and timely filings are made.

12.13 Resignation from the Board of Trustees

12.13.1 Any Trustee of the Association may, at any time, resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

12.14 Filling Vacancies on the Board of Trustees

12.14.1 In the event of a vacancy in an elected Trustees position, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a qualified person to fill such vacant position until that position is filled by an election by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. If the position, filled by the appointment by the Board of Directors, would not normally be scheduled for election at the next Annual Meeting, the election, referred to above, of the new Trustee shall only be for the length of time which remains in the original term for that Trustee position.

12.15 Dual Positions on the Board of Trustees

12.15.1 No individual may hold or be elected to more than one elected Trustee position at the same time.

12.15.2 No individual may hold or be elected to a Trustee position while holding an "elected office".

12.16 Removal from the Board of Trustees

12.16.1 Notice of intent to propose removal of a Trustee to the Members of the Association and notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the proposed removal will be considered shall be mailed to all members of the Board of Directors and the Trustee whose removal is sought at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting and the Trustee whose removal is being sought shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to the Board of Directors prior to the Board of Directors taking a vote on the proposed removal at the meeting referred to in the above mentioned notice.

12.16.2 Upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of members of the Board of Directors, a recommendation for removal of a Trustee shall be presented to the Delegates at a Special Meeting of the Association. Written notice of said meeting stating the purpose of said meeting shall be mailed to the Members of the Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.

13.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13.1 Definitions for the Board of Directors

13.1.1 A "Director" of the Association shall be any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors as set forth in Section 13.2, herein.

13.1.2 The "Immediate Past President" is the individual who last held the elected office of President immediately prior to the individual currently holding the office of President.

13.2 Members of the Board of Directors

13.2.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers (as set forth in Section 11.2, herein), Immediate Past President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association.

13.3 Chairman of the Board of Directors

13.3.1 The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

13.4 Meetings of the Board of Directors

13.4.1 The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times annually.

13.4.2 The Chairman of the Board of Directors, as set forth in Section 13.3, herein, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as set forth in Section 12.8, herein, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors.

13.4.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called, scheduled and/or authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or by any seven (7) Directors.

13.4.4 Minutes of all meeting of the Board of Directors shall be accurately kept by the Secretary of the Association and copies of those minutes shall be mailed to every member of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Councils Committee in a timely manner.

13.4.5 Voting privileges shall be extended, at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, to

a) Those (FWSA area) Council Presidents present.

b) The Far West Racing Association's President, who is designated FWSA V.P. of Racing, when present.

c) The Far West Ski Association's "non-Director" Trustees, when present.

d) Any other representative or representatives from other affiliated or associated organization/s as authorized by the current Board of Directors, which authorization expires at the following annual meeting/convention; with the total of those authorized representatives not to exceed 20% of the then current Board of Directors.

13.4.5.1 Persons casting a vote under Section 13.4.5 have a fiduciary responsibility to the Association/FWSA, and so shall act in the best interests of the Association as a whole and not those confined to one of its component elements or programs. The minutes of the Board meetings where any person, or persons, covered under Section 13.4.5 casts a vote must accurately record which of those persons, if any, did cast a vote on each motion/action item voted upon.

(clarification) ---> [On each motion voted upon, each "vote-extended-to" person is to either 1) vote "yes" or 2) vote "no" or 3) not vote at all - a "no" vote IS counted as a vote. Only #3, "not vote at all", relieves the "vote-extended-to" person of having to making a fiduciary commitment on that motion/action item being decided/voted on. The minutes should record/ reflect/indicate which "vote-extended to" people (their names and the names of the organizations they represent) voted - to be recorded is the fact that they voted/cast a vote, NOT how they voted.]

13.5 Quorum Required for Meetings of the Board of Directors

13.5.1 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for the Board of Directors to take action.

13.5.2 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the total number of Directors.

13.6 Requirements for Action by the Board of Directors

13.6.1 Action by the Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 13.5.1, herein, shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present, unless otherwise stated, herein.

(clarification added 4/17/96) ---> [Per "Robert's Rules of Order", "a majority vote means a majority (more than half) of the votes CAST, ignoring blanks (abstentions), at a legal meeting, a quorum being present." Therefore, if, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the BOD, any "additional" votes are cast (votes in addition to those cast by the Directors present, additional votes as are authorized by, and "otherwise stated, herein" in, Section 13.4.5 "Voting privileges shall be extended, at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, to"), it will then take an affirmative vote of a majority of the total (all) votes CAST to adopt a motion/for "Action by the Board of Directors" at that meeting.]

13.6.2 No member of the Board of Directors may vote upon a matter being considered at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless that member is present at said meeting and present at the time the vote is taken.

13.6.3 The members of the Board of Directors shall have no powers to act individually in their capacities as members of the Board of Directors, but may act only as a Board.

13.7 Duties of the Board of Directors

13.7.1 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the Association, the operation and management of the Association and setting policies for the guidance of the Officers and Trustees of the Association.

13.8 Dual Positions on the Board of Directors

13.8.1 No individual may hold more than one position on the Board of Directors at the same time.

13.9 Resignation from the Board of Directors

13.9.1 Any Director/member of the Board of Directors of the Association, not covered under Sections 11.9 (Elected Officers) or 12.13 (Board of Trustees), herein, may at any time resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

13.9.2 In the position of "Immediate Past President", that Director shall be deemed to have resigned his/her position on the Board of Directors upon missing three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors within the twelve (12) months following any annual convention.

13.10 Vacancy in the Position of "Immediate Past President"

13.10.1 Upon receipt of a resignation, in accordance with Section 13.9.1, or upon missing three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors, as set forth in Section 13.9.2, the position on the Board of Directors of "Immediate Past President" shall immediately be declared vacant by the President and removed from the positions on the Board of Directors until such time as the position can again be filled by the current President when he/she no longer holds the elected office of President.

14.0 COMMITTEES

14.1 Definitions for Committees

14.1.1 A "Committeeman" shall be any designated individual serving on a Committee of the Association, as set forth in Section 14.0, herein.

14.1.2 Special Committees shall be Committees formed for the purpose of performing specifically stated tasks or functions and shall exist until such tasks or functions are completed.

14.2 Categories of Committees

14.2.1 Standing Committees

14.2.2 Special Committees

14.3 Authority for Creation of Committees

14.3.1 The Board of Directors may establish such Standing and/or Special Committees of the Association as may be necessary for the guidance, operation or administration of the affairs of the Association.

14.4 Chairman and Members of Committees

14.4.1 The Committee Chairmen to chair such Committees as established pursuant to Section 14.3.1, herein, and the members of such Committees so formed shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors. The President and the Board of Directors may delegate the appointment of the individual members of said Committees to the Chairman of the Committee or the Officer of the Association within whose area of function the Committee will operate.

14.5 Eligibility for being a Member of a Committees

14.5.1 All Chairmen and members of Committees shall be required to hold and maintain individual memberships in the Association as set forth in Section 8.0, herein, while serving on any Committees so established.

14.6 Line of Authority for Committees

14.6.1 The Chairman of each Committee shall report to and take direction from the Officer within whose area of responsibility such Committee operates. If there is no Officer of the Association whose area of responsibility covers the function of the Committee, the Committee Chairman shall report to the President.

15.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

15.1 No elected officer or Trustee shall serve in a capacity which has an adverse effect upon a similar Far West program as determined by the Board of Directors.

15.2 At any time that the Board of Directors considers, discusses, or votes upon a contract or other transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors, or between the Association and any corporation, firm, association, or business in which one or more of its Directors are financially interested, or in any position of control, the fact of such interest, shall be fully disclosed by the Director involved and noted in the minutes.

15.3 The Board of Directors may authorize, approve, or ratify any such transaction in good faith and shall require a vote which would be sufficient for that purpose without counting the vote or votes of the interested Director or Directors.

15.4 Any transaction undertaken by the Board of Directors in violation of this provision shall be void.

16.0 AMENDMENTS TO THESE BY-LAWS

16.1 Amendments to these By-Laws may be considered and voted upon at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

16.2 All proposed Amendments to these By-Laws shall be presented, in writing, to the Secretary or President/Chairman of the Board of Directors.

- 16.3 The proposed Amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted, pursuant to Section 16.2, herein, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the meeting at which they are to be considered is scheduled to begin.
- 16.4 Proposed Amendments shall bear the signatures of any five (5) Club Members and/or Direct Members of the Association.
- 16.5 No later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed Amendments are to be considered, a written notice of proposal to amend which also states the date of the start of and the location of said meeting, along with a copy of the text of each proposed Amendment shall be mailed to each Ski Club at its last known address.
- 16.6 The information contained in Section 16.5, herein, shall be published, in its entirety, in such regular publication of the Association as shall be regularly sent to all Club Members and Direct Members, in the edition published closest to the date thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
- 16.7 Approval of any proposed By-Laws Amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the Amendment is being considered. Any section numbering changes will automatically change their appropriate reference in any other section of the by-laws.
- 16.8 Amendments to proposed By-Laws amendments cannot be made at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Association.

17.0 DISSOLUTION OF THIS CORPORATION

- 17.1 This corporation may be dissolved only at an Annual Meeting of the Association and such dissolution shall require a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of all registered Delegates at said Annual Meeting.
- 17.2 Proposal of recommendation for dissolution shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Association or President/Chairman of the Board of Directors in the same manner as a proposed Amendment to these By-Laws.
- 17.3 Notice of such intended dissolution shall be given to the membership of the Association in the same manner as a proposed Amendment to these By-Laws.
- 17.4 It is expressly understood that this organization is a nonprofit corporation, organized under the non-profit Corporation Laws of the State of California, and upon dissolution, none of its assets shall inure to the benefit of any individual Member but shall be distributed to the Far West Ski Foundation, and in the event that said Far West Ski Foundation is not then in existence, to such other fund or foundation, as is designated by the Board of Directors, whose property is dedicated to the exempt purposes as are specified in the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

Resolution

Far West Ski Association Resolution Submission Form

Maker of resolution – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Seconded by – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Type of resolution Laudatory Substantive*

***If this is a Substantive Resolution complete the following:**

1. Committee(s) to be referred to (if any), if this is a substantive resolution, and action(s) required: _____

2. Would there be a financial impact to FWSA if this resolution is passed? If yes, explain. _____

Provide date resolution is to take effect: _____

Resolution

WHEREAS, _____

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, _____

Do Not Write Below This Line

Resolution # _____

Passed

Defeated

Tabled

Referred to Committee

Director Report

Communications by Ray Craig, VP

The FWSA website, and the publication of the FWSA Skiers Guide and Councilman continue to be the main source of information about FWSA and its many programs. FWSA has many programs that can be of tremendous help for individual members, the Clubs and Councils. The FWSA programs are developed with a great deal of interaction and participation by the clubs and their members. FWSA wants do what ever it can to help the clubs and councils be effective for their members.

A lot of thanks goes to **Steve Coxen** for his many years of dedication to the development and upkeep of the website. You can find all the news on the website – clubs, travel, convention, awards, etc!

For 19 years **Leigh Gieringer** has produced first-rate issues of the FWSA Skiers Guide, and the 2006-2007 issue is as better than ever! The Guide has information concerning clubs, councils, ski resort and much more that can be used as membership tool. Be sure to note the discounts provided by vendors in their ads to FWSA members. Clubs and councils must have updates to Leigh by August 1, 2007, for the next issue. Thanks, Leigh, for your efforts and continued dedication.

Many thanks to **Mary and Norm Azevedo** for their efforts on this year's FWSA quarterly Councilman. Each issue again surpassed the one before and all of FWSA has benefited from their quality publications. As begun last year, the newsletter is now available almost immediately upon completion on the website, www.fwsa.org. Thanks, Mary and Norm, for the continued quality of this publication.

This year's winners for club/council newsletter and website competition will be announced during the convention. In addition, the Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year competition again involved a revered panel of judges reviewing all entries. ALL clubs in FWSA were eligible to enter this competition. Entries this year again consisted of an essay describing how your club deserves to be named FWSA's Outstanding Club of the Year. The essays highlighted what each club did this past year for community outreach, sports awareness and promotion activities, as well as addressed the other categories that are always part of the judging criteria for this award. Many thanks to Karen Davis for her help with the competition program. These winners will also be announced at the convention.

All entries for the 2007 competition must be submitted before September 1, 2006. Entry forms will be available on the website and through Councils.

1. **CLUBS** – For the purposes of judging, affiliated clubs shall be divided into four groups. Class designation will be determined by the actual membership of the club as reported at the 2006 FWSA Convention, unless the club wishes to remain in a higher class.
 - i. Class AAAA – Membership of 325 or more
 - ii. Class AAA - Membership of 200-324
 - iii. Class AA - Membership of 150-100
 - iv. Class A - Membership up to 149

CLUBS ENTERED by Class - Clubs Entered for 2007 Wentworth Publication Competition and Website

A Clubs

1-149 Members

Get Off Your Rocker Ski club
Skiyente Ski Club
Inskiers Ski Club
Snowchasers Ski Club
Rusty Bindings Ski Club
The Unrecables

AAA Clubs

150-324 Members

Phoenix Ski Club
Century City Ski Club
Torrey Pines Ski Club
Fresno Ski Club
Beach Cities Ski Club
Pacific Rim Ski Club

AAAA Clubs

325+ Members

Apres Ski Club
Bergfreunde Ski Club
Conejo Ski Club
North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club

COUNCILS

Los Angeles Council- newsletter, website

San Diego Council- newsletter, website

Northwest Council- newsletter, website

Bay Area Council - newsletter, website

Big Thanks to the Judges for 2007!

Newsletters

Dave Arnold, *North Island Ski Club*
Gordon Cardona, *The Unrecables*
Wendy Brennan, *Beach Cities*
Connie Burdette, *Apres Ski Club*
Laura Meldrum, *Torrey Pines*
Jerry Seifert, *Torrey Pines Ski Club*
Stephanie Young, *North Island Ski Club*
Mary Olhausen, *Bergfreunde*
Gary Pfender, *Phoenix Ski Club*
Anna Pfender, *Phoenix Ski Club*
Jeanne Reinhardt, *Bergfreunde Ski Club*
Mary Olhausen, *NWSCC*
Catherine Ohl, *Pacific Rim Alliance*
John Perkins, *Conejo Ski Club*

Websites

Harry Davis, *Snowchasers Ski Club*

Catherine Ohl, *Pacific Rim Alliance*

Leslie Pally, *Don Diego*

Judith Miller, *Los Angeles Council*

Dorothy McDonald, *Rusty Bindings Ski Club*

Crissymarie King, *Fresno Ski Club*

George Steward, *Sequoia Ski Club*

Nick Cowell, *North Island Snowdrifters*

Cathy Wilson, *Inskiers Ski Club*

Peg Ortner, *Skiyente Ski Club*

Mary Azevedo, *Snowchasers Ski Club*

Shawn Story, *NWSCC*

Our program depends on volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, or have suggestions about our programs, please let us know. We would like to be sure that each of you are indeed a Voice of the Western Skier! Thank you for being part of this Convention and a member of your club and Far West Ski Association!

Director Report

Councils by Fran Long, Acting VP

Originally founded as California Ski Association in 1930, as an affiliate division of the National Ski Association of America (predecessor of USSA, United States Ski Association), the **Far West Ski Association** has evolved into a strong and independent organization comprised of ten Ski Club Councils representing snow skiers and snowboarders in six western states. Member councils are: **Arizona Ski Council** (serving the State of Arizona, primarily the Phoenix metro area); **Bay Area Snow Sports Council** (San Francisco area); **Central Council of California** (the central California area); **Inland Racing League Council** (Inland area of Southern California); **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs** (Los Angeles and Ventura Counties); **Northwest Ski Club Council** (states of Oregon and Washington); **Orange Council of Ski Clubs** (Orange County); **San Diego Ski Club Council** (San Diego County), **Sierra Council Race League** (Nevada, plus Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, and Chico, California); and the **New Mexico Ski Club Council**. FWSA is looking into expansion into other western states.

By now you should have received your FWSA membership card, Skier's Guide, discounts and benefits at various local and national businesses, attended Ski Week at Steamboat, attended the international ski week in Bormio, Italy, and the Far West Race Association championships at Mt. Bachelor. You may also have traveled to Machu Picchu or cruised the Panama Canal and be looking forward to your next adventure in China and Tibet! The travel opportunities open to you through the Far West Ski Association are limited only by your own time and resources. I urge you to continue to check the FWSA web site for travel updates and new travel opportunities.

FWSA has numerous opportunities for ski club volunteers to continue their involvement in programs that have impact throughout the FWSA community. If you are interested in serving the FWSA Board, local council, or your ski club, contact any board member and your services will be utilized and appreciated. If you require assistance, contact any officer at www.fwsa.org.

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition Program

FWSA recognizes top volunteers from each council during the Council's Man and Women of the Year Recognition Program. Councils honor dedicated men and woman who have made significant contributions to organized skiing within their council. These honorees have volunteered their time to support club, council, community service, race league, and FWSA efforts to enhance the skiing-plus experience for our members.

Please join me in congratulating the to-be-named overall winners of the FWSA Council's Man and Women of the Year Award, as well as each of the honorees being recognized by their councils. Winners will be announced at the Saturday night banquet and awarded a prize package sponsored by Big White Ski Resort and Silver Star Mountain Resort.

A big "Thank You" goes to **Big White Ski Resort** and **Silver Star Mountain Resort**, for their sponsorship, and to our chairman **Donn Byrant**, for conducting this important program to honor the council volunteers who have made significant contributions to organized skiing.

Database Report

By Nancy Ellis, Database Manager

FWSA maintains a database with information about clubs and councils such as officers and their addresses, meeting dates and locations, and membership information. Additionally, individual members who are interested in receiving FWSA publications and ski industry information may wish to have their mailing/contact information in the database.

Most clubs and councils have just completed their election of officers for the coming year. It is important that a *Club Officer Update* form be completed and sent to me soon after the changes have been made so that the new officers receive FWSA communications in a timely manner. The update form can be found on the Far West Ski Association web page at www.fwsa.org. Locate the link *Membership* and then *Club Officer Update*. Clubs are to send the completed form to their Council Presidents. Councils may then send the form to me via email, fax, or U.S. mail using one of the addresses below. Individuals are requested to send their changes directly to me in any format that is convenient for them. It is important that information be clearly printed or typed so that the correct information is entered into the database.

Individuals please send to:

Nancy Ellis
P.O. Box 9681
Truckee, CA 96162

Fax (530) 582-0566

Email: Nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net

Clubs—Send updates to your Council Presidents

FWSA is protective of member information in the database. Requests for a member listing must have prior approval of the FWSA President. Typically, membership information is given to Convention Sponsors and Partners, and to FWSA staff for distribution of their information. Be sure to let me know if you do not wish to receive FWSA information so that your name and information will not be distributed.

Director Report

North American Travel by Lynnell Calkins, VP

Panama Canal Cruise
October 29 – November 11, 2006

Departing from San Diego, 64 FWSA members cruised down the western coast of Mexico, through the Panama Canal on board the *Serenade of the Seas*. Our Royal Caribbean ship provided us with many activities, entertainment and lots of food and drinks. We enjoyed shore excursions in Los Cabos and Acapulco, Mexico, Costa Rica, Aruba and Puerto Rico. Every evening we dined together to share the adventures we had during the day. Thanks to Juli Bloxham and her crew from The Cruise Company who took care of all the details for this adventure.

Steamboat
January 27 – February 3, 2007

We had a wonderful week in Steamboat for our 2007 ski week. Many thanks to our council trip leaders: Mary Beth Fitchlee, Arizona Council; Norm Azevedo, Bay Area Council; Mary Alexander, Central Council; Wayne Stolfus, Inland Council; Rod Robinson, Northwest Council; Judy Chapel, Orange Council; Susie Vetter, San Diego Council; and Debbie Stewart, Sierra Council who led 620 participants to a week of parties and skiing in Steamboat.

A special thank you goes to the Steamboat team led by Mary Beth Magalis, Casey Greene, Katie Brown, Stacy Schulz, Peter Hunter, and Karen Schneider for their assistance before, during and after the week! Thanks to Damien Medlin, Sandy Gaudette and Sam Burgess for our airline tickets. Our ski week travel staff spent many hours planning and preparing for ski week. My thanks to Gloria Raminha, Marilyn Sigler, Ken Calkins, Bob Ellis, Nancy Ellis and Debbi Kor for their late nights and hard work to ensure everyone had a great ski week experience.

Mt Bachelor
March 29 – April 1, 2007

The Far West Racing Association championships were in Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, the last weekend of March, 2007. FWSA and FWRA teamed together to provide a Mt. Bachelor trip to coincide with the championships. This trip was open to all FWSA members including children. Two teenagers were among the eighty-three participants who sign-up for this event with FWSA.

Our thanks to Bob Bouquard from Mt. Bachelor, Ron Botts from The Riverhouse and Patrick Rothe and Deanna Murphy from Ski.Com for their assistance with this trip.

Whistler/Blackcomb
January 19 – 26, 2008

Make sure you have a valid passport as Whistler, British Columbia, in Canada, is the location for our 2008 ski week. We will fly into Vancouver, British Columbia and bus to Whistler along the recently widened Sea to Sky highway with beautiful views of the mountains and Pacific Ocean. Upon our arrival in Whistler our lift ticket will allow us to ski both Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Whistler has offered us a free sixth day of skiing so everyone will have six days of skiing for the price of five.

Our lodging is in Whistler Village at the base of Whistler Mountain and at the base of Blackcomb Mountain. These locations offer plenty of shopping, restaurants and nightlife. So, sign-up with your council trip leader to join us in Whistler the week of January 19 – 26, 2008.

Arizona Council	Ron McCorkle	ronmc731@cox.net
Bay Area Council	Linda Hennings	LHennings@bigvalley.net
Central Council	Mary Alexander	maryalexander0535@sbcglobal.net
Inland Council	Wayne Stolfus	spiderRx@aol.com
Los Angeles Council	Judith Miller	jamski5@juno.com
New Mexico Council	Bob Stearley	dmstear@att.net
Northwest Council	Barbara Bousum	BBousum@gmail.com
Orange Council	Judy Chapel	judy104@adelphia.net
San Diego Council	Susan Shaffer	susansnowdrifter@yahoo.com
Sierra Council	Debbie Stewart	gwstewart@prodigy.net

2009 Ski Week

Where are we going for our 2009 ski week? Bids from Big Sky with Ski.Com, Breckenridge with Sports America Tours and Sun Valley with Mogul Mountain Tours are being presented Saturday morning at our convention. The results will be tabulated and announced on the FWSA website in late July. Be sure to check www.fwsa.org to discover the date and location for our 2009 ski week.

Director Report

Industry Marketing by Debbi Kor-Lew, Industry Marketing Rep & Mary Olhausen, Silent Auction Coordinator

Responsibilities for the Industry Marketing program include: producing the Silent Auction, sponsorship development, serving on the Convention Committee, and promoting advertising sales for the *Far West Skier's Guide*. The FWSA Vice President of Marketing is responsible for the membership benefits program and product sponsorship development. This year Mary Olhausen is the Chairman of the annual Silent Auction, taking over for the retired Barbara Razo, and Debbi Kor-Lew, following in the footsteps of Jane Wyckoff, concentrated on Convention sponsorship development.

The ski industry invested over \$155,000 this year in Association industry programs (does not include travel program sponsorships): Silent Auction Donations Value (\$75,000), Convention Sponsorships (\$10,250 cash and \$6,000 trade-out value in certificates and major product donations); advertising for the 2006-07 *Far West Skier's Guide* (\$60,000), and \$5,000 in product donations in addition to member benefit discounts.

Silent Auction

In 2006, we not only celebrated the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the Far West Ski Association, but also the 21st Anniversary of the FWSA Silent Auction. The FWSA truly values the working relationship our Association has developed with the ski and sports industries. During the past 22 years, the Association has received over \$1,750,000 in Silent Auction donations to generate revenue to support its programs. Countless hours have been spent by dedicated ski club, council and FWSA volunteers, who assist with conducting a successful Silent Auction every year.

The Silent Auction began back in 1986 at the Irvine Hilton and Towers, when the Balboa Ski Club of Orange Council of Ski Clubs, host for the 54th Annual Convention, organized the event as a fundraiser to be held in conjunction with the Convention. In 1990 the *Travel Carousel* was added to the industry Convention programs at the 58th Annual Convention, hosted by the Orange Council of Ski Clubs, when the Association returned to the Irvine Hilton. The format remained the same until the 2003 Convention held at the Rancho Las Palmas Marriott in Rancho Mirage, California, hosted by the San Diego Ski Club Council. The *Travel Carousel* became the *Travel Expo*, and *Passports* replaced the Lift Tickets. Convention delegates now schedule appointments with industry representatives, and travel from table to table in a timed sequence. Each year we look forward to seeing our industry friends at our Annual Convention, some of whom have attended for many years, and others who are new to our program.

The Silent Auction is the Association's major fund raising effort and not only provides financial support for our programs but also subsidizes delegate fees to the Convention. Our appreciation goes to this year's Host Council Chairperson Linda Indreboe, Bay Area Snowsports Council President, Dennis Heffley, and support members Jim & Diana Gartland, Norm and Mary Azevedo, Scott Bowker, Liz Frank, and all the many other volunteers who assisted with registration and set up. Steve Coxen was instrumental in the design, maintenance and user-friendly web pages providing information about the convention and its events. A special extension of gratitude goes to: Tucker Hoffman, Auctioneer; Nancy Kelly, Nancy Furtado and Bill Funkhouser, Accounting. Sigrid Noack performed her usual excellent job with the *Travel Expo*. As the years of experience running this program grows so does our expertise of operations. Our gratitude is extended to all the workers from "BAC" and the FWSA

Board Members and friends from other councils that assist with last minute preparations prior to the Silent Auction.

Convention Sponsorships

The Convention sponsorship program reduces the amount of money needed to be taken from Silent Auction proceeds to offset Convention costs. A registration fee of \$135 basically covers food and not much else. Sponsorships are extremely important to the financial success of our event. Before retiring last year, Jane Wyckoff secured a multi-year sponsorship with Snowbasin for the annual golf tournament, and with Intrawest on the delegate neck wallets. Both of these sponsorships will be carried out through 2008. We are pleased to know that our sponsorship benefits program is highly regarded in the industry, and has been emulated by other groups in other parts of the country. One of the primary benefits for the sponsors is the link from our *fwsa.org* site to their own website.

Far West Skier's Guide

As the Silent Auction/Travel Expo and sponsorship program has expanded, so too, has the *Far West Skier's Guide*. Extensive industry special sections and editorial coverage makes the publication ever popular in industry marketing efforts. Potential sponsors find promotion in the Skier's Guide especially attractive. Leigh Gieringer is to be commended for her outstanding efforts in professional journalism and her dedication to the production of this publication.

76th Annual Convention - 2008

We are looking forward to another fantastic convention hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council at the beautiful Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, Washington June 5th – 8th, 2008. A venue not touched upon by FWSA yet, we are anxious for our members to experience the genuine Pacific Northwest hospitality, that The Westin Bellevue and Meydenbauer Center has to offer.

Thank You!!!

Stepping into the shoes of Jane Wyckoff and Barbara Razo has been daunting, but exciting at the same time. Jane and Barbara are to be commended for making the sponsorships program and silent auction be the outstanding event you have attended each year. They are on to new things and more time with their families, which we can appreciate. They've been with us every step of the way to assist in the transition. We also want to extend our thanks to Randy Lew and Steve Coxen, for their constant and continual support and guidance with these programs. Without their oversight, we couldn't have done it!!

A Final Reminder

A final reminder - our ski industry programs will continue to grow as long as the ski clubs and councils support them. Please show your support for the companies that participate in the Convention, provide sponsorships and member benefits, and advertise in the *Far West Skier's Guide* by including them in your travel and ski/sports equipment purchase plans. Otherwise, the industry's marketing dollars will be spent elsewhere, where proven results can be achieved.

Director Report

International Travel by Norman Azevedo, VP

THE PAST YEAR.....

FWSA International Travel ski week to Bormio with extensions to Rome, Tuscany and Milan and Interlaken were a success. We currently have an exciting adventure trip to China and Tibet. We will announce the FWSA 2008 ski week and spring 2008 Greek Isles adventure trip at the 2007 Santa Clara convention.

Bormio, Italy March 2007 Ski Week.....

FWSA had 44 participants for the Rome-Tuscany pre-trip, 110 for the Bormio ski week, and 33 for the Interlaken 5 night extension. Even though I only attended the first 3 days in Rome and traveled on the 4th day to Siena, that was the end of the tour for us. I spent the remaining time in the Siena Hospital and my wife Mary in the Jolly Hotel for another four plus weeks. I had a sub-dural hematoma removed. It was caused by a fall on ice four weeks before leaving for Rome, and I am fine now. We had a super group of people in Rome. I truly enjoyed their company. I must also say that I learned a lot about Siena from my hospital bed. Mary and I are sorry we missed the rest of the trip, but Joe Loader was gracious enough to take care of the group from Siena on. We owe him many thanks. Bormio is a historic town with thoroughly modern ski facilities. It's the site of the 2005 World Cup alpine ski races with skiing for every level. We also offered day tours to Lake Como, Livigno, St. Moritz and the Bormio baths. Reports indicate everyone had a very good time.

FWSA Sept. 2007 China/Tibet Tour.....

FWSA International Travel 15 or 21 day trip to China/Tibet will offer a flight instead of the train from Beijing to Lhasa. We now have an extra tour day in Beijing, and then fly to Lhasa Tibet where we also have an extra day to tour and shop the local Tibetan shops instead of spending 48 hours on the train. This change is \$250 more than the train ride because of additional hotel nights and the flight; however, China Focus, FWSA's agent has assumed the added cost. FWSA currently has deposits from 115 people for this trip. We will continue to take applications for this trip until July 1, 2007. If you have someone who wants to go, we can accommodate more people now that we are flying to Lhasa. Have them send their deposits and a copy of their passport to me as soon as possible. Cancellations: No cancellation charges apply until June 1, 2007. Look for a revised two page flier in this newsletter.

FWSA European 2008 Ski Week.....

I sent a Request for Group travel Proposals (RFP) to 4 sellers on February 9, 2007, requesting a response by April 10th for a ski week proposal and May 14th for an early May 2008 Greek Isles Adventure trip. I have 4 proposals in hand for the International 2008 European French Alps ski week trip with a post trip to Paris. I am in the process of reviewing them and plan to make a decision in time to advertise the trip at the Santa Clara Convention.

FWSA 2008 Greek Isles Adventure Trip.....

Proposals should include a two week tour with an added week extension for those who can afford the time. We expect the tour to begin or end in Athens, with at least a two day tour of the city. We insist on at least a couple of days in Rhodes, time in Crete, Mykonos/Delos, a quick visit to Santorini and whatever our operator can excite us with. We want to stay on each Island and use small ships to move from island to island. We want this to be an adventure where we mix with the locals and not just tour and shop. We have stated our desires but are open to any adventurous alternatives. Greek Proposal Due: May 14, 2007.

I am enjoying this job and find it is a wonderful experience except for the Siena hospital stay. I have met a lot of terrific people and gained many new friends.

Director Report

Marketing by Debbi Kor-Lew, VP

What a great ski season we've had! Those areas that did receive snow, received a lot. However, the Colorado Rockies were off to a rather slow start. When the snow did come, it came after some areas had already closed. There must be something to all the stories of global warming. It still made for some great trips, though.

In checking with our clubs and councils, I learned that Far West members traveled to Canada, Italy, France, Japan, and all over the Western United States this past ski season. *Whistler, Big White/Silver Star, Sun Peaks, Aspen, Big Mountain, and Steamboat Springs*, were a few of our destinations.

Before the season got started, I attended three separate ski shows: one in Seattle and two in Portland, checking out new equipment and clothing. I talked with representatives from various resorts and found out about the new chairlifts at *Big White, Breckenridge, and Whistler*, new lodging and six-pack chair at *Northstar*, and several new runs that opened up at *Tamarack*. I took a quick trip to *Big Sky/Moonlight Basin* to check things out just before Christmas, as well as hit *Whistler* in January on the site inspection for Ski Week 2008. *Park City, Snowbasin*, and Davis County, Utah are looking for our groups to head their way. One of our Northwest Council clubs did a combined 4-day and 7-day trip to *Powder Mountain* and *Snowbasin* in February, with folks raving about the snow upon their return! It's one place that skiers and boarders will want to put on their calendar as a future destination.

The 36th annual **SIA** show was another incredible event this year. Leigh Gieringer and I teamed up both days, covering more area than I can possibly cover on my own. We met with a number of clothing companies, asking some if they'd be interested in putting on a fashion show at Convention sometime in the near future. We received some positive response, but not soon enough to do it for this year. (Perhaps next year, in Bellevue). We're still working on *Hot Chillys*, to partner up with us. We'd like to work out a deal for Far West members to purchase select items at a discounted rate. We'd like to start with two or three select items, and see what we could work into.

One of our newest partners that we picked up last year, *Black Tie Delivery Ski Rentals* was put to the test during our December Board of Directors' meeting at *Northstar*. The guys came directly to our condos, fitted us with boots and skis, and came back afterwards to collect their gear. What a great idea, and talk about customer service!!! They also have a few items on hand, the kind that you tend to leave home without....sun screen, a hat, maybe a pair of sunglasses, ready to be purchased as well. As far as resorts, we added a couple new locations to our ever growing list of partners: *The Coast Whistler*, in *Whistler/Blackcomb*, and the *Grand Sierra Resort and Casino* in Reno.

Ski Week was terrific! I joined the Travel Staff this year, gaining a new respect for all that the Travel Staff does to put on such a well-organized Ski Week each year. No one could possibly know, until they've witnessed first hand what all goes on behind the scenes, and into putting on this fantastic event. What a great team effort! As for the event itself, aside from a few spectacular mountain crashes (such as the one by our own President, Randy Lew), 620 of us spent a fabulous week in *Steamboat Springs, Colorado*. The weather was cooperative with a bit of fresh snow by mid-week to cover over the hard-pack that we had the first couple days. The two mountain lunches were well attended, as was the Farewell Party at Thunderhead Lodge. Many thanks to Sandy Gaudette and Moguls, along with the great crew from Steamboat: Mary Beth Magalis, Stacy Schultz, Karen Schneider and all the other hard-working folks who helped show our Far West members such a great time.

For the 3rd year running, *Schure Sports, Inc* donated a **Karbon** ski suit, that was raffled off at the Farewell party. Throughout Ski Week, we had an on-going sale of raffle tickets, which far surpassed the two previous years, giving us a total \$2500 in ticket sales. The proceeds will benefit the Far West Athletic Scholarship. A huge thank you to Robb Margrave, Debbie Stewart, Woody Hogan, and all the others who helped with the ticket sales. What a super sales team!

In mid-April, I attended the Mountain Travel Symposium in Whistler, B.C. This is an absolutely incredible venue, for a terrific exchange between the ski industry, clubs and councils throughout the country. I can't think of a better way for representatives from all of these groups to come together to share ideas with others, and gain new knowledge of the ski areas that all of our groups want to visit. It provided us with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with area reps, lodging reps, and tour groups to plan future trips. It also provided a forum in which club representatives were able to discuss the future of our individual clubs. The topics covered: Clubs Beyond the Boomer Generation, What Works to Sell Trips, Exploiting Technology to Benefit Your Club and What Can Mountain/Resorts do to Help Keep Ski Clubs Alive. This was a lively forum, which I co-facilitated with Patty House-Wright from Florida Ski Council. Notes on the subjects discussed will be sent to Paul Weber, and forwarded on to the clubs and councils.

Some news on sponsorships: I'm happy to say that *Big Mountain & Big Mountain Lodging*, as well as *Grouse Mountain Lodge* renewed their three-year commitment to continuous sponsorship of the Athletic Scholarship Program through 2009. We will be seeing some exciting oral auctions during Friday night's Silent Auction to raise funds for this incredibly wonderful program that awards scholarships to outstanding junior racers within the Far West boundaries. Thank you, and welcome back!

And, speaking of Sponsorships.....I have been very busy, since stepping into Jane's shoes, as the Convention Sponsorship Coordinator. Up to this point, I had no idea what all Jane and Barbara went through each year in securing the spots held by the Ski Industry at our Silent Auction, Travel Expo and our various program and event sponsors. I have a totally new respect for this position and can only hope that I am able to pull it off half as well as Jane has done for all these years. My hats off to both Barbara Razo and Jane Wyckoff! I'm having a ball, but whew! There is certainly a lot of work involved in putting on our convention. A complete list of this year's sponsors are listed separately in this publication.

Enjoy yourself at this year's convention. Santa Clara is going to be fun!

Debbi Kor-Lew

Director Report

Membership by Barbara Bryant, VP

DIRECT MEMBERS

Direct membership increased in 2006-2007. Based on telephone calls and e-mails received, this is attributable directly to the travel program. I think congratulations to Norm Azevedo and Lynnell Calkins are in order for putting together travel programs that attract new faces to FWSA. This is probably the most critical “product” FWSA has to offer in terms of member benefits and these VP’s and their staffs do an outstanding job, as evidenced by the growing direct membership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewal applications for direct membership for the 2007-2008 year will be mailed out in August to direct members, lifetime members and honorary members. This application is also available on-line at www.fwsa.org. Each direct member is sent a packet of information containing a welcome letter, membership card, Skiers Guide, FWSA brochure, an awards booklet and any current pertinent event such as the convention. There is a concerted effort to channel direct members into club membership as most live close to ski clubs that belong to FWSA.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will be sent to council presidents. Please advise the quantities you will need. Thanks to Steve Coxen who has always been a great help in the production of the cards.

NEWSGROUP

In an effort to promote greater communication between Far West Ski Association and council / club members a Newsgroup has been formed; a monthly “Hot Sheet” is emailed out to all subscribers. Included in this “Hot Sheet” are short bulleted pieces of information with links to more detailed information. Topics such as benefits, travel, race, safety, history, charitable activities, travel insurance, and many more are covered. To join the Newsgroup contact membership@fwsa.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

It has been my pleasure to represent the members of Far West Ski Association as your V.P. Membership. Thanks to everyone for your support this past year.

Director Report

Public Affairs by Scott Bowker, VP

The Far West Ski Association Public Affairs Program has been very active for the year 2006/2007. As you may know, the Public Affairs portfolio of programs is designed to present to the outside world the interests, activities and positions of the Association. As the “voice of the Western skier” we have been involved in a whole host of activities in all areas of interest.

FWSA Snowsports Celebrities Reception/Multimedia Show & FWSA Leadership Info Panel Sessions Delight & Inform Attendees

The FWSA Snowsports Celebrities Reception/Multimedia Show provided a wonderful opportunity to meet the special guests and notables in a one on one setting. Special guests included: Billy Kidd (1964 Olympic Silver Slalom Medalist), Jimmy Petterson (international skier/author of “Skiing Around The World”), Harv Forsgren (Regional Forester USFS Region 3) and Troy Hawks (NSAA – National Ski Areas Association Journal Editor).

The Multimedia Show included the following video clips: inspiring Olympic highlights of Ted Ligety’s 2006 alpine combined gold, Julia Mancuso’s 2006 GS gold medal performances and Lindsay Kildow’s 2006 brave return to race in the downhill race after crashing horrendously in practice along with associated commentary by Steve Porino (NBC Olympic alpine skiing reporter and former U.S. Ski Team downhill racer); highlights from some classic skiing films such as “The Basic Principles of Skiing” (Otto Lang 1941), “Skillfully Yours” (Otto Lang 1947), “Ski Down the Years” (John Jay 1966), “Last of the Ski Bums” (Dick Barrymore 1969). Ted’s alpine combined gold is the 1st official U.S. Olympic alpine combined gold and 4th U.S. Olympic men’s alpine gold medal ever. At 21 years of age Ted is the youngest U.S. alpine gold medal winner since Deb Armstrong in Sarajevo in 1984. Julia’s GS gold is the 3rd U.S. women’s GS gold since Deb Armstrong in 1984 and Andrea Mead Lawrence in 1952 and the 8th gold medal all time for U.S. alpine women.

The Leadership Info Panel Sessions included Public Affairs, Leadership Forum, and Volunteerism, Charities/Our Communities. Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) led the Public Affairs session with guest speakers Harv Forsgren (Regional Forester USFS Region 3), Troy Hawks (NSAA – National Ski Areas Association Journal Editor), and Jimmy Petterson (international skier/author). The wide ranging discussions covered USFS approval of the use of reclaimed wastewater by AZ Snowbowl to make artificial snow and subsequent challenge by the Navajo Nation which the first major legal challenge to the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act that could ultimately set a Supreme Court precedent. Other topics included USFS advertising directive encouraging resorts to partner with sponsors to promote public service messages, USFS Planning Rule changes and industry efforts such as the NSAA Model for Success.

Fran Long (Central Ski Council President) and Mary Olhausen (Northwest Ski Council President) led the Leadership Forum where participants shared ideas, concerns and solutions to issues facing many snowsports clubs today. Sigrid Noack (chair of FWSA Charities/Our Community Committee) led Volunteerism, Charities/Our Community session in a review of how FWSA and its councils and clubs involve themselves in their respective communities and a sharing of ideas on how to increase that support and involvement.

FWSA History Committee Meeting

The FWSA History Committee met on Friday at the convention. The committee's focus is to ensure the rich history of the development of snowsports in the western U.S. and the contributions to it by the FWSA are recognized and preserved. The 75th Anniversary History Expo was reviewed and Catherine Ohl's efforts were recognized. Electronic capture process of materials exhibited at history expo, potential history article topics/authors for upcoming Councilman issues, historically significant potential guests for the 2007 convention, and historical skiing spectaculars from the Bay Area were discussed. If you are interested in joining the committee and/or writing history articles, please contact John Watson at geospace@pacbell.net as membership is open to anyone.

Area Development

Area development covers ski area expansion and enhancement, proposed new areas, and the preservation of potential areas for future snowsports. It also includes the increasingly contentious debates between the developers, the ski areas and the environmentalists.

- Alpine Meadows sale by Powdr Corp (owner of Park City, Mt. Bachelor, Boreal, Soda Springs, Las Vegas Ski Resort, Killington, Pico) to JMA Ventures (owner of Homewood Resort and developer of Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco) is expected to close in June 2007.
- American Skiing Company (owner of The Canyons, Sugarloaf, Sunday River) sold Steamboat to Intrawest Corp. in December 2006, Killington & Pico to Powdr Corp. in February 2007 and Mount Snow & Attitash to Peak Resorts Inc. of Missouri in February 2007.
- Arizona Snowbowl. On 3/12/07 9th U.S. Circuit Court William Fletcher reversed U.S. District Court Judge Paul Rosenblatt's decision that Forest Service met all procedural requirements for approval of facility upgrades at Arizona Snowbowl and use of reclaimed wastewater to make artificial snow. District Court Judge Rosenblatt had concluded that the goal of providing a reliable ski season was consistent with the Forest Service's multiple-use mandate. This case is one of the first legal challenges to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. This latest decision sets an important precedent which extends American Indians the right to practice their religion in a way and to an extent the federal government deems appropriate and adequate instead of protecting American Indians' religious rights as they themselves define those rights and the necessary circumstances for practicing their religions. Ultimately this case is predicted to go to the Supreme Court.
- Eclipse Snow Park (located on St. Mary's Glacier just northwest of Idaho Springs, CO and less than 50 miles from Denver) received county rezoning approval for commercial outdoor recreation in January 2007. Michael Coors (a 25 year old Coors heir) is developing this 284 acre Clear Creek County site which still needs county design and development approval.
- Heavenly Mountain Resort Master Plan Amendment 2005 issued final EIS Notice of Availability 1/26/07 with record of decision expected April 2007 and implementation May 2007. The proposed action adds new trails and replaces two older lifts with a high speed North Bowl quad on the Nevada side that reduces ride time from 20 to 7 minutes. Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit NEPA Coordinator Matt Dickinson matt dickinson@fs.fed.us 530-543-2769
- Homewood Mountain Resort purchased by JMA Ventures which built Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco. The company hopes to upgrade the ski lifts and to develop retail and lodging at the base of the mountain while keeping the mountain's uncrowded, family-owned character. June 2006.
- Las Vegas WET (founded by former Disney & Universal Studios theme park veterans) is planning to acquire 200 acres along Las Vegas Boulevard to develop an indoor snowdome, surfing and waterpark resort complex.
- Mt Hood Meadows Ski Resort Snowmaking, OR. Environmental Assessment originally expected March 2007 now on hold. Mt Hood National Forest Hood River Ranger District Permit Administrator Doug Jones dgjones@fs.fed.us 541-352-6002

- PingTian Resort in consultation with the SE Group (designer of Deer Valley) is beginning construction of “China’s first world class luxury ski resort” in the Tianshan Mountain range of northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and is expected to open in November 2007.
- Ski Dubai, the world’s 3rd largest indoor ski slope, opened in December 2005 in the desert city of Dubai, UAE. Ski Dubai www.skidxb.com is 25 stories high 80 meters wide and covered with real snow all year round. It includes 5 slopes, quad chair lift, tow lift, snowboard stunk park and quarter pipe snowboard area.
- Summit at Snoqualmie Pass, WA. Master development plan draft environmental impact statement 12/31/05, final EIS expected December 2007, implementation June 2008. Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Team Leader Sean Wetterberg swetterberg@fs.fed.us 425-744-3403
- White Pass Ski Area Expansion, WA draft environmental impact statement (EIS) released 12/23/04 and final EIS expected April 2007, implementation July 2007. Wenatchee National Forest Naches District Recreation Planner Susan Ranger sranger@fs.fed.us 509-653-1446

FWSA also endorses the NSAA “Environmental Charter” and the “Sustainable Slopes” initiative.

- Keep Winter Cool www.keepwintercool.org, a joint effort of NRDC (Natural Resources Defence Council) and NSAA (National Ski Areas Association) continued its 4th season as part of NSAA Sustainable Slopes initiative. One example of this initiative is that 11 ski areas in Pacific Northwest in collaboration with Bonneville Environmental Foundation are purchasing green energy for their operations and making mini Green Tags www.greentagsusa.org available for purchase by resort customers.
- NSAA Environmental Charter is currently endorsed by more than 175 U.S. ski areas, 14 partnering organizations and 54 participating organizations. 2007 marks the 6th anniversary of the Sustainable Slopes initiative.

We have aggressively strengthened our relationship with U.S. Forest Service. Utilizing our contacts in the U.S. Forest Service we stay abreast of a number of issues. We will continue to work to provide forums in which FWSA is able to educate U.S. Forest Service winter sports program administrators and NSAA on the operations of the FWSA Public Affairs Program and the concerns of our organized recreational snowsports participants and racers. We routinely address our issues to both U.S. Forest Service and NSAA in order to better educate them on FWSA’s PA program and to further cement our place as a partner on important issues we all face. You can help increase our influence with U.S. Forest Service by calling or stopping in at the local U.S. Forest Service office when you visit ski areas and let them know you are there. You are the VOICE!

Consumer Advocacy/Trends

- 2006/2007 was down 6.9% with total U.S. skier/snowboarder visits currently projected at 54.8 million primarily due to abnormally warm temperatures and below average snowfall in most regions according to annual Kottke National End of Season Survey preliminary report.
- Overall sales for entire winter sport market in specialty stores decreased 2% in dollars to \$1.782 billion, in chain stores increased 1.7% to \$550 million while internet stores (tracked for the first time) totaled \$341 million for the August 2006 through March 2007 period according to SIA (Snowsports Industries America). In specialty stores snowsports apparel gained 8% in dollar sales to \$623 million, midfats advanced up 13% in units and 20% in dollars, fat systems jumped 79% in units and 80% in dollars, and twintips climbed 11% in units and 24% in dollars while snowboard equipment sales fell -13% in dollars to \$181 million.
- Chris Davenport (2005 FWSA Convention VIP & speaker on Extreme Skiing panel) completed his quest in January to climb and ski all 54 of Colorado's 14,000 foot mountains (www.skithe14ers.com) in one year.
- Julia Mancuso finished 3rd in the 2007 overall World Cup standings, the highest U.S. finisher since Tamara McKinney in 1984.

- Bode Miller won his 2nd overall World Cup Super G title in 2007 and with his Lauberhorn DH win in Wengen, Switzerland has accumulated 25 career race wins which is 2 short of Phil Mahre's record of 27 career race wins. Bode also won his 9th US men's title at U.S. Nationals in 2007 which ties him with the men's all time record established by Dick Durrance in 1940 and Tiger Shaw in 1996 and puts him 1 short of Andrea Mead Lawrence all time U.S. record of 10 titles from 1955.
- Get them involved while they are young is critical to developing life long snowsports enthusiasts. The 2006 National Skier/Boarder Opinion Survey by Leisure Trends Group showed 62% started riding before age 18 and 30% started after encouragement from friends.
- US Forest Service issued interim directive 11/25/05 allowing resorts to advertise inside buildings and encourages resorts to partner with sponsors to promote public service messages.
- Blind skier Kevin Alderton, 34, from Dartford, Kent UK set downhill speed skiing record by a blind person of 100.94 mph at Les Arc in France. "It shows disability is no barrier to achievement. If I can inspire somebody to do something they would not normally do, my aims have been achieved.."
- Colorado College State of the Rockies Report Card issued 4/06 projects 43-82% ski area snow pack loss by 2085 for many Colorado resorts according a climate trends model.
- Calaveras County Superior Court, CA ruling reaffirms assumption of risk doctrine. The court ruled in April 2006 that Bear Valley Ski Company is not liable for a terrain park accident in 2000 that left former employee Charlene Vine paralyzed from the waist down.

Ski History

Far West Ski Association is supporting the campaign by Phil Bartholomew, the son of Orland Bartholomew, to name Mount Bartholomew – an unnamed 11,099-foot mountain near North Fork, CA in the Minarets, a section of soaring spires in the Ansel Adams Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest. Mount Bartholomew should be named to honor Orland "Bart" Bartholomew, a Sierra High Adventurer, who made an incredible three month, 300 mile solo mid winter trek skiing the Sierra crest from south of Mt. Whitney to Yosemite National Park - just for the challenge and the photographs. Orland made the first winter ascent of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states at 14,495' and the first winter ascents of Mt. Langley and Mt. Tyndall, both over 14,000' during this three month journey from Christmas Day 1928 to April 3, 1929.

A number of further details make this an amazing feat for a true mountain man. Orland skied on custom made 6' long wooden skis without metal edges with only a crude wax system for climbing and used ski poles made from hickory garden rake handles. He didn't have a sleeping bag or much of a tent. Bartholomew cut tree boughs and used them as a base to pitch a small shelter on the snow. He built fires for cooking. Orland wrapped himself in a down robe to sleep. He carried a 70 lb pack, a folding bellows camera and a double bit ax. Orland wrote extensive journal entries and shot 320 photos. The trek is the equivalent of traveling from Pasadena to Salinas at an elevation of 9,000 feet through fierce blizzards and avalanche-prone canyons. Gene Rose, author of "High Odyssey", wrote that Bartholomew's three-month trek "stands as the ski exploration of the first half-century, unmatched as a feat of winter survival until very recently when solo ski expeditions reached both Arctic and Antarctic poles." Orland worked for Southern California Edison as a hydrographer who measured the snowpack and stream levels to gauge how much hydroelectric power SCE could wring from the Sierra in the early 1920s. Orland later worked as a ranger (fire guard in those days) in the Ansel Adams Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest for 20 years from the early 1930s to the early 1950s. This campaign is also supported by Congressman George Radanovich of California's 19th Congressional District who has already written a letter of support which has been entered into the Congressional Record. Look for more information on the Mount Bartholomew page www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/1180431.htm in the Public Affairs section of the FWSA website for details on how to send your letter of support for Mount Bartholomew to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names of the U.S. Geological Survey.

- Dick Goetzman (U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) president 1974-76 and trustee of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation since 1968) died at age 78 in April 2007 at his home in Long Beach, CA. Dick was president of FWSA from 1969-71 and received the J. Stanley Mullin award for

decisive contributions to skiing in 1969 and the Hans Georg award for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing in 1986.

- Ed LaChapelle (a founding father of avalanche safety/snow science who also helped to develop the Skadi - the first avalanche beacon) died from a heart attack at age 80 in February 2007 while skiing powder at Monarch Mountain.
- 4th Annual Vermont Antique Ski Race benefit at Ascutney Mountain Resort on 3/18/07 for Vermont Ski Museum included Suzy Chaffee among the ski celebrities competing in Strictly Vintage, Woodies, and Metal/Fiberglass divisions on a race course with bamboo slalom poles.
- Ski Museum of Maine puts skiing history photo exhibit online at www.mainmemory.net.

Transportation

You would be well advised to click on the relevant baggage rules link for the airline that you will be traveling on and print out the actual policy to take with you on your trip since the airline baggage rules vary on what snowsports equipment (skis, poles, boots, bindings, snowboard, snowboard boots, helmet, ski bag, ski boot bag) counts as one item and/or is allowed. Snowboard boots are not specifically addressed by most baggage rules.

Be aware that you may be charged for an extra bag if you decide to risk packing other items in your boot or ski bag since airline baggage rules do not specifically address in most cases the allowability of anything else beyond skis, boots or poles. You will be totally dependent upon the goodwill of the person checking you in.

Most of the airlines (American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United and US Airways) have lowered weight limitations to 50 pounds, down from 70 for checked baggage on domestic flights.

Public Affairs has created an Airline Baggage Rules Summary at www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/1102029.htm and links to airline baggage policies plus formed a FWSA Airline Committee. We are also working the Congressional Ski & Snowboard Caucus to bring attention to these airline baggage issues.

Snowsports Baggage Problems: If you have had any snowsports baggage problems, please advise us via email with a description of the problem, date, airline, flight number and if possible, copies/summaries of any correspondence/phone calls with the airline and the airline's response. Please email Diane Stearley (FWSA Airline Committee Chair) dmstear@att.net and copy Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) PublicAffairs@fwsa.org at your convenience.

Director Report

Racing by Bob Ellis, VP

Racing Is Fun and Exciting

This year has been very challenging, mainly due to the weather. It was a fairly poor year for snow in many parts of the western United States. Some ski areas were okay while others had poor snow years. Recently I heard several local Tahoe ski areas were 15% off from normal ticket sales, which is one indicator of the poor snow we had this year. This in turn made it difficult to put on all of our scheduled ski races. Several leagues were required to cancel or reschedule their races this year.

Keystone Nationals

The Keystone Nationals were moved to January this year, and we had great weather, good snow, a nice long race course arena, and fantastic races. Presently, Keystone is evaluating the situation and we are trying to determine the best week to put on the event and get National participation from other councils. We also acquired another small sponsor, Habervision, which only sells it's eyewear on the internet on their website, www.Habervision.com. We raffled off several of their high tech goggles, which helped pay for some of the expenses for the races. Bay Area Council won the Keystone Cup, and Craig Faitel and Barbara Bryant were the week's fastest man and woman.

On December 13-16, 2007, we will put on the 3rd Annual Keystone Nationals, for information, email KeystoneNationals@sbcglobal.net or go to the website www.KeystoneNationals.com.

Far West Ski Week-Steamboat

Ski Week had a good turnout of racers, with fun race courses at all levels. The only complaints that I heard were that the 7-8 and 9-10 courses were too short, and the powder came right before the GS. Next year we will order powder after the races and make the 7-10 courses longer.

Far West Championships-Mt. Bachelor

Last week we completed the Championships at Mt. Bachelor, and for the first time in many years, we completed all the races without any weather related cancellations. Barbara Bryant did a splendid job of orchestrating the Silent Auction and of acquiring most of the donated items. Due to the results of the Silent Auction, FWRA will be giving over \$1,000 to the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Fund this year. Thanks to Nancy Ellis for organizing the Raffle and Debbie Kor's assistance was most appreciated. Mary Ohlhausen is to be commended for bringing in a lot of last minute raffle items from Northwest Council.

As for the racing, the Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation did a good job of putting on the races. The slaloms were about 45 seconds long and the GS's were about 55 seconds long. They were long enough to make most people gasp for air after they finished. Bob Bourquard of Mt. Bachelor did a fantastic job of helping me put on the event in all facets, and I would recommend any group to work with Bob or go to Mt. Bachelor. Our Awards Banquet was held at the Riverhouse in their new convention hall, and Ron Botts and his team did a great job in preparing the room and providing us with a wonderful meal.

Every racer was given a high value T-neck as the racer gift from FWRA. Due to the lower than expected racer turnout, we still have over 100 of these T-necks available for sale for \$30 each. Sizes available include medium, large, extra large and extra extra extra large (really big). We will have these available at the meeting and at the Convention.

Pacrats won the overall points trophy, and Singles League and Open League tied for the Roma McCoy Trophy for most points per racer. Open League won the Junior Trophy with one racer.

Next year the Championships will be at Mammoth Mountain on April 4-6, 2008. So make sure to call Mammoth and make your reservations using the word "Far West" to get your discount. Further information is on the website www.FWRA.com.

Director Report

Awards Program by Catherine Ohl, Awards Chair

The modern day Awards Program was initiated in 1966 and has witnessed a series of expansions and changes over the years. For 2007, optional electronic submissions and voting has been added to the Far West Service awards. The Charity and Community Service Recognition Award for Clubs and Councils has been added this year.

In a volunteer organization such as Far West Ski Association nothing happens without individuals contributing their time and talent to produce programs. These dedicated people could never be compensated for the contribution they make to the association. For volunteer organizations, recognition is the most valuable thank-you that can be offered. In many ways the maturity and stature of an organization can be measured by the value that individuals place on the recognition program. Far West has one of the broadest program of any regional ski association in the country and there are many opportunities for aspiring individuals, clubs and councils to gain recognition.

The Far West Awards Program is divided into the following distinct areas. Award details, photos and past winners can be found at www.fwsa.org or www.pacificrimalliance.org/history.html.

1. **Far West Service Awards** for association volunteers and/or ski industry and their employees
 - **Hans Georg** for Individual Long-Term Contribution
 - **Elizabeth ‘Schatzi’ Wood** for Individual Two-year Contribution
 - **J. Stanley Mullin** for Individual Two-year Contribution
 - **Jordan-Reily** for Individual Public Affairs Contribution
 - **Jimmie Heuga** for Individual Humanitarian Contribution
 - **Bill Mackey** for Individual Ski Industry Employee Contribution
 - **Tommi Tyndall** for Ski Resort Contribution
 - **Terry Smith** for Individual Racer Contribution
2. **Industry Media Awards**
 - **Bill Berry Award for Hard News**
 - **Bill Berry Award for Featured News**
 - **Warren Miller Multi Media Award**
3. **Club and Council Achievement Recognition Awards**
 - **Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year**
 - **Tollakson Award** for Outstanding Club
 - **Wentworth Award** for Outstanding Club and Council Publications
 - Award for **Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites**
4. **Special Awards** for Individuals, Clubs, Councils, and Ski Industry
 - **Safety Person of the Year Award**
 - **Western Ski Heritage Award**
 - **Charity / Community Service Recognition Awards** for Clubs and Councils (new in 2007)
 - **Ski Industry Recognition Certificates**
 - **President’s Awards** for Individual Contributions

5. **Sports Awards** for Individuals, Clubs, Councils, Leagues
 - **Joe Ross Memorial Trophy** for Club
 - **Ski Week Trophies** for Winning Club, Council, Male and Female Racers
 - **Far West Championships Trophy**
 - **Roma McCoy Trophy**

1. Far West Service Awards

The 2007 awards were administered by Catherine Ohl, Awards Chair, with a committee consisting of Mike Sanford, John Watson, and Norm Cullen. For the first time, electronic voting was allowed. Citations and voting were uploaded on the web site and can be viewed at <http://acatmeowz.com/farwest/nominations.htm>. Voting was permitted using the internet, email or by the traditional snail mail.

These awards are given to individuals or a team within the Far West Ski Association or Ski Industry. All accepted citations are archived at the Western SkiSport Museum in Boreal, California as a living history of volunteerism in the Far West Region. In addition to commemorative plaques and medallions, a permanent display of past recipients is showcased at the Museum. The Museum is administered by the Auburn Ski Club (<http://www.auburnskiclub.org/>), one of the founding ski clubs of the Far West Ski Association.

Hans Georg Award (1966 - present)

The Hans George Award is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing. This award is given to an individual or individuals who have contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long term contribution and is the highest award of the Far West Ski Association. This award may only be received once and is based on a ten-year minimum service in the Far West region.

Previous awardees include *Ken Calkins, Nancy Kelly, Steve Coxen, Tucker Hoffmann, Gene Fulkerson, Harry Davis, Randy Lew, Nic Fiore, Norm Cullen, Fay Mumbauer, Woody Hogan.*

Elizabeth 'Schatzi' Wood Award (1966 - present)

The Elizabeth Schatzi Wood Award is given to the woman, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service) in the Far West region. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *Debbi Kor-Lew, Helen Harris, Marilyn Sigler, Linda Westlund, Nancy Kelly, Nancy Sanford, Lynnell Calkins, Bonnie West, Catherine Ohl, Karen Davis, Connie Smith, Kathy Hoffmann.*

J. Stanley Mullin Award (1966 - present)

The J. Stanley Mullin Award is given to the man, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service) in the Far West region. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *Robb Margrave, Donn Bryant, Michael German, Joe Loader, Steve Coxen, Ken Calkins, Jim Ortiz, Tucker Hoffmann, Mike Sanford, Ron Anderson, Gene Fulkerson, Randy Lew, Norm Cullen.*

Jordan-Reily Award (1991 - present)

The Jordan-Reily Award recognizes a one or two year activity and achievement in the Associations Public Affairs programs—area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation and transportation. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service). This award may also be given to an individual in government or the ski industry.

Previous awardees include Scott Kaden, Mark Udall, Ehan Chickering Steve Coxen, Denny Bschor, Steve Reneker, Mike Sanford, Linda McGavin, Catherine Ohl, Wayne Poulsen, Karen Kimball, John Watson.

Jimmie Heuga Award (1987 - present)

The Jimmie Heuga Award is given to the individual who, like Jimmie, has made a significant contribution to disabled skiing and/or has overcome a physical disability and has been an inspiration to others. This award may only be received once.

Previous awardees include *Sigrid Noack, Muff Davis, Ben Velasquez, Chris Klug, Gordon Cardona, Billy Kidd, Mike Wellman, Norm Cox, Candace Cable, Rick Van Aken, Jim Ortiz, Sara Tully, KelLe Malkewitz, Hal O'Leary.*

Tommi Tyndall Award (1966 - present)

The Tommi Tyndall Award is given to the ski area, ski area operator; tourism bureau, or the ski area association who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing and/or the Far West Ski Association in the past year or in prior years. This award may be received more than once but not in consecutive years. This award is based on one or two year contribution. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *Big White, Breckenridge, Ogden! Weber CVB, Big Mountain, Salt Lake CVB, Silver Star, Park City, Ski New Mexico, Aspen, Lake Louise, Boreal, Northstar, Mammoth, Bear Mountain, Mt. Bachelor.*

Bill Mackey Award (1972 - present)

The Bill Mackey Award is given for outstanding service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee. This award may be received more than once but not in consecutive years. Recipients must be full-time employee in the ski industry or related industry and can not be a FWSA board member; trustee or appointed chairperson.

Previous awardees include *Kris McKinnon (Aspen), Mark Thoreson (Sun Valley), Karen Schneider (Steamboat), Tammie Anstedt (Vail), Jim Loyd (Big White), Don Beaulieu (Sunshine), Sandy Best (Lake Louise), Mary Evans (Aspen).*

Terry Smith Award (1976 - present)

Awarded to outstanding an individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of recreational ski racing. This award may only be received once. Only elected officers of Far West Racing Association, including race league chairpersons and past Terry Smith Award recipients, are allowed to nominate and vote.

Previous awardees include *Jim Sommer, Barbara Bryant, Dan Jeffrey, Dick Shawkey, Joe Loader, Dotti Gallagher, Robb Margrave, Mark Hanlon, Lynnell Calkins, Bob Bernard, Ken Calkins, Bob & Debi Warzynski.*

2. Industry Media Awards

The 2007 awards were administered by Mike Sanford, FWSA Past President, and Steve Coxen, FWSA Trustee Chair.

Billy Berry Award for Hard News (1966 - present)

Awarded for outstanding service to skiing by writers for the printed media in a hard article. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees for Hard News include *April Darrow, Walter Roessing, Brian Clark, Katherine Cole, Bob Cox, Burt Sims.*

Billy Berry Award for Feature Article (1991 - present)

Awarded for outstanding service to skiing by writers for the printed media in a featured article. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees for Feature Article include *Jimmy Petterson, Richard Kun, Leigh Gieringer, Christopher Solomon.*

Warren Miller Modern Media Award (was the Bill Berry Modern Media Award from 1982 to 2004)

Awarded for outstanding service to skiing by the film, television, radio, and electronic media. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees include *Steve Porino, Joe Jay Jalbert, Tammie Thompson, Josh Murphy, AJ Kitt, Al Noraker, Russ Cameron, Jerry Hoffmann, Don Fontant, John Jay, Chaco Mohler, Suzy Chaffee, Warren Miller.*

3. Club & Council Achievement Recognition Awards

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year

The Council's Man and Woman of the Year Competition was administered once again by Donn Bryant. Each council is requested to submit a man and/or woman candidate who best represents their council. In addition, each council was asked to submit one judge to help with the judging.

This award is presented to both an outstanding man and woman at the grassroots level. Selection criteria is based on each individual's involvement in skiing; club, council, regional and national activities; and knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport of skiing. Candidates should have awareness of Far West programs and, in particular, its public affairs involvement. Award covers the previous two years.

Tollakson Award for Outstanding Club

The Tollakson Award was administered by Ray Craig, FWSA VP Communications and Karen Davis. Each club was asked to submit a 3-page bio detailing their contributions to the sport of skiing/boardng.

Wentworth Award for Outstanding Club and Council Publications

The Wentworth Award was administered by Ray Craig, FWSA VP Communications. Each club and council was asked to submit a four of their most recent newsletter for judging. In addition, each club was asked to submit a judge to help with the judging.

Award for Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites

The Award for Outstanding Web Site was administered by Ray Craig, FWSA VP Communications. Each club and council was asked to submit their web site for judging. In addition, each club was asked to submit a judge to help with the judging.

Club awards for the Tollakson, Wentworth and Outstanding Web Site are presented to clubs based on their membership levels.

- Class A:** Membership 10 to 149
- Class AA:** Membership of 150 to 199
- Class AAA:** Membership of 200 to 324
- Class AAAA:** Membership of 325 or more

4. Special Awards

Safety Person of the Year Award

This award is administered by Richard Lubin, Safety Chair, under the leadership of Scott Bowker, VP Public Affairs. This award honors the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs at the club and/or council level. Individuals are judged through the utilization of organized events,

educational forums, print and electronic media, on mountain activities and partnering with other, safety focused community and industry organizations.

This award has been sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company since its inception in 1998.

Western Ski Heritage Award

This award is administered by John Watson, History Chair, and recognizes an outstanding effort in the area of ski history by historians in the identification of resource material, preparation of historical publications and/or recording or documenting of significant historical events. This award also recognizes interest in Far West's history through collection, preservation and protection of appropriate articles and material. This award acknowledges the utilization of all types of media and is not limited to FWSA members.

This award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. since its inception in 2000.

Charity and Community Service Recognition Award

The charity award is new in 2007 and was administered by Sigrid Noack, Charity and Community Chair.

Ski Industry Recognition Certificates

Long-term ski industry supporters of Far West and the FWSA annual convention are recognized with certificates of appreciation. This award is administered by Debbi Kor-Lew, VP Marketing and Convention Sponsorship Coordinator.

President's Award

The President of FWSA selects the recipient. This award recognizes one or more individuals who have made a significant contribution during the year to the goals of the Far West Ski Association or to the skiing experience of the "Western Skier".

5. Sports Awards

Joe Ross Memorial Trophy

This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association Ski Week Staff. Metals are given to the ski racers at FWSA ski week who earn the highest point totals for the entire week in their age bracket both male and female. The Joe Ross Memorial Trophy is given to the club with the highest number of points. The trophy, donated by the Canadian Tourism Office in 1997, is on permanent display at the American SkiSport Museum (<http://www.auburnskiclub.org/>) in Boreal, California.

The age brackets for point awards are:

- 21 to 30**
- 31 to 40**
- 41 to 50**
- 51 to 60**
- 61 to 70**
- 71 and above**

Club of the Week

Awarded to the Far West club who earns the most points racing at the annual Far West ski week. This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association Ski Week Staff.

Council of the Week

Awarded to the Far West council that earns the most points ski racing at FWSA ski week. This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association Ski Week Staff.

Club of the Week

Awarded to the ski club who earns the most points racing at the annual Far West ski week. This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association Ski Week Staff.

Racer of the Week

Awarded to the female and male racer who earn the most points racing at Far West ski week. This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association Ski Week Staff.

Far West Championships

Awarded to the Far West Race League that earns the most points overall at the Far West Championships. This award is administered by the Far West Race Association.

Roma McCoy Trophy

Awarded to the Far West Race League that earns the most points per racer start at the Far West Championships. This award is administered by the Far West Race Association.

Director Report

Family/Youth Involvement by Linda Westlund, Trustee

Family/Youth Involvement Committee Report, 2006-2007

The **Family/Youth Involvement Committee of FWSA** was established in July 2003 and meets at breakout sessions held during FWSA Board of Director Meetings. This committee works throughout the year to evaluate, develop and execute plans that provide opportunities for families and youth to participate in snowsports and ski club related activities.

Mission: To sustain and grow the sport of snow skiing by attracting and building the family and youth market. Short and long-range planning for family and youth involvement, with the objective of developing programs and services to welcome families and youth into our ski organizations.

Strategy and Objectives: Our strategy is to build interest in family ski outings thru events hosted at the Council levels. We will provide the opportunity for the youth/family audience to get familiar with our ski councils, FWSA, and the experience and value that we provide, and then add FWSA level programs to serve this growing member base. The intent is to build a program that would not disrupt service to our member base that enjoys adult-only activities.

2006-2007 Season Progress

The FWRA Championship Race Trip to Mt. Bachelor was open to Family Participation.

Once again a Family Weekend Ski trip to Mammoth Mountain was planned in conjunction with Ski Club Appreciation Weekend. We were not successful in drawing family participants. Contributing factors include Mammoth's delay in committing to a date for Ski Club Appreciation Weekend, questionable late season snow conditions, and challenges of traveling to Mammoth for many FWSA Councils. We will continue to plan and offer a FWSA Family Weekend trip, but will refocus efforts for 2007-2008 on resorts in the Tahoe area.

Planning for 2007-2008 and future years

NWSCC's Skiyente Ski Club is offering FWSA members the opportunity to participate in their Family Trip to Sun Valley, Feb 6-10, 2008. Skiyente has a two year track record of running successful family trips. FWSA will sponsor or subsidize a family event during the trip. Trip details are available from your Council President.

FWSA Domestic Ski Week is currently an adult only program. FWSA is evaluating options that may allow for participation of families during future ski weeks, with careful consideration for maintaining the adult only travel experience for the core group of participants.

Volunteers and Participants Needed

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan a family or youth event at the FWSA level or thru your council, please contact a Family/Youth Involvement Committee Member. Providing for family membership and offering valued services to this class of membership will be a multi-year endeavor. Please check the *Family Activities* link on the *FWSA Web Site*, www.fwsa.org to stay informed on our progress!

Director Report

History Committee by John Watson, Chair

Catherine Ohl., Secretary, and correspondent contributors

This year I think we will only note the passing of some of prominent members. Let us make this a continuing account of friends who have enriched our lives.

TRACK! SKIER PASSING

Denny Bartlett (d. 2006).

Former tour operator for Far West trips.

Howard W. "Billy" Gammell (1918-2007)

Billy died in a rollover auto accident Friday evening 16 March 2007, on the way to Mammoth for another weekend of skiing.

He was born in Chicago September 15, 1918. After high school he worked for the Rock Island Railroad, as did his father. His job was to run a scientific instrument that detected cracks in the rails. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an expert sharpshooter, and earned the title Chief of Scouts. He was very proud of this accomplishment.

With the GI Bill he attended USC, getting a degree in Industrial Engineering, and then a degree in Civil Engineering. He was a member of the Kappa Phi Delta engineering fraternity, where he made lifelong friends. Not wanting an office job, he became a building inspector, working for Smith Emery, and representing the owner's interests on large projects. Skyscrapers were popping up all over Los Angeles, and he worked on many of them. He avoided the lift preferring to walk up, so he developed "legs of steel."

Billy was a very active sportsman. He did a lot of scuba diving, at many places in Mexico, and became a windsurfer when that sport was invented. Water skiing on the Colorado River rounded out his summers. But snow skiing was his big love.

He joined the Grindelwald Ski Club in the mid 50's where he met other diehards. Thus began his trips to Mammoth Mountain nearly every winter weekend. He skied many times in Europe and at almost every ski area in Western U.S. and Canada. He won a "bushel basket" of Gold medals as a very active ski racer. He says it got easier after age 80, with the handicap!

Dancing was Billy's other love, at Mammoth and various Club Meds. When the Mammoth Mountain Inn first opened, he usually won the dance competitions held in the Sierra Room. In recent years he could be found nearly every Saturday afternoon at his "office" in the Yodeler, and later dancing at Whiskey Creek.

Billy was loved by everyone he met, and has been a great mentor for his many friends. Instead of the memorial service he wants us to have a big party to remember him.

Michael John German (1945-2006)

Michael John German passed away October 3 after a long courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Throughout his brave fight caring friends and family supported him with cards, calls and visits. Michael truly believed in the spirit of life and friendship. He lived each moment to the fullest. His entire family and large cadre of friends can rejoice in the knowledge that he is still with us in spirit and will live within us all as we go on to enjoy the things that he loved with a place in our hearts for the loss of someone so special. We have now observed bravery of the highest magnitude as we watched his daily brave battle against cancer. There is no braver a soul than he who understands and chooses to face adversity head on, with a smile.

Michael was born October 8, 1945 in San Diego and grew up in Chula Vista, graduating from Chula Vista High School in 1963. He attended Southwestern College and San Diego State University. His career extended over 35 years in civil service at Naval Aviation Depot North Island. He retired from his position as a Forward Planner in November 2002. Michael married Ms Barbara Lee Blasé in May 2002 in a romantic beach ceremony at the Grand Wailea in Hawaii.

His overwhelming enthusiasm and school spirit led to his appointment on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Alumni Association for the University of Illinois (Barbara's alma mater), even though he did not attend the university.

Michael was a sports enthusiast in mind and spirit. He started by playing baseball as a youth. He continued his love of sports by supporting the Aztecs and Padres as a season ticket holder even after his diagnosis with cancer. His passion for golf led him to various positions on the Board of Directors for the Chula Vista Men's Golf Club where he enjoyed participating in all tournaments and golfing retreats. He was a strong advocate for junior golf programs.

Snow skiing was another sport to which he was especially dedicated. Michael was a leader at all levels of recreational skiing. In 2006, his North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club inaugurated the Spirit of the Mountain Award in recognition of Michael's many contributions to the club and his brave fight against cancer. He also served valiantly as president of the San Diego Ski Council from 2001-2003 and led the council to new heights of achievement. In 2003, as Past President, he served on the Far West Ski Association Host Convention Committee for one of its most successful events in its 75 year history. During 2001-2005 he served on the Board of Directors for the Far West Ski Association as Vice President of Councils. He was truly touched when he received the prestigious President's Award in 2003 and 2006 and was recognized as the Far West Man of the Year in 2003 for his dedication, achievements and outstanding service. Seeking to serve his fellow recreational skiers even further, Michael served as Secretary/Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the National Ski Council Federation from 2002-2005. During this service he was involved with the leaders in the ski industry on a national scale and met fellow skiers from all over the United States.

He will always be remembered for the camaraderie he brought to organizations with which he was affiliated. He always had a kind word and smile for everyone as demonstrated by his appearance in an uncontested number of group pictures. His zest for living made him an inspiration to all who knew him. His commitment to his friendships and an active life well lived serve as his legacy to us all. (From Barbara Blase German and Mike Sanford)

Richard Goetzman (1931-2007)

Dick Goetzman passed away April 3 in Long Beach, California. More detail about Dick's life will be shown in a special at this meeting. But here are some things from Dick's life that I knew personally. See also http://mammothtimes.com/articles/2007/04/12/this_week/top_stories/goetzman.txt

Dick's organized ski activity was always centered on finances. Starting in what was then the Southeast League and Balboa Ski Club in Orange County; he became active in the former Southern Council (which included all of what are now Orange, Inland and Los Angeles Councils with 63 ski clubs paying dues to FWSA). Dick got involved in the dispute over whether San Geronio was to be put into Wilderness classification in 1964. This dispute made an indelible impression on him and he was ever after an advocate of public mobilization in the cause of opening up ski areas for the burgeoning recreational ski population of Far West. On this basis, he could be called the father of what we now call Public Affairs activity in FWSA. He also was well aware of the costs of public affairs activity and set up the San Geronio Fund within Southern Council, to be used if and when another ski area opportunity arose and needed consumer support. He initiated the amicus curiae brief activity before the Supreme Court regarding Mineral King, which I later signed on behalf of FWSA.

Dick is a representative of what I would call the turning point officers in FWSA. He was always interested in the flight program. As a result of discrepancies he discovered in the flight program in the 1960s, he and Carl Grover were basically a reform pair (1967-1971) which resolved that scandal and turned the FWSA away from a central focus on sanctioned competition and junior racing to one more accommodated to programs designed for the

recreational skier. I followed those two as President and consider myself the first of the Presidents to focus more completely on recreational programs. We've never gone back, even though our program menu has shrunk over the past 30 years.

Dick went on to USSA as Treasurer and President after his tour as FWSA President. In those days – the early 70s and 80s, organized skiing at the national level and the ski team were awash in a set of organizational names and functions. It is safe to say that Dick was probably involved in every one. His last responsibility was as President of the National Ski Hall of Fame, Ishpeming, Michigan. By the way, Dick wanted to move the NSHF to Boral Ridge at one time, over the outrage of Bill Berry, and later he wanted to move it to Mammoth!

Dick came to California as a practicing businessman and public accountant. One of his early 1960s ventures was a car wash out on Crenshaw in Los Angeles. I think his early business adventures made him very budget conscious. **Dick was known as being pretty tight with a nickel. He has been accused several times of filling Scotch bottles having a premium label with lesser Scotch. So Dick, your chicken wings are ready!** (It's an inside joke from the notorious USSA convention in the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco in 1970).

Carl Guenther (d. 2006)

Carl was from the Midwest, possibly Minnesota or Wisconsin, and I don't believe he had any family here. While playing volleyball, our good friend Carl Guenther died of a heart attack. He was also an early backer and participant in cross country ski events. For those of you who didn't know Carl, he was a kind and gentle man who was always there to help out when needed. (From Ellen Loe, Single Ski Club-LA)

Ray Palmer (d.2006)

Ray was highly involved in the ski club community; being a past president of Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, Arizona Ski Council President, and a FWSA Trustee. Ray was very involved in Arizona Special Olympics and the man who initiated the ASC involvement in the Special Olympics Winter venue. He was a good man with a big heart; he will be greatly missed. (From Marge Fons, ASC). Remember "you can call me Ray, and you can call me Jay...?" That was the always ebullient humor of Ray Palmer.

John Rosenkranz (d.2006)

John Rosenkranz was the classic club racer. He was in his club, Westwood, for the fun of it but became an avid intramural racer. This led to his becoming a race official and organizer. His skills were much in demand at USSA Ski Weeks and he was an essential member of the racing committee at each of these events. He, with John James and Chuck Morse, founded FWSA Ski Week in 1972, patterned on the same template as that used by the larger, second USSA week in 1971. The first event was at Bear Valley. (See vignette from Chuck Morse below)

John was always willing to help the FWSA when artwork or renderings were needed. His career lay in design and commercial art. He is the designer of the current FWSA logo.

And his athletic ability and agility was reflected in his dancing. His partner had to be just as agile. He was always ready with a smile. John was a diminutive man with a great heart. Skiing will miss him.

[Far West Ski Week 1972, Bear Valley, CA. There were 37 FW members in attendance. I was FWSA Ex Dir, at the time we, (you and me) created ski week, which was to grow into the FW Ski Week and then National Ski Week with upwards of 1,500 skiers attending. The FW ski week was created to bring the FWSA and FW ski resorts closer together and at the same time give FW members another skier benefit. We had both Alpine ski and Nordic ski events, along with the first winter orienteering event. Attendees were housed at the Bear Valley Lodge, thanks to Peter Brinkman./ Peter was Marketing Director. He later married daughter of Heavenly Valley owner Killibrew. He later went on to become Dir. Of Skiing for Harrah's Lake Tahoe. John Rozenkranz, John James and Ed McArthur were event organizers. Older fellow from Single Ski Club, Howie something, was also very helpful, as was Rozenkranz' girl friend who was a very good club racer. I believe James was selected "Skier of the Week." I broke my wrist in a ski race with Peter. (Hit a bamboo gate) Every night all 37 skiers could be found in the hot tub. Very friendly group. If I remember correctly, the whole week's package, including lodging, food, nightly parties, ski lessons, races, etc. was less than \$150.00. . Bear Valley sponsored all the parties. From Chuck Morse]

Director Report

Safety Committee by Richard Lubin, Chair "The Snowboarding Chiropractor"

Safety

All snow sports participants can appreciate how critically important safety is to all of us.

Many are aware of deaths occurring at ski areas this year, even among ski patrollers at Mammoth Mountain. In the Lake Tahoe area at least 4 deaths occurred at resorts just in the month of April. These were the result of skiers/riders going to fast and striking an object. There is little doubt that in each person has to set their own standards of what they consider to be conscientious and prudent behaviors. It requires a constant attention to the hazards and potential hazards around us.

Our sports take place in ski areas which do a great job at controlling many things which could cause us harm. Excessive speed, inattentiveness, and failure to look around are some of the main causes for injuries.

Issues of safety are both relevant to the ski industry and very important to the Association. The position of Safety Chair was created in the fall of 2002, with two time Safety Person of the Year winner ('01&'02).

Richard Lubin, D.C. Mike Sanford and Dr. Lubin drafted a new Committee Charter, Mission Statement and Objectives.

The Association promotes safety by a number of methods.

- A) There is a special section of the webpage (**FWSA.org**) with articles on safety.
- B) In our annual **FWSA SKIERS GUIDE**, publication, the widely distributed magazine.
- C) The associations' quarterly newsletter, **The Councilman**, has featured articles on safety by Dr. Lubin and others.
- D) Our Safety Chair has continued to interact with a number of Risk managers and Ski Patrollers at the Ski Resorts to discuss issues of Safety.
- E) The Safety chair has regularly e-mailed original articles to many websites and newsletters.
- F) Our slogans– "**Ski With Pride, Let It Ride, Watch All Sides**" and **F**irst **W**ith **S**afety **A**wareness appear in many places letting all know that safety is an important issue with the association.
- G) Our **Safety Person of the Year** Contest brings greater exposure to our concerns and dedication to safety in snow sports.
- H) **The FWSA Thermometer program.** The Safety chair has delivered several of these to Tahoe resorts. Other board members have taken these to various other resorts.

Safety Person of the Year (SPOY)

Starting in 1999 the FWSA has been awarding a Safety Person of the Year to the individual within the association that has done the most to promote safety through a number of criteria. This contest has been sponsored by **ASPEN SKIING COMPANY**. They have announced that they will continue sponsorship. While every ski resort promotes safety, Aspen has proven their dedication to making safety an important issue by rewarding these individuals with a fabulous ski vacation. This includes a 7 day package for 2 including airfare, lodging, 6 days of lift tickets, rental equipment, lessons, a mountain tour with an employee, and an appearance on the local TV show.

The winners have been ('99) Catherine Ohl, Century City and Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Clubs (LA/SD Councils), ('00) Denise Vance, North Island Snowdrifters (SD Council), and ('01 &'02) Richard Lubin, D.C., Bota Baggers Ski Club (BAC), (2003) Elaine Cobos (Az Council), (2004), Bob Ellis(BotaBaggers BAC) and (2005) Teresa TJ Barnes(N Island Snowdrifters). This past year saw a repeat winner **Catherine Ohl**, (Century City and Pacific Rim Alliance.) Catherine does everything, she writes articles, does web pages, newsletters and is an ongoing advocate of safety, mostly through her multiple articles. She is a worthy winner and has done much to raise safety consciousness.

SAFETY THERMOMETERS

This year saw the introduction of our FWSA Safety Thermometers. These 11 inch dial thermometers have the Far West Ski Association logo, Website, and the slogan "Be Safe. Watch All Sides". The Safety chair ensured that these were placed at Heavenly, Squaw, Northstar, Sugar Bowl and Sierra at Tahoe. Some of the other board members placed these in other resorts like Aspen and Telluride. Next year we hope to include more resorts. This is a great way to increase exposure of our organization.

RESORTS

The ski resorts take great measures to ensure that skiing and snowboarding can be a safe sport. Every aspect of a ski resort is predicated on safety. If there is any question about these issues, they will close a lift or an area. Long before a ski area is open, the patrollers check the slopes. Issues like avalanche danger, lifts, marking obstacles, padding lift towers, marking out of bounds, grooming are among the many safety concerns. Most resorts have a Risk Manager to address some of these concerns. Each ski area has its own unique set of concerns. "The Skiers Responsibility Code", which outlines safe practices, is displayed prominently at nearly every US resort on posters, on napkins and in restrooms. Ski patrollers issue warnings and sometimes pull the passes of those who demonstrate unsafe practices. We ultimately recognize that the issue of safety is most dependent on each individual's own cognizance.

We applaud the efforts of some of the national programs like **Burrton's Smart Style, the National Ski Area Association's (NSAA) Heads Up Safety Program, Lids on Kids, and Safety Awareness Week.**

Equipment manufacturers have contributed to increased safety in skiing. Material science and improved design have helped to bolster the numbers of safe snow sport participants. Certainly the advances in fabric technology have made snowsports more safe and warm.

INTERACTION RESORT SAFETY PERSONEL

The safety chair has personally interacted with many ski patrollers, risk managers, and safety personnel this past season. He had a unique opportunity to interview a lift manager at Squaw Valley who has been there over 25 years. We discussed issues of operations and safety. The ski areas in general do more safety checks than are required. In California the lift operations are also inspected by the State, unlike many other states. Safety compliance of the resort with their insurers is also an important issue.

In this relatively sparse snow season in Tahoe snowmaking was a big concern. The safety chair got to interview the snowmaking managers at Heavenly and Northstar, the two largest snowmakers in Tahoe. It is amazing how this not only contributes to the enjoyment of skiing, but also safety. Areas of high usage, like terrain parks and commonly used trails must have adequate coverage to be safe.

The FWSA Safety Chair is an avid snowboarder, with third consecutive season of over 50 days of riding at 6 resorts this season. Interactions have occurred on a weekly basis with the ski patrollers, both professional and National Ski Patrol (amateur). . We discussed safety concerns like injury areas, profiles of injured skiers, locations, terrain parks and skier/snowboarder interaction.

TERRAIN PARKS

There has been a large industry push to provide parks and terrain feature. Since a disproportionate number of injuries take place in these regions it has been a great safety concern.

Some of the discussions have focused on making these parks safer. One of the strategies is to have multiple areas for skiers/riders of different ability levels. Burton Progression Parks, developed by Burton and Snow Park Technologies bring small features to an area and have increasingly bigger terrain features. This way skiers/riders can start small and work their way up. Four or more separate park areas may be provided at the larger resorts giving the public a great choice in diversity and intensity. A beginner snowboarder is less likely to get hurt if they have a choice for a smaller, less dangerous park. The larger, more extreme features attract those of a higher skill level.

There is little doubt that the trend for freestyle has attracted many to skiing and boarding and this trend will likely continue. We at FWSA believe it is a good and safe practice to use wrist supports and helmets. Other safety gear, like padded shorts, or shoulder pads may also help decrease injury. Rely on your skills, let the features clear before going, and use a spotter if possible.

Education and safety in these park areas will decrease the risks, however we expect people to continue to injure themselves. Burrton's Smart Style is a sensible approach. Respect the other people, look before you leap, and easy style it. It promotes rational incremental increases in ability.

CONCLUSION

Skiing and snowboarding present the most risks ultimately to the individual user Like driving, one has to use common sense and ski or ride defensively, watching and anticipating all possible dangers.

At all FWSA conventions, safety has remained a major issue. FWSA has continued to focus its efforts on promoting safe snow sport practices.

The Far West Ski Association takes an active role in promoting safety. We have teamed with Aspen/Snowmass in giving a fantastic award for many years. Through our other methods we are leaders and proponents of safe snow sports.

The Safety Chair has developed a new hip phrase :

C H A R G E F I E R C E BUT DO IT SAFE!

Director Report

Far West Skier's Guide by Leigh Gieringer, Editor

The Far West Skier's Guide - an Official Publication of the Far West Ski Association - is an important communication tool to reach FWSA members and to attract potential new members to affiliated ski clubs. To date, nineteen annual issues have been produced. The issues are currently distributed in the geographic area between Seattle, Washington and San Diego, California; east to Albuquerque, New Mexico to Reno, Nevada. Plus, there are a few clubs from other parts of the country who have joined Far West Councils. Guides are sent to them as well. It is a major undertaking and one of the FWSA most visible programs. Although I have the prime role in producing this publication, there are others that need to be acknowledged, because without their assistance, this publication would not exist in its present form.

First mention would have to be the ski industry which has supported the Far West Skier's Guide throughout the years. We have a synergistic relationship. Our membership is able to be informed about different resorts. The Guide provides the resort community with a platform to get their messages to our members, as well as other snowsport enthusiasts - allowing them to make informed travel decisions. On behalf of the Far West Skier's Guide and the Far West Ski Association, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the ski industry for their continued support of and participation in our publication. I look forward to including you in future issues.

Additionally, officers of FWSA/FWRA and member councils have played important roles. Although the names change, office holders' contributions and perspectives are essential to producing an informative and multi-faceted publication. Each council has the opportunity to outline their major activities and club information. Council presidents disseminate The Guide to their member clubs, as well. Additional copies of The Guide are distributed to ski shows and ski shops in each council area which helps attract new members to the clubs.

Each issue updates the various FWSA and council programs, including travel, racing, annual Convention, current winners of special Far West awards and much more. It also features news from resorts and other pertinent information which affects the ski industry.

The Far West Skier's Guide is about to enter its twentieth year. I wish to thank everyone who will be associated with this publication for their efforts in making this the best regional ski publication in the country. My goal is to continue to create an informative publication for our readers to enjoy. Look for our next issue in October, 2007.

Council Report

Arizona Ski Council by Marge Fons, President



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents six ski clubs and 1,000 ski club members, primarily in the Phoenix metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the State of Arizona. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders and social members. This year we welcome back to the Council, *Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, AOTC!*

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club
Boeing Adventure Club
East Valley Ski Club
Party Time Sports
Phoenix Ski Club
Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club

Family Outdoor activity and travel club
Corporate, family-oriented activity club
Adult ski club, family-friendly
Adult ski, boating, and social club
Adult ski and social club
Adult ski and social club

Our 2006-2007 ski season and year round activities were fantastic! Included was an extensive list of ski season trips offered by our member clubs, and by ASC and FWSA. We had great participation in our trips and local events, and are particularly proud of our strong showing in competitive racing programs during FWSA ski week. We also had family fun while providing support for community service organizations such as Telluride Adaptive Sport Program, US Ski and Snowboard Team, and Special Olympics.

2006-2007 Ski Season

We started the ski season with our annual “Arizona Days” trip to Telluride, Colorado in December, bringing about 150 skiers and riders to enjoy great early season conditions. This low cost bus trip offers 3 or 4 ski days and multiple departure times and is always a great value and draw for longtime members as well as first-time skiers who want to check out our clubs. This year we stayed again in the Mountain Village at the luxurious ski-in ski-out Wyndham Peaks Hotel and Lodges, with ski valet service, a terrific pool and several Jacuzzis, and access to the Golden Door Spa. The Telluride Conference Center was the venue for our Friday evening party and dance, and an on-mountain picnic greeted hungry skiers at the bottom of the racecourse on Saturday.

We brought a small contingency of Zonies, both alpine and cross-country skiers and snowboarders – to Steamboat, Colorado, for 2007 FWSA Ski Week. The skiing, pub-crawl and parties, and race events were great, with near perfect snow conditions! A special thanks to ASC trip captain, Mary Beth Fitchlee, who effectively coordinated our group. Watch out for us next year at Whistler, as we’re looking to take back the top awards as we will be in full force.

We also sent a good-sized contingency of Arizona skiers to the FWSA International Ski Weeks in Bormio, Italy. A smaller group continued on to Rome- sampling bits and artifacts of Italian history. The sights, the people, the food, and of course, the wine, was enjoyed by all!

In addition to Arizona Ski Council and FWSA winter travel, our ski clubs ran several great trips this year. Both *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SSSC)* and *Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)* celebrated Thanksgiving in Wolf Creek, Colorado. *PSC* adventured up to Salt Lake City, Utah for some good fresh and deep snow. *East Valley Ski Club (EVSC)* and

Partytime Sports (PTS) both traveled to Telluride in January for some great skiing when the entire mountain was open. Sun Valley was the star filled destination for a small group of SSSC skiers. In February *PSC* trekked to Winter Park in Colorado to enjoy some great powder! SSSC also ventured up north to Whistler, B.C, Canada to get their preview of the 2008 FWSA Ski Week! *PSC* ventured across the border to Panorama, Canada. *PSC* also took advantage of the fantastic snow in the Lake Tahoe area in late March.! Both *PSC* and *SSSC* returned to Telluride in April for the annual end of season bash, “Surf the Rockies.” All enjoyed pink flamingos, wild bikini races and flamboyant costumes!

Competitive Racing in Arizona Ski Council

ASC strongly promoted participation in FWSA Ski Week races and NASTAR race events on council and club trips. For a council with no regular racing program or race league to our name, our racers scored!

The “Jagermeister Cup Challenge” is the Arizona Ski Council interclub NASTAR race competition held on our annual “Arizona Days” trip to Telluride. This year we held our fifth annual Race Clinic on the day prior to the race for competitors to get some tips and hone their skills. On race day, first timers and veterans, both skiers and snowboarders, competed for individual and club recognition. Fun was had by all on the racecourse, at the on-mountain picnic following the competition, and at the awards happy hour held on Saturday night.

Congratulations to the *Scottsdale Ski Club* for winning the Jagermeister Cup for this year!

Other Activities – Social, Recreational and Community Service

After sponsoring the convention in 2007, the ASC Annual Ski Season Kick Off Party this year was low key over a couple of beers at the favorite watering and dancing hole, Greasewood Flats! Good music, green chili burgers, cold beers, star-lit skies and great friends were on the order for the night!

In addition, the Council Charities’ Committee successfully expanded offering discounts on movie tickets and family events, including giving back a portion of the proceeds to ski related charities.

Our clubs have extensive offerings of social events and year round activities to keep our members entertained. Off-season trips include weekend get-aways to beachfront resorts in Mexico, treks to California – both northern and southern, and houseboat outings on beautiful Lake Powell. We have regular Friday night Happy Hours -- always at a different location – local weekend bike rides in our cooler months, monthly dinner outings, lake trips, Wine & Cheese parties, Halloween costume parties, Luaus ... and an endless list of fun events. Our clubs also support charities and serve the community.

Communication Programs

Club contact and event information is also posted on our website www.arizonaskicouncil.org.,in addition to each club’s individual site. We reach the skiing public and look for new members for our clubs at showings of the Warren Miller Ski Film thanks to partnership with Arizona Snowbowl, and provide for distribution of the FWSA Skiers’ Guide at local ski shops as well as ski swap venues in which our clubs participate. We also participate in Singles Showcases and other community functions. This year our focus was to develop a flyer to promote our organization to new members and encourage new clubs to join us. We are presently coordinating meetings with various clubs around the valley. Check back with us on our progress during the year!

Family Programs

We have formed a Family Programs Committee to evaluate and plan family activities and trips. Our family-oriented clubs and individual parent and grandparent members in adult ski clubs have asked the Council to offer family ski trips. Our opportunity to successfully plan and run family trips is growing as several former ski club and council leaders now have young children or are expectant parents. Unfortunately, due to lack of snow, we were unable to thoroughly promote and run family day trips this year. We are looking forward to expanding this next year.

Thank You to Volunteers!

Thank you to the hard-working volunteers that have brought their time, energy and talents to Arizona Ski Council and made our programs successful this year. Our representatives helped us in strengthening Arizona Ski Council programs and benefits offered to clubs and their members. ASC strives to provide service, rather than

competition, to member clubs. Our ASC clubs have also elected new boards, with continuing board members helping to set direction, and new volunteers bringing new energy and fresh ideas.

Special recognition goes to our 2006-2007 volunteers:

ASC Trip Captains: Paul Beloud, Telluride, Arizona Days
Mary Beth Fitchlee, Steamboat FWSA Ski Week

Council Officers: President, Marge Fons
Vice President, Arleigh Meiners
Treasurer, Marybeth Fitchlee
Secretary, Karen Bonine
Race Director, Mike Rogers

Club Reps: Francoise Fernandez , Colleen Perkins, *Boeing Adventure Club*
Ed Schebel, Greg Schaffer *East Valley Ski Club*
Sam Harris, Gary Giertz, *Party Time Sports*
Ron McCorkle, Dave Towar, *Phoenix Ski Club*
Dan Romanenko, Sue Thiebes, *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*

ASC Racing Program: Mike Rogers

ASC Charities Committee: Jeff Peebles, Arleigh Meiners,

Looking Ahead to 2007-2008

Congratulations to the newly elected officers:

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Club Reps: Francoise Fernandez , Colleen Perkins, *Boeing Adventure Club*
Ed Schwebel, Greg Schaffer *East Valley Ski Club*
Sam Harris, Gary Giertz, *Party Time Sports*
Ron Lamoureux, Dave Towar, Bobbie Davis *Phoenix Ski Club*
Dan Romanenko, Brent Bowles, Clarence Marshall, *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*

Planning for 2007-2008 ski season trips is already underway. After sending representatives to Mountain Travel Symposium in Whistler, clubs are working together to coordinate and create the best ski trip schedule ever! Check us out online at www.arizonaskicouncil.org !

Council Report

Bay Area Snow Sports Council by Dennis Heffley, President



Welcome to the 2007 Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Convention in beautiful Santa Clara, CA! The Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) is very happy to support FWSA and our ski industry partners. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers of the FWSA and BAC for their hard work, dedication and care in putting on this event. Along with that, BAC wants to congratulate our candidates for ***FWSA Man/Woman of the Year Mr. Dennis Heffley and Ms. Christine Hoskinson both of Rusty Bindings Ski Club.***

We cannot say Thank You enough to Ms. Linda Indreboe for her talents, organizational skills and energy to make this FWSA Convention in 2007 being hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, CA a GREAT SUCCESS! Ms. Linda Indreboe ~ Public Affairs Director of the BAC and member of the Apres Ski Club along with the multitudes of volunteers who have stepped forward have been the ones to make the difference! There is also an amazing group of people from the FarWest Ski Association who put in literally hundreds of hours in the planning of the FWSA conventions to be sure that you have a wonderful experience while attending this event ~ without their efforts any council could not do this on their own ~ Thank You!

The BAC had a busy year with ski club membership drives, the corporate discount program, traveling, racing and just skiing/boarding. Highlights for this last year have to be the ~ **FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat Springs, FWSA trip to China, FWSA trip to Italy, BAC trip to Panorama, BC and BAC Singles League trip to Sun Peaks, CA.** BAC is looking forward to the **2007 travel season!** There are the FWSA trips to **Whistler/Blackcomb, the European Alps and China.** Our BAC trips are still being looked at and plans are being made!

Racing makes up a big part of the BAC. Open League and Singles League Race teams went to a number of local resorts in the Lake Tahoe area to race. Due to the very challenging snow (when there was some that was raceable!) our volunteer League and Club Race Directors had to do a lot of adjusting of their schedules. Despite the efforts of Mother Nature we had another great Race Season! Norcals were held at Alpine Meadows and the Far West Race Championships were held at Mt. Bachelor, OR. It was another CHAMPIONSHIP season for all of our racers!. **Congratulations to all of BAC Racers!**

BAC supports and donates money to Disabled Sports USA (DSUSA), which sponsors the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows. BAC has as a special annual event ~ **The BAC/DSUSA Ski for All** hosted at Alpine Meadows this year during Norcal Championship Races. This year BAC raised again over \$20,000 for DSUSA. **Mr. Harry Davis** (past president of FWSA) put together cart racing events to raise money. The BAC with the assistance of the ***Oakland Athletics ~ Major League Baseball Team*** held their second annual Fund Raiser for DSUSA. There were 158 people in attendance! Our third annual baseball game with the Oakland Athletics is planned for Sept. 28, 2007. We have 300 tickets for the game!! **THANK YOU ~ to all who participated in gathering donations!**

I am very lucky be going into the fourth term of the position of the President of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. It is wonderful to have the support of such a great list of Past Presidents ~ Ms. Linda Yamaguchi, Ms. Karen Davis and Mr. Harry Davis who is also a Past President of the FarWest Ski Association!

Being given the opportunity to continue on with the **Mountain Travel Symposium, National Ski Council Federation** and the **FarWest Ski Association** are true experiences that I look forward to attending and sharing the information from, with the Bay Area Snow Sports Council.

For further information about the exciting year that we are planning for the BAC please go to www.skibac.org for updates.

In May elections were held for new board of directors. The BAC Board Members for 2007 – 2008 are as follows.

Secretary – Catherine Wilson	Industry Liaison – David Cunningham
Treasurer – Paul Vlasveld	V.P. Communication – Sig Kalteis
V.P. Travel – Linda Henning	V.P. Public Affairs – Linda Indreboe
V.P. Membership - Michelle Nightengale	Benefits Director - Paula Kinahon (interim)
BAC Webmaster – Lee Holzscuh	Singles League President – Kathy Silver
Open League President – open	Open League Race Chairperson – John Schultheis
Singles League Race Chr – Craig Faitel	Marketing Director – Scott Bowker
Community Services Chair – Sandy Kiyomura	Historian – open

I would like to acknowledge the following people who served on the BAC Board during 2006-2007. Their contributions, dedication and love for BAC are greatly appreciated. People like them help in making BAC successful.

Mary Azevedo - Secretary
Norm Azevedo - V.P. Travel
Walter Johnson - Treasure

I always end my monthly BAC article by sharing *“You’re the one who makes the difference”*. EVERYONE that I’ve listed above ~ along with all of our volunteer members ~ *are the ones who make the difference!*

Dennis Heffley
President ~ Bay Area Snow Sports Council

Council Report

Central Council of California, Inc. by Fran Long, President



Central Council of California represents ski/snowboard and sports clubs throughout the central California area.. Membership in Central Council is free for all ski/snowboard and sports clubs serving members 21 and older. Central Council promotes skiing/riding and friendship among all its member clubs, safety on the slopes, and opportunities for enjoying the comraderie of fellow skiers/riders. Our clubs serve adult skiers, snowboarders, and members interested in a variety of non-snow sports and activities.

Member clubs include:

- Avalanche Ski and Sports Club of Bakersfield
- Camber Ski Club of Salinas
- Fresno Ski Club
- Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club
- SLO Skiers, Inc. of San Luis Obispo
- Snow Trackers Ski Club of Exeter

Central Council sponsored two ski trips this year. Our first was a weekend trip to Mammoth Mountain, where about 35 members enjoyed skiing with friends, relaxing in the hot tub, and a great Saturday night party.

In late January 35+ members enjoyed the FWSA weeklong trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The weather and skiing were excellent and we all had a great time. Central Council was represented in the racing by 8 not-so-serious racers. We fared well in the regular competition; each taking home a few medals. While we lost our honor of holding the last place "Anchor Award" to Orange Council in the Council Challenge Race, we maintained our not-so-serious race dignity by winning the racing costume award.

In addition to the council trips we had this year, each of our member clubs had an active ski calendar. We had many skiers participate in weekend trips to Tahoe and Mammoth as well as week long trips to resorts in Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Canada.

All of our member clubs have active calendars throughout the year. Volleyball, bike riding, lake campouts, water skiing, etc. can be found on many summer calendars. In addition, Central Council sponsors a float trip on the Kings River in late June or July each year. This year's trip will be July 13-15, with camping and partying at Kelly's Beach in Reedley.

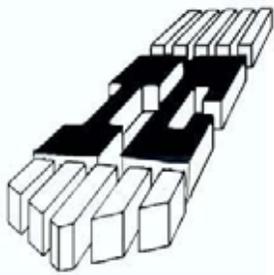
Congratulations to Central Council's Man and Woman of the Year candidates for 2006, Kathy Wood (Fresno Ski Club) and Jack Pieroni (Fresno Ski Club).

Ski clubs and ski councils are run by volunteers, and are only as good as the volunteers agreeing to run them.
Thank you to Central Council's 2006-2007 board of volunteers!

President	Fran Long
Vice President of Finance and Treasury	Kiyomi Stineman
Vice President of Clubs	Billy Ellis
Director of Ski Trips	Mary Alexander
Director of Non-Ski Activities	Jayne Camic
Director of Alpine Racing	Jim Grady
Director of Nordic Skiing	Carollane Grady
Secretary	Donna Barnes

Council Report

Inland Council by Bud Allie, President



Representing nine ski clubs in the Inland Empire region of Southern California plus the Flatlands Ski Club based in Kansas City, MO, the Inland Council has reached well inland. The council and its affiliated clubs actively promote a variety of recreational opportunities especially designed for skiers and snowboarders.

Our clubs and members enjoy group rates for travel, lift tickets, and accommodations when participating on trips to ski resorts in places like Colorado, Montana, Canada,, and Europe as well as other U.S. locations. In 2008 the council will be joining other FWSA councils for a week at Whistler. Each club also schedules trips to California's

Mammoth Mountain and Tahoe area resorts each year, plus outings to our local resorts in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests.

Inland Council Clubs

Blitzsnell Ski Club
Canyon Lake Alpine Club
Flatlands Ski Club
JPS Ski Club
Phillips Ranch Ski Club
Shooters
Sitzmarkers Ski Club
Sno Cats Ski Club
Vand Bakke Ski Clubs

Council Report

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs by Judith Miller, President



LA Council has had a successful year with respect to its trips and events. Our first event was a beach picnic day with kayaking, which was open to club members and their families (i.e., children included). We then tried something new in November by having our Snow Gala as a luncheon affair. This was mainly due to the unavailability of any venue for an evening and despite the change, we had a successful event. The Snow Gala is where we choose our council Man and Woman of the Year. This year was another first in that The Unrecables Ski Club held a silent auction to raise funds to help send the 14 attendees to our annual ski week.

That ski week was to Jackson Hole where we had 125 participants on what was a most enjoyable trip. John Morgan's people prepared the best weather (never below freezing) along with the best picnic and banquet ever. And in spite of near zero visibility, the race department held our annual Dave Seret race, which was won in a tie by Single Ski Club and Aerospace. Our second trip of the year was to Layton, Utah and was attended by 57 powder hounds. Unfortunately, the extreme amount of powder did cause several injuries, all but one not being severe.

Upcoming on the first Saturday in November, our Snow Gala will again be an evening affair. In 2008, we have our ski week to Sun Peaks the week prior to FWSA's ski week to Whistler. In February we will have another trip to Utah, and March will provide a 4-day trip to Couer d'Alene and a package to Courmayeur including extensions.

One major problem our council is having, which seems to be a problem other councils are having as well, is limited volunteerism by the clubs to run for council positions. At present we are missing a VP of Communications as well as a Treasurer. In addition, committee positions go vacant to be filled by the present officers rather than new faces. With everyone's lives becoming more and more crowded with family and ski club activities, I guess we're just getting burned out. I know the clubs are having the same problem of finding people to run for office, so what is the answer? I wish I knew.

Council Report

New Mexico Ski Club Council by Diane Stearley, President



This years Ski Season started off with a bang. We had the largest snow falls in 50 years and the clubs were in Ski Heaven. In fact the snow was so good in New Mexico that it was hard to think about venturing out of state to other areas. Especially when Europe was having one of there warmest winters in recent history.

However, many of the clubs did make it to Telluride, Steamboat, Crested Butte, Wolf Creek Durango/Purgatory, Cooper Mountain, and European destinations.

the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club had several day trips and overnight Hut trips to several great areas including Frisco/Breckenridge, Silverton, Colo., Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Crested Butte.

We are not racing clubs at this time but, who knows about the future.

Some of the clubs also, include social and summer recreational activities like golf, softball, camping, picnics, and numerous other social events.

We have plans for next years events to include more of the Far West trips.

Happy Trails;
Diane Stearley

Council Report

Northwest Council by Mary Olhausen, President

www.nwskiers.org



Northwest Ski Club Council represents 32 clubs and about 9,000 ski club members in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Our clubs offer many skiing opportunities at the exceptional ski areas we have in the Northwest and some clubs offer choices for other regional and international trips. Northwest Council offered several trips and other activities during the year to complement the activities provided through the clubs.

2006-2007 Ski Season

Northwest skiers kicked off the ski season with a trip to Aspen in December. This was a joint trip with San Diego Council. In February, Skiyente Ski Club hosted a "family trip" to Big Mountain via AMTRAK. In 2008 they will go to Sun Valley.

Northwest club members enjoyed another fantastic Far West Ski Week at Steamboat in January. The Far West travel program is very popular among the Council membership. We are really looking forward to Ski Week 2008 to Whistler/Blackcomb. Travel opportunities with Far West can be found on their website as well as the Council newsletter and website.

We, again, had great snowfall and our PACRAT Race League had excellent conditions for all their races. Council members traveled to Mt. Bachelor for the final race and FWRA Race Championships in April.

Northwest Council sponsored the "Ski Oregon & Ski Washington Challenge" again this ski season. Skiers and snowboarders were encouraged to ski resorts in Oregon and Washington and then be eligible for prizes, based on skiing the most resorts.

Public Affairs

Now in our fifth year, the Northwest Snowsports Advocates has a web page linked to the Northwest Council site at www.nwskiers.org. The web page provides information on Northwest ski areas with development projects and describes what actions we can take to show our support, either by writing letters to the US Forest Service or by appearing for public testimony. Our group believes that responsible ski area development can provide a better skiing and boarding experience for all of us while protecting the environment at the same time.

Northwest Council has held a seat on the board of directors of Oregon Snowsport Industries Association (OSIA) for over 13 years. The Council maintains a close relationship with Oregon ski resorts and other businesses and associations involved in the ski industry – lodging, transportation, retail, manufacturing and tourism. Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association (PNSAA) is also an active partner in OSIA. These industry organizations look to the Northwest Council for advice and representations of the skier's point of view.

Outreach Programs

Northwest Council participated in both the Oregon and Washington industry trade shows this year. We had booths at the Washington State SnowSports Expo in Seattle and the Portland Ski Fever and Snowboard Show. The annual Northwest Council "Ski Fair" was held in November. This event always draws a large crowd with sales of discount passes and a great silent auction. All three shows provide excellent opportunities to interact with ski resorts and industry representatives and with the general public. Our NW Skiers Directory is released at these

shows - a great resource of resorts and retailers who support Northwest Council as well as some interesting articles about the sport of skiing.

Community Service

NW Council clubs are hugely involved in charity activities - on and off the slopes! Club activities include fundraising and volunteer work for Special Olympics, highway cleanup on Mt. Hood, the annual Cancer Ski Out and other fundraising events for junior racing. The Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum continues to grow and is enlarging and adding to their impressive exhibits of the history of Mt. Hood - several clubs hold events at the Museum and sponsor fundraisers for the Museum. Northwest Council teams participate in the annual Oregon Cancer Ski Out. Randy Lew lead the "FWSA GERM TEAM" and they came in 2nd place for contributions collected. I'm happy to report that our 2007-2008 annual "Clubs 4-Play" golf tournament will award the winning team \$100 to a charity of choice.

PACRAT Racing

We had 15 teams compete in the PACRAT alpine racing league, a division of FWRA. Four races were held on Mt. Hood at Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, and Skibowl, and one race held at Mt. Bachelor. Each team is made up of ten members, of all levels of racing abilities. At this years FWRA Race Championships, PACRATS scored 2nd in slalom and 1st in GS. The post-season awards party was held in April at the Downtown Greek Cuisina in Portland. Awards were presented and King and Queen Rats were crowned. The PACRAT League has a new website at www.pacrats.org

Recognition

I would like to thank all members who worked on behalf of our clubs and Northwest Council during the 2006-07 year, especially the Northwest Council Board of Directors: **John Reinhardt, Jeanne Reinhardt, Steve Coxen, Linda Coxen, Linda McGavin, Debbi Kor-Lew, Jack Folliard, Barbara Bousum, and Barb Parshall.** We extend a big thanks to all of our ski industry who support NWSCC with our activities and Skier's Directory - we couldn't do it without your help!! Congrats to our Council Man & Woman of The Year - **Rod and Becki Robinson** from Altair Ski Club. They have done an outstanding job in promoting skiing in their club and working with local industry on a Ski Kick Off event for Altair.

The Convention in Santa Clara is shaping up to be one of the best conventions ever - much thanks to Bay Area Council who have worked very hard to organize a fun and productive weekend for all of us. NWSCC is excited as we will host the 2008 convention in Seattle, Washington. S'NoJoke Ski Club of Seattle has taken the lead on planning and I know we will provide a Convention you won't want to miss. As well, this is a great opportunity to visit the NW and take advantage of travel to Seattle/Puget Sound/San Juan Islands areas. See you all in 2008!!!

Council Report

The Orange Council by George Kish, President



ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS

Most of our member clubs meet in Orange County but we have a couple that meet in the Long Beach or Diamond Bar area. Our nine busy clubs that have a variety of activities that would please any skier, snowboarder, traveler, or social person who just loves to have fun.

We have gotten many calls from people inquiring about joining an Orange Council member club and they ask us which club they should consider. Our standard answer is to tell people they should go to several different club meetings, meet the people and officers who run those clubs. See what kind of ski trips, summer and winter social activities and even charitable things that the club typically has over the year. Check them out and then make a decision as to which one would be the best for you. Each club has its own personality and sometimes location isn't as important as finding folks that you want to spend your leisure and active time with.

Orange Council's motto since its inception has always been "Toward Better Skiing" and our clubs are constantly working to become more receptive to ideas and projects that will enhance the skiing and snowboarding experience. A proud member of the Far West Ski Association we participate in their very popular domestic ski week and some of our members have gone on the wonderful European ski weeks. These ski weeks help promote the friendship and enjoyment found by going with people having the same interests even though they are from different parts of the West and different age groups.

All our clubs in Orange Council are looking to increase membership, build better relationships with each other and others in the skiing industry. We have participated in several familiarization trips this season to new ski areas. This experience is invaluable to our clubs, with the participants bringing back important information and insights which they share with our whole group.

Orange Council had about 81 members participate in the FWSA 2007 Ski Week at Steamboat and there are already 20 members signed up for the FWSA 2008 Ski Week at Whistler/Blackcomb.

Look for us at the convention, say hello to our delegates. Join us in sharing the unique experience that brings us all together several times a year. We are looking forward to spending the weekend in Santa Clara and being with friends once more.

Council Report

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs by Cheryl Riess, President



Welcome to the 2007 Far West Ski Association 75th Annual Convention in Santa Clara, California. We look forward to participating in this year's activities. Thank you Bay Area Council and the FWSA staff for all your hard work.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs enjoyed a wonderful ski season. We started the season with a great council trip to Aspen and continuing with club trips to Mammoth Mountain, Salt Lake City resorts, Banff/Lake Louise, Winter Park, , , Snowbird/Alta, Big White and Beaver Creek/Vail and of course many of our clubs participated in FWSA Ski Week in Steamboat.

About one Hundred San Diegans ventured to Steamboat for the FWSA Ski Week. Everyone enjoyed great skiing and wonderful parties, although the cold weather was a challenge. The FWSA Ski Week to Whistler is selling fast. Visit our Council web site at www.skisandiego.org for a current list of council sponsored activities and link to our clubs.

Congratulations to **Dave Arnold** and **Susan Shaffer**, both of North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club, on their selection as San Diego Council of Ski Clubs Man and Woman of the Year. These dedicated and talented individuals were chosen by our Board of Directors to represent San Diego in this year's Man and Woman of the Year competition.

A special thanks to our 2007/2008 Board of Directors and Club Representatives. These hard working volunteers make our programs successful. Special recognition goes to:

Executive Board: **Ken Zuorro**, Vice President
Judy Schultheis, Treasurer
Rusty Etzel, Secretary
Susie Vetter, Outgoing Travel Director
Susan Shaffer, Travel Director and outgoing North Island Snowdrifters Representative

Appointed Board: **Connie Smith**, Activities Director
Michael Sanford, Public Affairs/Safety Director
Laura Meldrum, Communications Director

Club Representative: **Marv Errickson**, Action Ski and Snowboard Club
Ed Langmaid, BAE Ski and Snowboard Club
Helen Harris, Don Diego Ski Club
Sabina Alberti, Bob and Nony Milmo, Get Off Your Rockers Club
Bob Cleaver, North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club
Gene Fulkerson, Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Club
Chuck Logan, San Diego Ski Club
Bob Morton, Solar Ski Club
Sue Sprouse, Torrey Pines Ski Club

We look forward to another year of participation with the Far West Ski Association. Good luck to all the FWSA councils and we hope to see you during the convention.

Council Report

Sierra Council by Cliff Young, President



Sierra Council is one of the most competitive leagues in the nation. Our league is not one of the largest, but we live closest to the mountains. Several times a year, we offer race training sessions and the advanced racers are extremely supportive of helping lower class racers advance.

From mountain hikes to golf, bike riding to abalone diving, Shakespeare on the beach to wine tasting in the hills – come rejuvenate your spirit with clubs that comprise Sierra Council. We are a diverse group of avid skiers and outdoor enthusiasts who enthusiastically welcome newcomers.

2007-2008 Officers Elected

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