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"MOUNTAIN MAGIC MOMENTS" – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday, June 6, 2013

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration - Delegate Bags <i>Sponsored by Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority</i> , Delegate Registration - Delegate Neck Wallets <i>Sponsored by Nancy Greene's Cahilly Lodge</i>	Grand Salon
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Grand Salon
5:00 pm - 9:45 pm	River Walk Pub Crawl - <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i>	Hotel Lobby-South Entrance

Friday, June 7, 2013

6:15 am - 3:00 pm	7th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at LakeRidge Golf Course (Optional Event) Shotgun Start at 8:00 am	Hotel Lobby-North Entrance
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Tahoe Rim Trail Hike (Optional Event)	Hotel Lobby-North Entrance
8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Grand Sierra Spa Day (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company & Snowmass Tourism</i>	Meet in Spa
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Reno Run Whitewater Rafting (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Brian Head Ski Resort</i>	Hotel Lobby-North Entrance
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Grand Sierra Fun - Miniature Golf, Bowling, Pai Gow Lessons (Optional Event)	Hotel Lobby-North Entrance
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration & Set Up	Reno Ballroom
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Beach Party - <i>Sponsored by Mt. Bachelor, Hosted by Great Basin Brewing Company & Central Council</i>	Hotel Beach
3:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Salon
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only)	Carson 1
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Industry Exhibitor Meeting	Reno Ballroom
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	FWSA History Committee Meeting	Carson 1
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only)	FWSA Suite
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Convention 101 Meeting for New Convention Delegates	Grand Salon
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Ski Club Social (No Host)	Grand Salon
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party - <i>Sponsored by Ski Dazzle</i> , Beer <i>Hosted by Great Basin Brewing Company</i>	Reno Ballroom
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Silent Auction and Dance - Musical Entertainment by "Mr.D" - <i>Sponsored by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort & Jackson Hole Resort Lodging</i>	Reno Ballroom
10:30 pm - 11:30 pm	Exhibitor Booth Breakdown	Reno Ballroom

Saturday, June 8, 2013

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Salon
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area</i>	Reno Ballroom
8:00 am - 8:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session	Reno Ballroom
8:45 am - 10:40 am	Travel Expo – Grand Prize - Far West Ski Week <i>Sponsored by FWSA</i>	Tahoe Room
9:00 am - 12:15 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i>	Carson 3
10:00 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Carson 4
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - "Make Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done"	Carson 1
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Carson 2
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Far West Racing Association (Invitation Only)	Ruby 1
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Outstanding Club / Council Recognition Programs	Whitney Room
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation – Luncheon <i>Sponsored by Vail Resorts</i> , Beer <i>Hosted by Great Basin Brewing Company</i> , Beer Service <i>Sponsored by Whistler Blackcomb, Coast Blackcomb Suites at Whistler, The Fairmont Hotel & Resorts</i> , Western Ski Heritage Award <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> , FWSA Safety Person of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass, The Crestwood & The Gant</i>	Reno Ballroom
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	FWSA Snowsports Multi-Media Presentation - <i>Sponsored by Mt. Bachelor & Sunriver Resort</i>	Reno Ballroom
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - "Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club"	Carson 1
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	2014 FWSA Ski Week Staff Meeting (Invitation Only)	Carson 4
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Carson 2
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus - BAC / Direct Members LAC / San Diego / Orange / Arizona / New Mexico Northwest / Inland / Central / Intermountain / Sierra	Carson 1 Carson 2 Carson 3
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	Reno Ballroom
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance "Mountain Magic Moments!" - Wine <i>Sponsored by Sports America</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Ski.Com & SkiGroup.Net</i> , Musical Entertainment by "One Track Mind" <i>Sponsored by Holidaze Ski Tours</i>	Reno Ballroom

Sunday, June 9, 2013

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Eye Opener Party - <i>Sponsored by FWSA & Bay Area Snow Sports Council</i>	FWSA Suite
8:30 am - 10:30 am	FWSA General Meeting – Elections	Reno Ballroom
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch - <i>Sponsored by Taos Ski Valley Resort</i> , Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities Award, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway	Reno Ballroom
11:30 am - 2:00 pm	FWSA General Meeting Continued	Reno Ballroom
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	FWSA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees Meetings	Carson 1

Delegates are welcome to attend all events unless otherwise indicated. Participation in Travel Expo is especially encouraged and the Grand Prize will be awarded only among those who participate. Delegates with mandatory assignments to other meetings during Travel Expo will receive instructions from their Meeting Chairperson.

Panels / Snowsports Celebrities Multi-Media / Caucuses

Schedule Saturday June 8, 2013

	Travel Expo	Panel Sessions	Lunch	Panel Sessions	Council Caucuses
Room	8:45 am - 10:40 am	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	4:15 pm—5:30 pm
Tahoe Ballroom	Travel Expo				
Reno Ballroom			Lunch & Multimedia Presentation		
Carson 1		Snowsports Leadership Academy -		Snowsports Leadership Academy	Bay Area / Direct
Carson 2		Public Affairs Panel		Public Affairs Panel	Los Angeles / San Diego / Orange / Arizona / New Mexico
Carson 3	Councils Man & Woman Judging (closed session)	Councils Man & Woman Judging (closed session)			Northwest / Sierra / Central / Inland / Intermountain
Carson 4		Ski Week Bid Presentations (closed session)		Ski Week Staff Meeting (closed session)	
Ruby 1		Far West Racing Association (invitation only)			
Whitney Room		Club / Council Recognition Programs			

* Please note that this is a preliminary list of invited guests, presenters/speakers, topics & rooms which is subject to change.

10:45 AM-12:15 PM—Snowsports Leadership Academy and Public Affairs Panel Sessions*

Snowsports Leadership Academy—"Making Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done"—

Carson 1. Sharon Jossis will talk about how to make your club and council meetings interesting and fun. She will share some great ideas on how to stop the meeting and do something to pep up participants to keep them alert and focused. Bay Area Council President Dennis Heffley will provide tips on making meetings productive.

Public Affairs Panel—"Snowsports Trends + Adaptive Sports"—Carson 2. Moderator: Mike Sanford, FWSA Past President. Scheduled speakers include Doug Pringle, President Disabled Sports USA Far West Division; Dave Ludwig, Founder of Hope on the Slopes and Ski and Ride for a Cure; and Val Rios, President Sierra Nevada Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division Association and Past President of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants. Topics may include adaptive sports—creation and support, ski resort development including environmental impacts, how snowsports enthusiasts can impact development issues, ski area trends, forest service trends, the effect of demographics on skier/boarder numbers, the impact of downturns, and the role of FWSA.

Outstanding Club/Council Recognition Programs—Whitney Room. Crissymarie King, FWSA Communication Awards Chair and marketing professional, will discuss what makes an effective club or council newsletter and website.

1:30-2:30 PM—FWSA Snowsports Multimedia Presentation*—Reno Ballroom

Meet your favorite snowsports celebrities. Multimedia Presentation with Daron Rahlves, the most decorated US speed skier.

2:40-4:00 PM—Snowsports Leadership Academy and Public Affairs Panel Sessions

Snowsports Leadership Academy—"Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club"—Carson 1. Jim Nachbar, Arizona Ski Council, will lead a discussion about how clubs can use social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter to attract new members by showcasing club activities. The session will include how to effectively put information on the sites.

Public Affairs Panel—Snowsports Trends—Carson 2. Moderator: Mike Sanford. Scheduled speakers include Wayne Wong, Freestyle skier & US Ski Hall of Fame inductee; Bill Clark, Executive Director, Auburn Ski Club Training Center and Western SkiSport Museum; Val Rios, President Sierra Nevada Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division Association and Past President of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants; and Bill Dunkleberger, Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Topics may include snowsports competition trends, support for the National Ski Hall of Fame, 10th Mountain Division history and organization, ski area and forest service trends, impact that snowsports enthusiasts have on issues regarding ski area development, role of FWSA, and the environmental impacts of resort development.

4:15-5:30 PM Council Caucuses

Bay Area & Direct Members—Carson 1

Los Angeles / San Diego / Orange / Arizona / New Mexico—Carson 2

Northwest / Sierra / Central / Inland / Intermountain—Carson 3

Council delegates meet to hear from candidates running for the open FWSA offices. After the candidate presentations, the delegates will discuss the various candidates and the proposed By-Laws Amendment in preparation for voting on Sunday morning.

Snowsports Leadership Academy

by Mary Azevedo, Vice President Membership

The **Snowsports Leadership Academy** is a FWSA education program designed to provide FWSA members training and tools to enhance and expand ski clubs and be recognized industry wide as having a measure of standards and consistency.

The first Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions presented at the FWSA 2008 Convention in Seattle, Washington were "I'm Elected, Now What" and "Now You Have Them, How Do You Keep Them". The second two sessions at the FWSA 2009 Convention in Reno, Nevada were "Travel Wise – Smart Tips for Trips" and "Risky Business – A Slippery Slope". The third set of sessions at the FWSA 2010 Convention in Indian Wells, California were "Ethics - Doing the Right Thing" and "Tech Works – Building Your Club Using the Social Media". The fourth set of sessions at the FWSA 2011 Convention in Industry Hills, California were "Skiing Equipment Design: Getting the Right Fit; Building Membership Through Racing" and "Taking Office: Now What?" The FWSA 2012 Convention in Odgen modules were "The Future Is Now" with Luke Bodensteiner (USSA Executive VP Athletics) and "Marketing, Mentoring, Media" where participants divided into small groups to explore aspects of ski club involvement.

The modules for the 2013 convention are "Make Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done" and a refreshed and updated version of an earlier module "Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club." Recognizing that each convention has club members who have not attended previously, one module is typically a new topic and the other is a repackaged presentation of an earlier topic.

All attendees of the Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions receive a certificate of attendance at the Sunday morning general session.

You do not want to miss these well presented, informative and timely sessions.

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Saturday, June 8, 2013

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 (Mary Azevedo)

Nominations Committee Report (Linda Westlund)

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

Communication and Club Awards Report (CrissyMarie King)

Bylaws Committee Report (Robb Margrave)

Industry Marketing & Sponsorships (Debbi Kor)

Silent Auction (Mary Olhausen)

Travel Expo Report (Sigrid Noack)

RECESS FOR TRAVEL EXPO

8:45 am – 10:40 am Travel Expo (Sigrid Noack)

Sunday, June 9, 2013

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

8:30 am Call to Order (Randy Lew)

8:30 am – 12:15 pm FWSA General Meeting and Election of Officers

10:30 am RECESS FOR BRUNCH

Club & Council Communication Awards

Charities Award & Club History Award

11:30 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 (Wanda Ross)

Acceptance of Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting

Credentials Committee Report (Mary Azevedo)

Parliamentarian's Report (John Watson)

Bylaws Report (Robb Margrave)

Nominations of Candidates for Officers & Trustees (Linda Westlund)

Speeches by Candidates (3 minutes time limit each)

Election and voting for new President, Trustees, and Officers

Substantive Resolutions

Treasurer's Report (Linda Coxen)

President's Report (Randy Lew)

Board of Trustees Report (Linda Westlund)

Industry Sponsorship/Silent Auction (Debbi Kor & Mary Olhausen)

FWSA 2014 Convention Report (Jane Wyckoff / Mary Olhausen)

Old Business (Randy Lew)

New Business (Randy Lew)

Introduction of Newly Elected Officers and Trustees (Randy Lew)

Adjournment (FWSA President)

DELEGATE TRAVEL EXPO INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday Morning, June 8th

GREETINGS DELEGATES!!

Welcome to the 11th 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 participating in Travel Expo.

WHAT IS TRAVEL EXPO?

Travel Expo takes place on Saturday morning of Convention. It is a forum where delegates [voting and non-voting] can meet with the ski industry [resorts, operators, and suppliers], in a pre-scheduled 10-minute appointment format. 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.

SIGNING UP FOR APPOINTMENTS

These appointments are held every 10 minutes from 8:45am to 10:40am, giving you eight opportunities to meet with ski industry. We are asking that delegates take advantage of all eight opportunities. You will have opportunity to sign up for appointments on Friday night at Silent Auction as well as on Saturday morning—just before Expo starts. Each delegate will have a PASSPORT, with appointment times that match industry Sign-Up Sheets.

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.

Two opportunities to sign up for Travel Expo Appointments:

- During Silent Auction on Friday from 6:30pm – 10:30pm
- On Saturday morning from 8:30am – 8:45am prior to the start of Travel Expo.

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.

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 Industry 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
Where Your Club Traveled In 2012-2013
What Trips Your Club Is Planning For 2013-2014

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

For those of you who meet with **ALL EIGHT** 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 2014 annual Ski Week trip to:

Beaver Creek, Colorado

with the Far West Ski Association,
January 25 – February 1, 2014.

QUESTIONS??

For questions about Travel Expo, please contact:

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omary52@comcast.net

Welcome

From Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association

From the great Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada welcome to all club delegates, invited guests and industry partners attending the 81st Annual Meeting and Convention of Far West Ski Association.

This weekend is a showcase for Far West, a celebration of our history and accomplishments, an opportunity to renew friendships, a period of time we set aside to do the Association's business and our most important chance to build on our relationships with our snowsports industry partners.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to both the FWSA Convention Committee and all the Bay Area Snow Sports 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 worked many hours on the Convention over the last twelve months: **Committee Chair Linda Indreboe, Dennis Heffley, Mary Azevedo, Bob Ellis, Woody Hogan, John Walsh, Cathy Wilson, Ed Pease, Jack McDermott, Barbara Erickson, Gene Fulkerson, Catherine Ohl, and all the other great volunteers.**

Also in line for a pat on the back are the FWSA Convention Chairperson **Jane Wyckoff, Standing Convention Committee members Mike Sanford and Steve Coxen**, and their entire Committee of volunteers, who have done a great job in performing all the groundwork to keep the local effort enthusiastic and productive. And of course, we all owe a debt of gratitude to our Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair **Mary Olhausen** and VP of Marketing **Debbi Kor** who do a great job of coordinating the auction and keeping our sponsors happy. Lastly, I would like to thank **Catherine Ohl** for our Convention Awards Book and Chairing our FWSA Awards Committee. Please take time to read the list of Convention Committee Volunteers in this book and thank them personally for their hard work.

The annual Silent Auction on Friday night and our Travel Expo on Saturday is an excellent opportunity for all attendees to meet with representatives of the ski resorts. **Mary, Jane and Sigrid Noack and Linda McGavin** have done a terrific job coordinating these events for us all. 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.

This year we are presenting the 9th module of our Snowsports Leadership Academy, "Make Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done" and repackaging the module "Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club" We are also planning a multi-media presentation with Daron Rahlves, the most decorated US speed skier.

Other special guests this year include: Olympian, Billy Kidd; Original free skier & US Ski Hall of Fame inductee, Wayne Wong; former Paralympian and Boston Marathon winner Candace Cable; National Ski Areas Association Journal Editor, Troy Hawks; Founder of Hope on the Slopes, Dave Ludwig, Filmmaker Bill Kerig, and Kelly Heuga Hammill. In addition, we hope that Steve Bellamy and Tamara McKinney will be joining us. Some of our guests will be invited to speak on topics of interest in the Public Affairs panel sessions. This is a great opportunity to mingle with the folks who got us here plus the FWSA volunteers and show our appreciation for the work they have done.

The Awards Banquet "Mountain Magic Moments" on Saturday night will be the high point of the weekend. There we recognize the people who have made significant contributions during the year to Far West Ski Association, their clubs and councils. Their efforts coupled with our strong volunteer corps keep FWSA the strong organization it has become today, a nationally recognized organization and **"The Voice of the Western Skier."**

Event Sponsors

81st Annual FWSA Convention

by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 81st 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 2013-2014.

Program Sponsors



ASPEN SNOWMASS
THE POWER OF FOUR



Safety Award

Since 1998, **Aspen/Snowmass**, **The Gant** and **Crestwood** have donated a 7-night ski package for two with lodging, rentals, lift tickets, a half day lesson, transfers & air.



Ski Heritage Award

Since 2000, **Steamboat** has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, a tour and half day lesson.



Man & Woman of Year

Since 2001, **Big White Ski Resort** has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging and lift tickets for Councils' Man and Woman of the Year.



Athletic Scholarships

Since 2004, funds for the scholarships are provided through contributions from **Whitefish**, **Grouse Mountain Lodge** and **Karbon**.

2013 Convention Sponsors



Delegate Totes
Convention



Neck Wallets
Convention



Pub Crawl
Thursday evening

Golf Classic
Friday Morning



Grand Sierra Spa Day
Friday Morning



Grand Sierra Spa Day
Friday Morning



White Water Rafting
Friday Morning



Beach Party
Friday Afternoon



Silent Auction
Happy Hour Friday



DJ
Friday Evening



DJ
Friday Evening



Breakfast
Saturday morning



Luncheon
Saturday



Beer Service
Saturday Lunch



Beer Service
Saturday Lunch



Beer Service
Saturday Lunch



Beer
Fri Beach Party, Happy Hour
& Sat Lunch



Multi-Media
Saturday afternoon



Multi-Media
Saturday afternoon



Delegate Books
Convention



Banquet Wine
Saturday Evening



Banquet Wine
Saturday Evening



Banquet Wine
Saturday Evening



Banquet Entertainment
Saturday Evening



Eye Opener
Sunday Morning



Brunch
Sunday Morning

Silent Auction & Travel Expo 2013 Participants

by Mary Olhausen and Debbi Kor

The Far West Ski Association and Bay Area Snow Sports Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 28th Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners.

Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2013-2014.

Afton Alps, MN	Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT	Ski Big 3, Canada
All Seasons Resort Lodging, UT	Harrah's/Harveys, NV	SKI.com, CO
Alpine Meadows, CA	Heavenly Mountain Ski Resort, CA	Ski Dazzle, CA
Arapahoe Basin, CO	Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ	Ski Group.Net, CA
Aspen Skiing Company, CO	Homewood Mountain Resort, CA	Ski Salt Lake, UT
Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Huntley Lodge, MT	Snakedance Condominiums, NM
Aston Lakeland Village Resort, CA	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY	Snow Tours, NJ
Alyeska Resort, AK	Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY	Snowbasin Ski Resort, UT
Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Canada	Kandahar Lodge at Whitefish, MT	Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, UT
Banff Lodging Company, Canada	Keystone Lodge & Spa, CO	Snowmass Ski Resort, CO
Beaver Creek Resort, CO	Keystone Ski Resort, CO	Snowmass Tourism, CO
Beaver Run Resort, CO	Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Canada	South Lake Tahoe Lodging, CA
Betty Donellan, CA	Kimberley Alpine Resort, Canada	Sports America Tours, CA
Big Sky Resort, MT	Kirkwood Ski Resort, CA	Squaw Valley Resort, CA
Big White Ski Resort, Canada	La Quinta Inn, Layton, UT	Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., CO
Bike Tours Direct, NJ	Lizard Creek Lodge, Canada	Stonebridge Inn, CO
Breckenridge Hospitality, CO	Madrona Manor, CA	Sunriver Resort, OR
Breckenridge Ski Resort, CO	Mammoth Mountain Inn, CA	Sun Valley Resort, ID
BrianHead Ski Resort, UT	Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, CA	Sunshine Mountain Lodge, Canada
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID	Miracle Springs Resort, CA	Sunshine Village Resort, Canada
Cedar Breaks Lodge, UT	Mountain Lodge Telluride, CO	Taos Ski Valley Resort, NM
Cliff Lodge, UT	Mountain Resorts Steamboat, CO	Teewinot Lodge, WY
Coast Blackcomb Suites-Whistler Canada	Mountainside Inn, CO	Telluride Alpine Lodging, CO
Copper Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort, OR	Telluride Ski Resort, CO
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Brighton, MI	The Crestwood, CO
Davis Area Conv-Visitor Bureau, UT	Mt. Rose / Ski Tahoe, NV	The Gant Hotel, CO
Deer Valley Ski Resort, UT	Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge, Canada	The Grand Lodge, CO
Delta Whistler Hotel, Canada	Northstar Lodging, CA	The Hotel Alyeska, AK
Deschutes Brewery, OR	Northstar Ski Resort, CA	The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT
Destination Resorts Snowmass, CO	Pacific Coach, Canada	The Riverhouse, OR
Double Tree-Hilton Hotel, CO	Panorama Mountain Village, Canada	The Transportation Network, UT
Drury Hotels, Various US	Park City Mountain Resort, UT	The Vintage Hotel, CO
Eldorado Resort, Mexico	Park City Peaks Hotel, UT	Tourism Whistler, Canada
El Monte Sagrado Resort & Spa, NM	Phoenix Inn, OR	Trickle Creek Lodge, Canada
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Canada	Powder Mountain Ski Resort, UT	Vail Resorts, CO
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada	Powderhorn Mountain Resort, CO	Val D'Iserre Condos, CA
Fairmont Chateau Whistler, Canada	Red Mountain Resort, Canada	Village At Squaw, CA
Fernie Alpine Resort, Canada	Reno-Sparks Conv & Visitors Auth, NV	Wanderlust Tours, OR
Forest Suites, CA	Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, Canada	Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, NV	Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID	Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Grand Targhee Resort, WY	Selkirk Lodge, ID	Whitewater Ski Resort, Canada
Granlibakken Resort, CA	Shadow Ridge Condos, UT	Winter Park Ski Resort, CO
Great Basin Brewing Company, NV	Shore Lodge, ID	Wyndham Vacation Rentals, CO

Convention Volunteer VIPs

FWSA President
FWSA Convention Chairperson
Bay Area Snow Sports Council Host Convention Chairperson
Bay Area Snow Sports Council President
Convention Sponsorship Chairperson
Silent Auction / Travel Expo
 Silent Auction and Travel Expo Chairperson
 Silent Auction Coordinator
 Silent Auction Accounting
 Travel Expo Coordinator
 Travel Expo Prize Donations
 Silent Auction Bid Runners Coordinators
 Auctioneer
 Auctioneer Assistant
FWSA Awards
 Service Awards Chairperson
 Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Chairperson
Multi-Media Presentation Coordinator
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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 2013 FWSA Convention a success.

Wayne Wong

Any discussion about the early years of “Hot Dog” freestyle skiing will probably include the iconic name Wayne Wong. Good looking and charismatic, Wong was a very marketable character. The looks, style and all the latest freestyle ski moves that propelled him into the limelight of the era. His signature tricks on the snow, great smile and personality made him a cultural icon of the early freestyle era.

After years of competition at a world class level, Wong remained on the ski scene. He is one of the few who were able to parlay his ski fame into a true ambassador for the sport of skiing. Being recognized at the international level, he continues to maximize the value of his storied career. Whether it is coaching Olympic hopefuls, or skiing with corporate executives, his purpose remains the same; to share what he loves.

On the snow, Wong is an absolute technician, not only in style and technique, but he truly understands equipment science and design. He is considered one of the best ski testers of our time. For him, it is always about his passion for skiing. The tools of his life are his skis and you can always find him spreading the joy of skiing through the tools of his trade.



Awards & Achievements:

- 1972: Skiing Magazine Freestyle Skier of the Year
- 1972-'76: member of the K2 and Salomon Freestyle Ski Teams
- 1975: member of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance Interski Team
- 1984-'87: 3X World Powder 8 Champion
- 1999: recognized by Skiing magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential People; recognized by Ski magazine as one of the “Top 100 Most Influential People”
- 2000: voted by Ski Magazine as one of the “Top 100 Skiers of All Time”
- 2006: named by Powder Magazine as one of the “Top 48 Greatest Skiers of Our Time”
- 2009: inducted into the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame
- 2011: recognized as a Pioneer of Freestyle Skiing by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Daron Rahlves



The most decorated American Downhill and Super G skier in history. Daron won 12 World Cup races, had 28 World Cup podiums, 7 US National Titles, is the 2001 World Champion in Super G, Silver medal at the 2005 Worlds in DH and Bronze medal in GS.

He was the winner of the legendary Hahnenkamm Downhill in 2003 and SG in 2004 along with 7 podium finishes in Kitzbuhel over 5 years. Now ski cross is the competition of his choice. In 2008 Daron took the win in Skier X at Winter X Games 12 and finished 3rd overall on the Jeep Skiing/48 Straight Tour.

Daron Rahlves was born June 12, 1973 in Walnut Creek, California. Growing up in Nor Cal he was exposed to all kinds of sports: soccer, tennis, golf, waterskiing, jet skiing, motocross and snow skiing. Every winter in Tahoe and summers at Clear Lake, snow skiing and water sports became one of Daron's many strong suits.

At the age of 12, Daron's family moved up to Tahoe so that he could focus on competing. During the summers, he stayed serious about another passion: jet skiing. After 4 years racing 440 Super Stock and the modified class he became the Expert World Champion in 1993 and that same year was named to the US Ski Team. His 13 years on the National Team included racing World Cup, being named to 4 World Championship teams and 3 Winter Olympic Games.

Now he's made a transition from Alpine Ski Racing to skier cross comps on The 48 Straight Jeep King of the Mountain Tour, X-Games and the 2010 Olympics. Also on his plate is a goal of big mountain free skiing and filming with the top ski movie crews. "My goal is to explore more of the sport of skiing. That's why I decided to retire from World Cup racing when I was on top and healthy. On my own terms." As an ambassador for Sugar Bowl Resort, Daron works with their ski academy and ski team passing on his knowledge from his ski racing success. He balances his time at home in Truckee, CA and a place at the beach in Encinitas, CA. Daron and wife Michelle are raising twins Dreyson and Miley.

Career Totals

- 7 US National Titles
- 15 US National Podiums
- 28 World Cup Podiums
- 12 World Cup Wins
- 3 World Championship medals

Dave Ludwig



Dave Ludwig, founder of *Hope On The Slopes (HOTS)*, states in his own words “The inception of what is now the American Cancer Society *Hope On The Slopes* began as an idea or thought while riding the chair one day at White Pass. In those days, White Pass had a RFID vertical tracking system that I enjoyed using. We could track our runs and vertical for the day and the year to date. My thought at the time was ‘how could this be used as a fundraiser’? Since this early concept phase, White Pass has helped develop and refine *Hope On The Slopes* at White Pass, and has been involved in the expansion of the event to almost every new location.

Since inception in 2002, **over \$2.5 million has been raised by *Hope on the Slopes*** for the American Cancer Society.

In 2011 Dave founded *Ski & Ride For A Cure*, a 501(c)3 organization, the purpose of which is to expand *Hope On The Slopes* to ski areas and resorts where the ACS did not have budget or trained staff. This grew into an agreement with the ACS to transfer the *Hope On The Slopes* events in the West to the new non-profit. The American Cancer Society remains the beneficiary of funds raised. We believe strongly in the mission of the American Cancer Society.

In its first season of operations for *Ski & Ride For A Cure*, the team managed the transition of the seven *Hope On The Slopes* in the West (Breckenridge, Silverton, Ski Bowl, Mt. Spokane, Stevens Pass, Crystal Mountain, and White Pass). In total, these fundraising events were supported by approximately 1,500 volunteers, and raised over one-quarter of a million dollars.

The plan is to grow and expand by two to five new *Hope On The Slopes* events for next year by identifying and communicating to new resorts that may be interested in hosting a HOTS event. This will be done by becoming more visible in the industry, gaining referrals via their current event managers and volunteers, and by direct marketing.

About the cause: About 12 million people living in the United States today have had some type of cancer. Half of all men and one-third of all women in the U.S. will develop cancer during their lifetimes. This terrible disease impacts the lives of millions of people every day. The funds raised for the American Cancer Society through *Ski & Ride For A Cure* go to research, early detection, patient services and support.

Through *Ski & Ride For A Cure* we now have an opportunity as an industry of resorts, volunteers, and business supporters to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Bill Clark

Executive Director, Western SkiSport Museum
Executive Director, Auburn Ski Club, Inc.

As Executive Director, Bill directs the Auburn Ski Club Training Center and the Western SkiSport Museum on Donner Summit. The Auburn Ski Club Training Center is a non-profit facility located on Donner Summit, adjacent to Boreal Mountain Resort. The training center provides a variety of programs for 1500+ members including Junior Alpine, Snowboard, Nordic and biathlon ski teams; recreational XC skiing and clinics on club XC trails; and competitions, including NCAA and USSA national competitions.

Bill began skiing as a Junior Far West racer with the Auburn Ski Club and was a four-way competitor at Sierra College. He was program director and head coach of the Auburn Ski Club's Alpine program from 1979-1990. He is a former member of the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame selection committee, the Far West Alpine and the Far West Nordic Board of Directors. He is currently a board member of the Squaw Valley Olympic Museum Foundation, which is working to establish a new museum there. He was a member of the planning committee for the 2010 50th Anniversary Olympic Heritage Celebration.

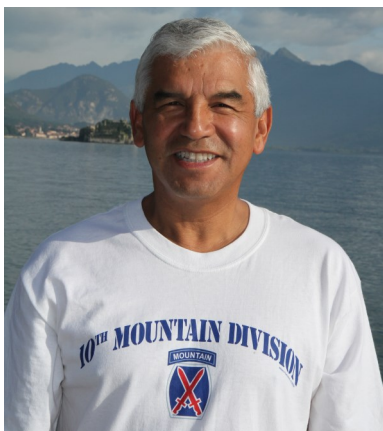


The Western SkiSport Museum was founded in 1969 by the Auburn Ski Club. Its mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of winter ski sports in the western United States. Featured exhibits include: Auburn Ski Club; Snowshoe Thompson; California Gold Camps and the Longboard Skiers; 10th Mountain Division "Ski Troops of World War II," Yosemite Winter Club, Sun Valley and Alta Ski Areas; U.S. Ski Team and Olympic history; Sugar Bowl; Ski Jumpers of the 1930's and 1940's; Dodie Post, Olympic skier from Reno; Dick "Maddog" Buek, legendary skier from Donner Summit; Western Ski Hall of Fame; Jeff Hamilton, Auburn Ski Club skier, 150 mph world record speed skier and 1992 Olympic bronze medalist; U.S. Forest Service; and Roy Mikkelsen, Auburn Ski Club jumper and Olympic ski jumper in 1936.

The archives and library are available by appointment. The museum has movies dating from 1919 and a publication *The Lost Sierra—Gold, Ghosts and Skis*.

Val Rios

President, 10th Mountain Division Association Sierra Nevada Chapter



Valentine (Val) Rios is the current President of the Sierra Nevada Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division Association and Past President of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants. He is the son of Cruz Rios, 94, who served with the 10th Mountain Division, 87th Regiment, Company K. Val has lived in Fresno most of his life. An educator for more than 30 years, he has taught at Garces High School in Bakersfield and at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno. He has been a high school counselor at McLane high school in Fresno for just over 20 years. He is married to Georgia Rios, a counselor at Central East High School in Fresno. They have two sons.

Billy Kidd

1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist

When you think of legends in American skiing the name **Billy Kidd** is at the top of the list. He became America's hero back in the 1964 Olympics when he and teammate Jimmie Heuga became the first American men to win Olympic medals in alpine skiing — a silver for Kidd and a bronze for Heuga in the slalom at Innsbruck, Austria.

Although his racing is confined mainly to the “Legends Races” now, he continues his involvement in the sport as Director of Skiing at Steamboat; TV commentator at the Olympics; Head Skiing Coach for Special Olympics as well as equipment design, books, videos and movies. Kidd grew up in Stowe, Vermont and raced internationally for nine years on the U.S. Ski Team. While racing, he studied at the University of Colorado and graduated in 1969 with a degree in economics. After establishing his prominence in the ski world in the 1964 Olympics, Billy marked yet another “first” for American men by becoming the first person to win both Amateur and Pro World Championships in a single year-1970. Kidd went on to win the Amateur World Championship in Val Gardena, Italy. Then Billy turned pro and two weeks later won the World Pro Championships.



Billy has made his home Steamboat Springs, Colorado since 1970 and spends much of the winter as Director of Skiing at the Steamboat Ski Area and running his Billy Kidd Performance Center. The Center features a personal “hands-on” approach, using on-slope video analysis and a Personal Skiing Profile. Billy and his coaches guarantee they'll make you a better skier.

Billy also leads Steamboat's Ute Future Olympian program, which brings Native American youngsters from Utah reservations to Steamboat, where they build self-confidence by learning to ski and snowboard. His efforts with Native American youth recently earned him the Texaco Star Regional Award.

Because his Olympic teammate and long-time friend Jimmie Heuga had MS, Kidd is also involved in fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis and is on the board of directors of the Jimmie Heuga Center for the Reanimation of the Physically Challenged, now known as Can Do MS.

After a lifetime of skiing Kidd still enjoys helping people ski better. Along with coaching at his camps, he hosts a free daily clinic at 1:00 on the slopes at Steamboat.

This all adds up to a total commitment to the sport of skiing. Kidd skis for enjoyment and excitement--two things that are as much a part of skiing as the name **Billy Kidd**.

BILLY KIDD ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Olympic Silver Medalist, Slalom, 1964
- World Champion, Amateur and Professional, 1970
- Far West Ski Association Hans Georg Award, 1970
- National Ski Hall of Fame Inductee, 1976
- Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, 1995
- Texaco Star Award Regional Finalist, 2000
- The Bertolucci/Newsweek Magazine - Spirit of Skiing Award, 2001
- The Jimmie Heuga Center Can-Do Award, 2003
- Far West Ski Association President's Award, 2004
- CBS-TV Commentator
- Contributing Editor, *Skiing Magazine*
- Director of Skiing, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation
- Advisor, President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports
- Head Ski Coach, Special Olympics International.
- National spokesman, Donate-A-Ski/Donate-A-Board
- Author of three books, including: Billy Kidd's Ski Racing Book, plus Billy Kidd's Ski Racing Video.
- Rolex Junior Skiing Ambassador
- Sports Illustrated Cover Image: Dec. 2003, Feb. 1968, March 1965

Bill Dunkleberger

Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

As Forest Supervisor for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bill Dunkelberger manages 6.3 million acres in Nevada and eastern California.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe's spectacular 6.3 million acres makes it the largest National Forest in the lower 48 states. Located in Nevada and a portion of eastern California, the Forest offers multiple year-round recreational opportunities.

Prior to coming to the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Dunkelberger was in southwest Colorado where he was in a dual-hat position as the San Juan Public Lands Associate Center Manager where he managed Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands. Before being named Associate Center Manager there, he was the Cooperative Landscape Conservation Coordinator, overseeing eco-regional assessments, healthy landscape initiatives, and climate change response.



Dunkelberger began his career with the Forest Service in 1980 as the Lead Wilderness Ranger on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. He continued his work in recreation and wilderness on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in Colorado. He also served as the Arapaho National Recreation Area Manager on the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland for four years.

Dunkelberger is no stranger to Humboldt-Toiyabe country. Before returning to Colorado and the San Juan he was Field Manager for the BLM Bishop Field Office with land management responsibilities in California's Eastern Sierra and coordination with adjacent Nevada jurisdictions and stakeholders. In that role, he emphasized conservation partnerships, collaboration, citizen-centered stewardship, and inter-agency coordination.

An outdoor enthusiast, Dunkelberger enjoys hiking, mountain biking, skiing, hunting, and fishing.

Sylas Wright

Sports Editor, Sierra Sun Newspaper



The Far West Ski Association welcomes Sylas Wright, Sports Editor for the Sierra Sun and North Lake Tahoe Bonanza newspapers, as a guest at our convention banquet. Sylas graduated from Fresno State University in 2004 with a degree in print journalism, and was hired by the Sierra Sun in February 2005.

Surviving numerous cutbacks and changes, he took on more responsibilities, shooting photos in addition to writing and editing, and expanding his coverage area from Truckee to Lake Tahoe's north and west shores. He subsequently also became sports editor of the North Lake Tahoe Bonanza. He enjoys covering the sports and outdoor scene in a world-class athletic destination, where the athletes never cease to amaze him. In 2010, Sylas was awarded the Far West Ski Association's Bill Berry Award for outstanding service to skiing by writing for the printed media. His coverage of junior ski racing was especially noted in that he brought recognition to both the sport and to deserving young athletes.

Lila Lapanja

U.S. Ski Team

FWSA Athletic Scholarship Recipient



Lila Lapanja, a life-time resident of North Lake Tahoe and daughter of Vojko and Margie Lapanja of Incline Village, NV, is the FWSA Athletic Scholarship's first recipient to have been selected to the U.S. Ski Team.

Lila was recognized by the scholarship committee as a formidable talent at the age of 14 when she stood in the top ten for all four disciplines. During the 2009-2010 season, she had ten top ten finishes including six on the podium. She finished the year nationally ranked 6th in Downhill, 9th in Giant Slalom and 4th in Slalom. The following year, Lila finished the year nationally ranked 6th in Downhill, 9th in Giant Slalom and 4th in Slalom.

At age 16, she was selected for the U.S. Ski Team's development team. During the 2012 race season she exceeded expectations. She took fourth place in Slalom at the U.S. Nationals and finished the season ranked 1st in Giant Slalom, 1st in Super Combined, 2nd in Slalom, and 3rd in Super G for her year group.

As a result of her strong performance, Lila was appointed to the USST's Europa Cup Technical Team. This season she defended her Junior Combined title at the US National Championships and also led the charge for the USA as the top-ranked American in both Slalom and Giant Slalom at the World Junior Championships in Quebec.

Like many of her racing contemporaries, Lila had to accomplish her required academic coursework through a variety of scholastic options. Training, travel and competition required long periods away from home. In 2011, the year she was selected for the U.S. Ski Team, Margie Lapanja put over 7,000 miles on the family car driving Lila to ski races. Lila for her part sacrificed much of the social life that most teenagers enjoy. Academics were completed through a variety of in-class and online courses. Despite the demands on her time, Lila maintained a 4.35 grade point average and on June 7 she graduated from Forest Charter High School as Salutatorian of her class.

We are delighted and honored to have this outstanding young scholar-athlete and her parents join us for the convention banquet.

Kayleigh MacGregor

Mammoth Mountain Ski Team

FWSA Athletic Scholarship Recipient

The Far West Ski Association is pleased to welcome Kayleigh MacGregor, a member of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team and a recipient of the 2012 Far West Ski Association athletic scholarship sponsored by the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.

A former resident of Malibu, CA, Kayleigh and her parents moved to Mammoth Lakes, CA, so that she would have greater opportunities for ski race training. Competing as a J3 in the 2011-2012 season, Kayleigh had two top-ten finishes in Downhill and Super G, and she finished 5th in the Far West Downhill Championships. She also competed in the Junior Championships in Bozeman, MT.

The 2012-2013 season began with two serious injuries; a fractured ankle followed by a serious wrist injury. Nevertheless, Kayleigh had 15 starts and finished in the top-fifteen six times including three top-ten finishes. In March, she scored a 5th and 6th place overall (2nd and 3rd for her age group) at the Far West Open at Northstar, and the following month, she scored a 5th place in Downhill, a 2nd and 5th place in Super G, and a 6th place in Giant Slalom for her age group at the Far West Finals at Mammoth.



In recognition for her accomplishments, she received the event's Hard Charger Award. In 2012, Kayleigh was honored with Mammoth's Spencer Riffel award for her outstanding sportsmanship. Her achievements are all the more remarkable because Kayleigh was born with Cystic Fibrosis; a disease that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system. Kayleigh's courage and fortitude exemplifies a true champion.

Kayleigh will be beginning her junior year at Mammoth High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and maintains a 3.8 GPA. She is also a member of the varsity cheerleading squad and is active in several sports including Jiu-jitsu and swimming. Kayleigh is a volunteer for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Emily Shene Foundation. Kayleigh and her parents, Brian and Christina, will be joining us for the Saturday luncheon and the convention banquet.

FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award 2013

Ingrid Wicken

California Ski Library



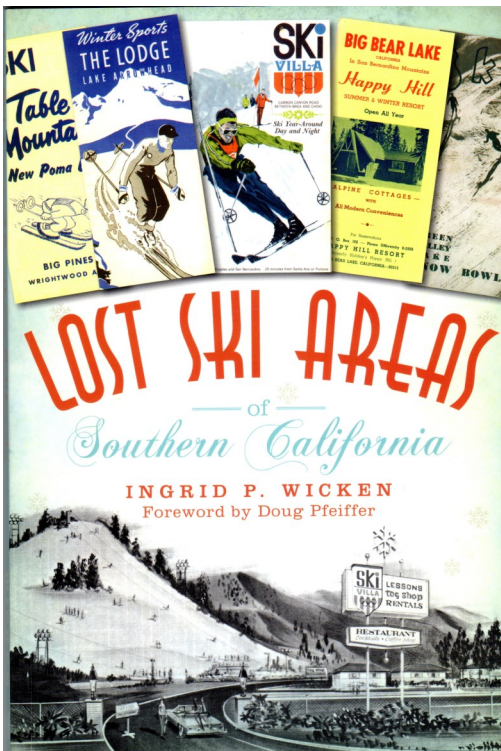
The winner of this year's prize is Ingrid Wicken, California Ski Library, for her 2012 book *Lost Ski Areas of Southern California*. The lost ski areas (LSA) projects started on the East Coast and Far West's Ethan Chickering launched the Western version (WELSAP) in 1992.

Wicken's book is the most detailed approach to LSAs and will be continued with her research underway for the LSAs of Northern California. The accounting for lost ski areas uncovers real historical treasures – personalities, partnerships, champions and championships – and shows the fabric and evolution of snow-sports.

Did you know that Mt. Palomar had a ski area in 1967? That a year round ski area, Ski Villa in Carbon Canyon, opened in Orange County in 1966? It was a concrete slope paved in plastic tiles, and had a vertical of 280 feet. A pine needle slope was operated by Sepp Benedikter in the summer of 1939. It was on a slope at the corner of Lankershim and Ventura Boulevards, the current location of Universal Studios. Both Ski Villa and the pine needle slope operated for day and night skiing. The pine needle slope attracted many Hollywood celebrities.

Wicken will have *Lost Ski Areas of Southern California* for sale at the 2013 FWSA Convention and Annual Meeting in Reno in June.

The winner of the Western Ski Heritage Prize receives a 5-day vacation for two from Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation, including 5-day lift tickets to Steamboat, 5 days of rentals, half-day lesson for two and 5 nights lodging.



FWSA Safety Person of the Year 2013

Gordon Lusk



The 2013 Safety Person of the Year winner is Gordon Lusk of the Mountain High Ski Club of the Northwest Ski Club Council. Gordon is a long time expert skier. He is the president of the PACRAT Race League and has been involved many years with safety in racing. His efforts have been extensive with supervising course set-up, course starters, and crew. He has presented course safety information and techniques to club members and has written articles on this. Gordon has also coached high school and junior racers and promoted the FWRA SCHOLARSHIP program to these kids.

The FWSA believes that safety is an important component in snowsports. We recognize that the ski resorts do an extraordinary job of minimizing hazards. Ultimately, safety is based on individual responsibility and behavior.

Aspen-Snowmass has partnered with the FWSA for over a decade in recognizing the individual who has done the most to improve safety-consciousness. The Safety Person of the Year

Award includes a week of skiing at Aspen-Snowmass, accommodations at The Crestwood and The Gant, airfare, and equipment rental. This fine award shows Aspen-Snowmass commitment to promoting safety. We would like to thank Mary Manning of Aspen Snowmass for running this program for a number of years.

We encourage each ski club to promote this fine award by nominating individuals who have contributed to snow safety through on slope activities, presentations, articles, etc. Details may be found on the FWSA.org website.

Remember: SAFETY IS HAVING FUN CONSCIOUSLY!

Snowsports Builder Awards

by John Watson, History Chair

The FWSA Snowsports Builder Awards are given to individuals who have made an indelible positive impact on snowsports. The builder honored may be for achievements in athletics, the press, publishers, historians, industry, humanitarian work, area development, or technology. In short, they honor those who have made significant contributions to snowsports.

Doug Pringle

Disabled Sports USA

Doug Pringle is a ground breaker for disabled sports and a tireless innovator and organizational developer of services to the disabled since the 1960s. He remains so to this day, continuing his four decades of service to the expanding disabled community.



Doug Pringle, U.S. Military Academy Class of 67, arrived that year in Vietnam. Three months later, he lost most of his right leg in combat. His rehabilitation reinforced his determination to not allow injury to exclude him from recreational activities. He found that there were but three amputee ski clubs in the USA and in 1969 he and 13 other amputees organized and raced in an Amputee Championship at Donner Summit. This was the initial point for what is now Disabled Sports USA. It all began on snow. And Doug Pringle has been central in the evolution of disabled sports in the USA.

Forty years ago, many of the wounded from the Vietnam War became involved in skiing because major military hospitals were including the sport as part of rehabilitation training.

Pringle got hooked on skiing through his participation in the National Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association (NHSRA) and he became its President in 1970. He further expanded the network to 25 chapters over the next six years. As a member of the Professional Ski Instructor's Association

(PSIA), he expanded Learn to Ski clinics and authored numerous manuals about disabled skiing. In 1988, PSIA voted to recognize NHSRA's Adaptive Ski Instructor Certification program.

In 1994, NHSRA was renamed Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA), now with nationwide reach. For six years Doug Pringle was a member of the United States Olympic Committee bringing focus and equality to the United States Paralympic Team and has traveled to many countries establishing Disabled Sports Programs on an International level. Doug Pringle was the President of the founding chapter, DSUSA Far West and is the current President of DSUSA Far West Division.

Today DSUSA serves over 60,000 youth, wounded warriors and adults annually in over 30 different sports, through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters in 37 states. Disabilities include those with visual impairments, amputations, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, other neuromuscular/orthopedic conditions, dwarfism, autism and related intellectual disabilities. DSUSA offers over 40 different sports including alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, biathlon, kayaking, water skiing, sailing, scuba, surfing, rafting, outrigger canoeing, fishing, hiking, golf, athletics, archery, cycling, running/wheeling, rock climbing, equestrian and others. These sports opportunities transform participants, highlighting the potential in each, embodied in the DSUSA motto "If I can do this, I can do anything!"

DSUSA is recognized for its pioneering role in developing physical fitness programs for people with disabilities, advocacy for and provision of adaptive programs, development of specialized equipment and its advocacy for people with disabilities in sports and recreation. It all began on snow with 13 amputee skiers who refused to be discouraged. Doug Pringle was there at the beginning.

Snowsports Builder Award

Vern Sprock

Vern Sprock, a dedicated outdoorsman, bought Sierra Ski Ranch with its two rope tows in 1953. Sierra Ski Ranch came into being as a family friendly and family operated ski area. Vern Sprock was one of the last of the area resort founders who did it his way and on his own. In the 40 years of the Sierra Ski Ranch, it was noted for its offerings of affordable family and weekend packages and a number of imaginative innovations as well. The tradition begun by Sprock was to provide a great value on legendary terrain. He and his family made an indelible imprint on snowsports.



Starting with the tows, he proceeded to expand the lift capability at the Ranch to three rope tows and two Poma lifts. The venture had trying days ahead. Caltrans required that the entire area move in 1968 due to a planned Highway 50 relocation. Successful in relocating further east on the highway, Sierra Ski Ranch reopened on Christmas Day and was immediately slammed by a record snowfall. That year was a challenge, but the area reopened in three weeks and struggled through the remainder of the season – at a loss. In 1977, the Ranch was hosting more than 300,000 snowriders annually. In the 1982-1983 season Echo Summit received 747 inches of snow, the largest recorded snowfall ever in California. This time, Sierra Ski Ranch was prepared.

The Ranch was a family operation. He moved to the Ranch in 1953 with Bobbie, his wife of three years. His daughter and son were born over the next 6 years. The four of them operated Sierra Ski Ranch in two locations and with many improvements for the next 40 years. The children had chores as early as four years and they were there when the area was sold in 1993. The four family members each had assigned responsibilities in the area's operation. Among these duties, Bobbie did a snow report each morning, one of the first areas to offer this service; she was also an official weather observation station for the National Weather Service. She was honored by the Tahoe Heritage Foundation in 2005 for her service.

Vern Sprock's last big challenge was his 1988 proposal to the USFS for a 3-phase, 10-year plan for the Sierra Ski Ranch. The proposed 1988 Huckleberry Base Area would include 11 ski lifts, 1 tram, 1 day lodge, 2 hotels, 200 condominiums, 2 service stations and other infrastructure. This project was scouted out by Vern, the USFS District Rangers and others. In the hearings and media leading up to the ultimate rescission by the USFS, local groups such as "Friends of the Echo Summit" brought the spotted owl into the discussions. There was no known outcome to a study of the owl's habitat nor a timeline for its completion. This situation, while not fatal for the ranch, made its future course indefinite. When Sprock sold to Fibreboard in 1993, the Ranch had nine chairlifts. The backcountry gates to the Huckleberry area were opened in 2001.

The Sprock family has moved on. But their four decade heart and soul investment is a testament to perseverance and a family approach to area services. Snowsports is indebted to Vern Sprock for his operation of Sierra Ski Ranch from humble beginnings in 1953, through trying times and circumstances, to 1993 when it became what we now know as Sierra at Tahoe.

Snowsports Builder Award

Arthur Chelton Leonard (1923-2011)

Arthur Chelton "Shelly" Leonard was both a ski and football athlete at Reno High School (Class of 1941) and the University of Nevada-Reno. He was most certainly headed for international ski competition when World War II changed everything. He volunteered for the U. S. Army and was ordered in 1943 to Camp Hale to train with the 10th Mountain Division. Corporal Leonard was designated as a ski instructor. This was the start of **fifty years** of service to snowsports.



At the end of the war, Leonard enrolled in the University of Oregon. Though he was proud to be called a Duck, the siren call of ski racing led him to Sun Valley Idaho in 1947. In 1948 he was back at the University of Nevada and a member of the ski team until his graduation in 1951. The next eight years were spent as the University of Nevada ski coach. During this time he organized the first sanctioned NCAA Intercollegiate Ski Championships held at Sky Tavern, originated the "All American Ski Team", was honored as Ski Coach of the Year and led Nevada to two top five finishes in the NCAA Ski Championships. In 1992 Chelton was inducted into the University of Nevada Athletic Hall of Fame for skiing and as coach of the ski team.

In 1958, Chelton took the position of Assistant Sports Technical Director for the 1960 **Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley**. He was involved in the Competition Jury, was the Chief Gatekeeper for Alpine events and appointed Advisor to Nevada Governor Grant Sawyer for the Winter Olympics. In 1960 he was appointed Executive Director of the **National Ski Association of America** (now the United States Ski and Snowboard Association) and continued working with the **U.S. Olympic Committee** and as Chairman of the International Ski Competition Committee. Chelton returned to Reno in 1962 for two more years as Nevada's **Ski Coach**. In 1964, he accepted the position as Convention Director for John Ascuaga's Nugget until his recall to active duty military in 1967. Chelton retired from the Army as a Colonel.

His last role was Director of the Luggi Foegger Ski School at Diamond Peak, Incline Village, NV from 1975-1990. The off seasons found him selling real estate around Incline Village and Carson City. His love of skiing, mountains and the Army had Chelton traveling the world with the 10th Mountain Division Association and the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers. For three years from 1995 to 1998 he served as Secretary General of "International Federation of Mountain Soldiers". He became lifelong friends with many of his former adversaries, including a German General. He also was a high school football referee in northern Nevada and Colorado for 24 years. With his son in Boy Scouts, he held positions on the Nevada Area Council Executive Committee, Scoutmaster and Explorer Post Advisor.

"Shelly" Leonard founded the 10th Mountain Division annual biathlon race and he celebrated its 28th anniversary April 19, 2009 at Auburn Ski Club. In 2007 he received the Wendell Robie Award from Auburn Ski Club for Lifetime Outstanding Service. Leonard's long career includes Certified Official, Chief of Race, Referee and Chief Timer for FWSA, United States Ski Association and the International Ski Federation (FIS).

Arthur Chelton Leonard served snowsports in many roles, especially in the Reno-Tahoe area. Snowsports owes a great debt to the late "Shelly" for his many contributions to the development of ski racing, coaching and ski instruction during skiing's growth years from the Olympics through the 1980s. Between his 10th Mountain Division duty commencing 1943 and Diamond Peak, "Shelly" Leonard participated in every major ski activity in the Reno-Tahoe area for 50 years. There may be no trail marker, but those tracks in the snow are "Shelly" Leonard's.

Board of Directors

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FWSA Elections

Elections to be held Sunday, June 9, 2013

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustee (1)

Trustee (2)

VP Council Services

**VP North American
Travel**

VP Public Affairs

**VP Communications
(one-year term)**

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one-year terms. Trustees and Vice Presidents are elected for two-year terms. This year, a VP Communications will be elected for a one-year term to fill a vacancy in the current unexpired 2012-2013 term. In 2014, the two-year term elective positions will be VP Communications, VP International Travel, VP Marketing, and two Trustee positions.

Treasurer's Report

by Linda Coxen, Treasurer

May 2012 through April 2013

Versus

May 2011 through April 2012

Attached are the Comparative Balance Sheet and Income Statements. Please note the figures for 2013 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 2012 will be updated and appropriately reflected in the final year-end reports.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet

	April 30, 2013		April 30, 2012	
ASSETS				
Checking/Savings				
General Account (B of A)	7,116		3,129	
General Acct CD (B of A)	119,553		119,315	
Convention Acct (B of A)	14,948		6,409	
North American Travel Acct. (B of A)	57,503		78,301	
International Travel Acct (B of A)	48,767			
			45,501	
Wells Fargo Account	100		100	
Total Checking/Saving		247,987		262,755
Accounts Receivable	1,012	1,012	2,023	2,023
Prepaid Expenses				
Convention	11,595		16,507	
Skiers Guide	12,270		7,875	
Prepaid Travel Program Expenses				
Panama Cruise 2012	-		2,505	
Cayman Brac 2012	-		2,500	
Aspen 2013	-		5,000	
Belize 2013	5,500		-	
Beaver Creek 2014	10,020		-	
Total Prepaid Expenses		39,385		34,387
Total Current Assets		288,384		299,165
Fixed Assets				
Office Equipment	4,627		3,955	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,022)		(2,217)	
Total Fixed Assets		2,605		1,738
TOTAL ASSETS		290,989		300,903
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	428	428	14,275	14,275
Other Current Liabilities				
Communication Expense Payable	1,000	1,000	5,000	5,000
Prepaid Income				
Convention	10,800	10,800	16,304	16,304
Athletic Scholarship	5,983	5,983	5,666	5,666
Prepaid Trips				
Cayman Brac 2012	-		2,419	
Aspen 2013	-		11,450	
Belize 2013	1,800		-	
Beaver Creek 2014	10,100		-	
Total Prepaid Trips		11,900		13,869
Total Current Liabilities		30,111		55,114
Long Term Liabilities				
Public Lands Research Fund		1,120		1,120
Total Liabilities		31,231		56,234
Equity				
Retained Earnings		244,669		237,830
Net Income		15,089		6,839
Total Equity		259,758		244,669
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		290,989		300,903

Treasurer's Report

Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement

	April 30 2013	April 30 2012
REVENUE		
Membership Dues	960	1,560
Travel		
New Zealand 2011	-	71,633
Roatan 2011	-	12,535
Jackson Hole 2012	(150)	407,259
Chamonix / Morocco 2012	306	386,909
Biq White 2012	-	8,663
Panama Cruise 2012	5,718	-
Cayman Brac 2012	13,109	-
Aspen 2013	684,196	-
Innsbruck 2013	215,987	-
Mt. Bachelor 2013	12,477	-
Total Travel	931,643	886,999
Convention	94,644	110,907
Councils Man/Woman of Year	350	420
Athletic Scholarship Program	11,925	13,750
FilmFest	168	-
Public Affairs	-	200
Skin Cancer Prevention Program	-	1,200
Interest	256	363
Total Revenue	1,039,946	1,015,399
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Travel Services		
Sun Valley 2011	-	15
New Zealand 2011	-	70,853
Roatan 2011	-	11,924
Jackson Hole 2012	-	384,343
Chamonix / Morocco 2012	(10,014)	370,567
Biq White 2012	151	8,275
Panama Cruise 2012	5,723	-
Cayman Brac 2012	12,779	-
Aspen 2013	663,450	-
Innsbruck 2013	206,480	-
Mt. Bachelor 2013	12,319	-
Site Inspections - Aspen 2013	-	4,127
Site Inspections - Beaver Creek 2014	2,356	-
Site Inspections -Zermatt 2014	617	-
Total Travel Expenses	893,861	850,104
Convention	66,491	78,873
Councils Man/Woman of Year	389	422
Athletic Scholarship Program	12,496	14,048
Skin Cancer Prevention Program	23	1,571
FilmFest	1,392	-
Total Cost of Revenue	974,652	945,018
Net Revenue	65,294	70,381
EXPENSES		
President	1,409	2,047
Board of Directors Meetings	24,601	27,814
Secretary	591	438
Treasurer	3,878	2,003
Trustees	1,756	3,394
Convention	1,083	-
Communications	5,160	10,575
Council Services	2,216	2,837
Marketing	877	782
Membership	100	125
Public Affairs	253	4,606
North American Travel	2,403	1,894
International Travel	1,322	1,542
Database	31	2
FWRA Racing	3,576	3,807
Unclassified-Insurance	890	890
Unclassified-Misc	59	786
Total Expenses	50,205	63,542
NET INCOME(LOSS)	15,089	6,839

Treasurer's Report

Preliminary Detailed Expenditures Statement

Cost Center	Awards	Copies BusCard Printing Badges	Licenses Taxes & Insur- ance	Phone	Postage Shipping	Promotion Donations	Supplies	Travel	Other	Total
President	112				7	11	136	1,063	80	1,409
Board of Director Meetings								23,986	615	24,601
Secretary		473			25		93			591
Treasurer			3,226		117		125		410	3,878
Past President										-
Convention						1,000			83	1,083
Communications										-
Councilman		862			235					1,097
Skiers Guide					4,000					4,000
Web Site					4				59	63
Council Services										-
Charity Program	100				10					110
Communication Awards	540									540
Membership Cards		891			175					1,066
Outreach Program						500				500
FWRA Racing	276		2,500			800				3,576
Database					1		30			31
Marketing					169			697	11	877
Membership					100					100
Database Services										-
Public Affairs										-
History Program	123						32			155
Safety Program	98									98
North American Travel			203			895	74	981	250	2,403
International Travel			202	116				754	250	1,322
Trustee										-
Awards Program	1,756									1,756
Miscellaneous-Insurance			890							890
Miscellaneous-Other									59	59
TOTAL	3,005	2,226	7,021	116	4,843	3,206	490	27,481	1,817	50,205

Board of Trustees Report

by Linda Westlund, Chair

The FWSA Board of Trustees oversees the financial health of the organization and has responsibility for long-range planning to support the goals of the Association. Trustees provide the experience and leadership to plan and implement new programs, guidance for operation of functional programs, and direct oversight of the Far West Ski Association's Annual Convention, the Athletic Scholarship Program, and the Awards Program. The Trustees also recommend changes to the organizational structure and By-Laws of the Association when appropriate.

Far West Ski Association's Annual Convention is a flagship program that provides the forum for our membership and industry partners to gather together for planning, learning and celebration of all things related to snow sports. Thank you to **Linda Indreboe** and **Dennis Heffley**, leaders of **Bay Area Snow Sports Council**, and to all of the dedicated FWSA volunteers who have worked diligently to make the 2013 annual Convention in Reno, Nevada, a success. Thank you to our members and partners for being a part of *Mountain Magic Moments*!

FWSA Convention Chairman, **Jane Wyckoff**, is instrumental in convention planning and working with host councils to secure convention venues. Plans are already well underway for 2014 and 2015, and beginning for 2016. The Annual Convention is a critical part of the FWSA revenue stream to fund our programs, and long-range planning and financial control in this area is so important to our success. Thank you to VP Marketing & Sponsorship **Debbi Kor**, Silent Auction Coordinator **Mary Olhausen**, and **Sigrid Noack**, facilitator of the Travel Expo, for their industry relations activities. The FWSA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs all play a role in fulfilling sponsorship commitments via the programs that they run, as do members who participate in convention activities

The **FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program** awards scholarships to assist athletes who are committed to pursuing a competitive Alpine racing program. This program has continued to grow and flourish under the leadership of Chairman **Dick Shawkey**. Applicants for the scholarships, which include USSA junior division affiliated athletes competing in the Far West, Northwest and Intermountain regions, along with Arizona and New Mexico junior ski team members, are evaluated on financial need, academics, competitive achievements, community activities, and goals. Funding sources include sponsorships, proceeds from raffles, and tax deductible contributions. We appreciate the generous support of our industry sponsors: **Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, and Schure Sports Inc., the makers of Karbon brand ski clothing**. Several FWSA clubs and councils are also partners providing generous financial support and recognition for scholarship awardees in their areas.

FWSA is affiliated with **Far West Ski Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. In addition to pursuing their own charter, the Foundation manages receipt and disbursement of funds for FWSA's Athletic Scholarship program and other worthy charitable causes of specific interest to snow skiers. Far West Ski Foundation raised funds and provided a strong voice in support of raising Women's Ski Jumping to the Olympic event level. With the help of our support, we will see these talented athletes compete at the **Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games**! Fund raising efforts and program planning is also underway to assist the physically challenged with their rehabilitation thru opportunities to participate in snow sports with FWSA.

The **FWSA Service Awards Program** recognizes outstanding service and industry support. **Catherine Ohl** runs the program, and provides design and hosting services of **A Cat Meowz Graphic Deizgnz**. FWSA Awards citations and history are available via website and electronic and US mail voting methods are supported. In addition to the exceptional web presence, Catherine edits and produces the FWSA Awards book distributed to attendees of the Annual Convention. Trustee oversight for the Service Awards Program is provided by **Linda Westlund**. Thanks also goes to **Crissymarie King**, our volunteer Chairperson of FWSA Club and Council Competitions.

Linda Coxen, FWSA Treasurer, has provided the Association with essential financial reporting and budget control. **John Reinhardt**, our Tax Advisor, prepares and files our corporate tax returns and ensures that we are in compliance with Federal and State regulations, with support and oversight from the Board of Trustees. **Robb Margrave** serves FWSA as Chairman of the **Bylaws Committee**, providing organizational leadership and guidance relating to Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

Trustee **Steve Coxen** has led FWSA into the age of Social Networking. Check out FWSA and many of our member councils and clubs on *Facebook*. We established a presence in 2010-11, and in 2012 & 2013, we improved the content and frequency of postings to better reach our diverse audience of members, prospective members, and industry partners. The first **Digital Edition of the FWSA Skiers' Guide** was introduced in 2010 and continues to gain popularity. FWSA is continuing to explore opportunities to grow our membership and that of our clubs and councils by offering information and services to current and potential members on demand via social media and mobile devices. Trustee **Linda Westlund** is leading the **Social Media Marketing** committee to advance this initiative.

Gloria Raminha and **Debbie Stewart**, with help from a group of talented and high energy volunteer "Travel Team", plan and run our North American and International Travel Programs. FWSA offers a variety of exciting, value oriented trips and adventures to our members.

Fran Long chairs the **Family & Youth Involvement Committee**. The committee has been 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. Children are welcome to attend FWSA trips and events with their parents or guardians

The 2012 – 2013 Board of Trustees has been a highly effective team. The team includes **Steve Coxen, David Krupp, Jane Wyckoff, Linda Westlund, Mike Sanford, Linda Coxen and Randy Lew**, supported by FWSA Secretary **Wanda Ross**. Thank you to this team, and the Board of Directors, FWSA committees, council and club volunteers for their continued outstanding efforts in making the Far West Ski Association **"THE VOICE OF THE WESTERN SKIER"**.

Director Report

Bylaws Committee

by Robb Margrave, Chair

The Bylaws Committee reports to the Association's Board of Directors through the Board of Trustees, which provides the committee with guidance and direction. The Committee functions as the custodian for all governing documents of the Association, recommends to the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors changes to the Bylaws and Operations Manual, and shepherds proposed changes to these documents through the approval process.

The Operations Manual was created during the period 2006 – 2008, when the Bylaws were being “streamlined”. Some articles that were used to govern the Association, but not required or necessary to be stated in the Bylaws were removed and placed in a draft document referred to as the “Operations Manual”. Following approval of the “streamlined” Bylaws at the 2008 Convention, the manual in its “Final Draft” form was placed on the Association's web site. At the April 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Operations Manual was approved. The “Ops Manual” is a working document that will see many additions and changes over the years. In future articles of this nature, these changes will be noted and explained where necessary.

At this Annual Meeting of the Association, Delegates will be asked to approve ***Proposed Amendment 2013-1***, which rewrites Article 6 of the Bylaws. A complete copy of the text of this proposed amendment is at page 36 of this Delegate Book.

Proposed Amendment 2013-1 will:

- Add clarity to the amendment process by making a distinction between proposed amendments submitted through a Voter/Delegate initiative and those that came through the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors.
- Change the lead time of all proposed amendments from 45 days to 180 days which is necessary for adequate vetting of the proposal.
- Prohibit “wordsmithing” or changing of the text after the proposed amendment has been submitted for consideration.
- Increase exposure to the membership from 30 days to 120 days.
- Change the number of endorses for proposed amendments submitted through a Voter/Delegate initiative, it changes the number of endorses from five (5) to a number that is equal to 10% of the number of registered delegates at the most recent meeting of the Association. Proposed amendments initiated by the Board of Trustees are excused from this provision.
- Provide for withdraw of a proposed amendment.

Proposed Amendment 2013-1 to The Bylaws

This amendment will delete Articles 6.1 through 6.8 of the current Bylaws and replace them with Articles 6.1 through 6.8, shown in *Italics* below.

6.0 AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

6.1. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by the Board of Trustees or through a Voter/Delegate initiative and may be considered and voted upon at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

6.2. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be presented, complete and in writing, to the Association Secretary or the President/Chairman of the Board of Directors. Once submitted, no changes may be made to the proposed amendment other than to correct spelling or grammatical errors.

6.3. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted, pursuant to Section 6.2, above, at least 180 days prior to the date on which the meeting at which the proposed amendment will be considered is scheduled to begin.

6.4. Proposed amendments initiated through a Voter/Delegate initiative shall bear the number of verifiable signatures of Association members equaling at least 10% of the number of registered delegates at the most recent Annual Meeting of the Association. Proposed amendments initiated by the Board of Trustees are exempt from this requirement.

6.5. Not later than 120 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered, a written or electronically posted notice of a Proposal to Amend shall be communicated to each member club and Direct member at their last known address. The notice will include a complete copy of the proposed amendment, and the date and location of the meeting at which the proposed amendment will be considered. Information contained in the Proposal to Amend shall be published, in its entirety, on the Association web pages and/or in such publication of the Association that is regularly sent to member clubs and Direct Members.

6.6. Proposed amendments may be withdrawn by the initiator at any time prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

6.7. Approval of a proposed amendment shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the registered Delegates at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association at which the proposed amendment is being considered.

6.8. Once a amendment is approved any section numbering changes will automatically change their appropriate reference in any other section of these Bylaws.

Statement in Support of Proposed Amendment 2013-1

Submitted by Linda Westlund, Chair of the Board of Trustees

I recommend a vote in favor of Proposed Amendment 2013-1, which revises section 6 of our FWSA bylaws, specifying an updated process and timeline for submission of future proposed amendments.

The lead time (6.3) for submission of proposed amendments is increased to 180 days, and timing for notification of members (6.5) is increased to 120 days. These changes provide the time required for your volunteer Board of Directors to carefully consider benefits and impacts of the proposed bylaw amendment, and for the Association's membership to form an opinion as to the worthiness of the proposal. Supporters and those opposed to the amendment will have time to more effectively organize and communicate their position to voting delegates.

Proposed amendments will be considered **as written** at time of submission (6.2), eliminating edits which risk changing the intent of the amendment or delaying presentation of the proposal to the membership. The current articles which govern amendments to bylaws allow for "wordsmithing", which has in some cases resulted in extensive edits and debates within the Board of Directors. Since proposed amendments were not being published until edits were agreed to, membership often did not see items to be voted on until 30 days prior to the convention at which the proposal was to be considered.

Proposed Amendment 2013-1 distinguishes between changes initiated by Board of Trustees action vs. Delegate initiatives, and requires that proposals submitted by the membership (6.4) demonstrate support equal to 10% of the number of Delegates at the most recent meeting of the Association. This is an increase in number of required endorsers, and is intended to ensure that proposals presented for formal vote have sufficient support by the membership. The more robust support requirement suggests that bylaw amendments brought to the membership for vote have a reasonable likelihood of approval and are worthy of the time allocated during the Annual or Special meeting at which they will be considered.

I encourage all voting delegates to carefully read and consider Proposed Amendment 2013-1. A "yes" vote will modernize Article 6, "Amendments to these Bylaws", and provide better lead time for consideration of well thought out and well written bylaws proposals for the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Westlund
FWSA Trustee, Chair
Arizona Ski Council

Far West Ski Association

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- NO Resort Fees, FREE In-room Wi-Fi, FREE Parking
- Rates available 3 days pre and post Convention

Transportation

- Air transportation is via Redmond Municipal Airport (RDM), located 15 minutes from The Riverhouse.
- Rental cars and shuttle service are available at the airport.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi-Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- Mt. Bachelor Ski Day / Tailgater Party
- Pub Crawl
- Michael German Golf Tournament
- Smith Rock State Park
- Biking Tours Bend
- Stand Up Paddle Board / Kayaking
- Spa Day
- Pool Party

Information
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FWSA Convention Report

by Jane Wyckoff, Chair

On behalf of the Far West Ski Association, I would like to extend a hearty thank you to the entire Bay Area Snow Sports Council Convention Steering Committee and its many volunteers for an outstanding job in hosting the 81st Annual FWSA Convention. We would especially like to recognize Dennis Heffley, BAC Council President, and Linda Indreboe, Host Council Convention Coordinator. Thanks also to Jo Simpson and the Sierra Council volunteers for assisting with our local publicity efforts. Please take a moment to refer to the Convention Volunteer VIPs list on page 13 of the Delegate Book for all the BAC and FWSA volunteers who made this Convention such a success. One of the great aspects of being an FWSA Convention Chairperson is having the opportunity to work with volunteers in a host council each year, and hope they find the experience fun, educational and rewarding! A special acknowledgement also goes to Randy Lew, for the tremendous number of hours he has spent every year as President, working on the Convention. It is certainly a team effort!

We have taken great strides in improving our registration process. A three-phase program resulted in a streamlining of the Convention club packet, production of a Registration Brochure and re-design of the Industry Packet. The final phase is to provide on-line registration. We had hoped to complete that phase this year, but will definitely do so by next year. A special thank you to Catherine Ohl, not only for our fabulous new FWSA website at www.fwsa.org which included the Convention site, but for all her work on designing Convention forms and publicity materials for the past several years. For the past two years, the Convention site was completed with all materials posted and forms available for download, in January!

We have also made great progress in our Convention planning. By booking our Conventions three years in advance, we are able to obtain hotel properties at much better rates. Two years ago negotiations were completed and contracts executed for Conventions 2014 and 2015. The RFPs for 2016 and 2017 were sent out last fall and we will be making site visits to several properties this summer, selected by the FWSA Convention Site Selection Committee from bids, and approved by the FWSA Convention Committee and Board of Directors. Our core Convention Site Selection Committee is Randy Lew, Mike Sanford, Steve Coxen, the Host Council Coordinator, and myself. Following is information on future Conventions so you can plan ahead. Both councils have already been actively meeting and discussing future plans.

June 12-15, 2014 - The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, Bend, Oregon, hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council with Mary Olhausen, Host Council Convention Coordinator. The Riverhouse offers some of the finest lodging amenities in Central Oregon. Guests enjoy spacious rooms, indoor and outdoor heated pools, spas and saunas. The property is located on the Deschutes River just minutes from downtown Bend and Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort. For the outdoor enthusiasts, there are many choices, including tennis courts, fishing, river rafting and hiking/jogging trails. The 8th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at River's Edge Golf Course, conveniently located behind the Resort. Our Northwest industry partners are actively participating in the Convention planning to make this a fabulous Convention.

June 4-7, 2015 - Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, hosted by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs with Eileen Sanford, Host Council Convention Coordinator. The Town and Country Resort features 32 lushly-landscaped acres and its own golf course. Offering spacious guest rooms and suites, you will have a choice of a high-rise tower or a charming garden bungalow. With abundant shopping and diverse dining close by, it also has all the history, charm and character that is San Diego. The sandy beaches along the Pacific are just minutes away, as are SeaWorld Adventure Park, the San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park and Mission Bay. Best of all, San Diego Council will again have the opportunity to host a Convention at "home" instead of Palm Springs.

Our FWSA Convention Committee has conducted some detailed discussion regarding future FWSA Conventions. With delegate attendance lower in recent years compared to past Conventions, we still have to meet our financial obligations to a hotel property, which are required in order to obtain meeting space needed to conduct our Silent Auction and Travel Expo. We understand the challenges of the economy and the impact on the growth of snowsports clubs. Feedback from the local club members is needed, as to why they might not be interested in attending an FWSA Convention, and what would attract them to do so. And, what changes would you, as an attendee, like to see to our future Conventions, to make it a better experience? Please give us your feedback. We look forward to seeing you in Bend, Oregon next year!

Far West Ski Foundation

Founded 1964

by John Watson, President

The Foundation supports snowsports programs and provides a way for donors to its principle missions to avail themselves of tax advantages under the IRS rules for 501c3 organizations. The current Trustees have operated the Foundation since 2009. The principal support missions for the Foundation are athletic scholarships, women's ski jumping, rehabilitation, and snowsports history.

The Foundation is looking for a few good men and women to go out and raise funds to support these missions. Dedicating the returns from appeals in meetings and newsletters, conducting an event to benefit the Foundation, making your own donation or meeting any matching challenges are all ways to help. The funding for athletic scholarships needs to be in available each September, and the support for women's ski jumping is needed now and until the Olympics in Sochi, Russia, in February 2014. Contact any of the trustees listed below to answer your questions.

Ali Gunesch, age 18, is from Government Camp, OR, and is a member of the Mt. Hood Ski Team. She graduated from Sandy High School, Sandy, OR, with a 4.0 GPA and has been accepted at Brown University, but she is taking a one year academic sabbatical to concentrate on skiing. Ali is the recipient of the Skiyente Ski Club's (Portland, OR) Erin Nicole Scholarship



Ali Gunesch

The athletic scholarships are provided to young skiers selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Far West Ski Association. In 2012, twelve thousand dollars were granted to racing schools having 22 young racers enrolled.

These funds were raised from individual donors, council and club donations and annual partnerships and the Far West Racing Association. **KUDOS** to three major commercial donors - **Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge and Schure Sports USA** the makers of **KARBON** apparel – who together made up over half the Foundation's total for scholarships! And **KUDOS** to: Councils and clubs providing annual funding through partnerships included **Northwest, Los Angeles, San Diego and Sierra Councils and Bergfreunde, Skiyente, and Mountain High Ski Clubs**. Other clubs making contributions included Castro Valley, Rusty Bindings, Snowbounders and Schnee Vogeli. More information on the scholarship program is in the scholarship report elsewhere in this delegate book.



Women's Ski Jumping was supported by Northwest Ski Club Council by featuring the latest jumping movie *Ready to Fly* in their meeting in March. Our USA jumpers, mostly from the Far West, have made **spectacular progress** since their disappointment at not being invited to the 2010 Olympics. But now they are approaching their first Olympic appearance – 2014 in Sochi, Russia. Our jumpers need our help. **KUDOS** to **NWSSC** under the leadership of **Mary Olhausen**, who raised nearly \$1000 for our USA jumpers. Kudos as well to **Randy Lew**, who personally initiated a challenge at the 2012 convention for jumping which netted **nearly \$1000**.

After winning the inaugural World Cup overall title in 2012, Sarah Hendrickson wins gold in Feb 2013 World Champs; Jerome 6th. Hendrickson celebrates with teammates Abby Hughes, Jessica Jerome, Lindsey Van, and Alissa Johnson. Photo by Sarah Brunson/US Ski Team.

The rehabilitation mission and funding of the Foundation is maintained as a fund under the name of a “greatest generation” veteran and avid skier Fred Westlund. The Westlund Fund was kicked off in his memory by Linda Westlund, his daughter, in 2012. Westlund’s unit was deployed through Normandy in 1944 and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Two FWSA directors who manage its travel programs created two different fund raising campaigns in cooperation with international travelers and the Aspen Skiing Corporation, host of the 2013 Far West Ski Week. **KUDOS to Debbie Stewart and Gloria Raminha and Aspen**, who together raised nearly \$1000 for the Westlund Fund for rehabilitation programs.



Doug Pringle racing, about 1993. Pringle lost his leg in Vietnam in 1967. He is the Founder of Disabled Sports USA Far West Chapter and the President of DSUSA Far West Division. FWSA and FWSF have substantial shared interests in using snowsports for the rehab mission.



Doug Pringle instructing a Wounded Warrior in 2003

The Trustees of the Foundation have the general duty of raising funds but they also focus as well on certain of the missions. They are Dick Shawkey (Scholarships) (rshawkey@comcast.net); John Reinhardt, Treasurer; Alan Christian (national and international competition) and John Watson, President (snowsports history) (geospace@pacbell.net). Look for new Trustees before the end of the year.

Athletic Scholarship Program

By Dick Shawkey, Chair

The Far West Ski Association's Athletic Scholarship Program is into its ninth year. The program was established in 2004 as a means of giving back to our sport by making a positive contribution to junior racing. United States Ski Association licensed junior racers in the U21, U18, and second year U16 classes in states represented by FWSA affiliated councils are eligible for a scholarship.

This year, junior racers in California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming are eligible. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, competitive accomplishments, academics, and citizenship.



Lila Lapanja

North Tahoe's Lila Lapanja, U.S. Ski Team National ranking in competitive skiing can cost well in excess of \$10,000 per season; a financial challenge for even upper middle class families. In 2012, the program had sufficient funds to provide scholarships of \$500 to \$1500 to 16 junior racers, 10 women and 6 men, from California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah. Approximately 1183 racers (686 boys and 497 girls) were eligible. The need is great and we anticipate that the number of applications will continue to increase. This year's Far West Ski Week raffle raised an impressive \$3005.00. With the generous support of this year's convention attendees, we're hopeful that we can support a record number of scholarships in 2013.

Convention attendees have the opportunity to support the Athletic Scholarship Program by participating in the auction of the five day ski and stay package donated by Whitefish Mountain Resort; the silent auction of three nights lodging, including breakfast, at the beautiful Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish; and finally our raffle featuring an assortment of great prizes including:

- Serengetti Sun Glasses
- Scott Aura Goggles
- Go Pro Video Camera with Wi-Fi BacPac
- Ladies Wenger Elite Wrist Watch
- A four bottle collection of Oregon Wines
- A beautiful hand-made quilt
- Adobe Software

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20.

The Far West Ski Foundation, an IRS 501(c)3 charitable foundation, has been incorporated as a partner of the FWSA to provide a means of soliciting contributions. The foundation qualifies contributions to the scholarship program as income tax charitable deductions.

Committee Report

Charities & Our Community

by Sigrid Noack, Chair

"The Far West Ski Association and its eleven 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

The FWSA is again officially recognizing clubs and councils, who so enthusiastically support their favorite charities. The seventh annual "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" awards will be presented on Sunday to the FWSA Clubs and Councils, which during the past year have shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations. Because we have so many clubs and councils that actively support a huge variety of charities, FWSA will be presenting two separate awards this year, recognizing our most outstanding clubs and councils. We are excited to be recognizing all the amazing efforts of our FWSA family. By bringing these selfless activities out into the open, recognizing them annually at our convention, we also hope to encourage others to become more involved with charity work.

We are happy, that so many FWSA clubs and councils have shown an interest in this FWSA recognition program by filling out an application and agreeing to share their photos and charity activity descriptions at convention. We will again have photos displayed on several picture boards this weekend to show how our FWSA clubs and councils have chosen to be involved with charities and community work.

This year we had seven applicants, four ski clubs and three councils! Thank you and congratulations to the following groups, who made the effort and took the time to apply for this 2013 FWSA Recognition. **Councils: Bay Area Snowsports Council, Los Angeles Council, and Intermountain Ski Council. Ski Clubs: Fresno Ski Club of Central Council, Modesto Ski Club of BAC, Single Ski Club of LAC, and Torrey Pines Ski Club of SDC.** These wonderfully caring clubs and councils have been doing outstanding work with their community organizations. The top council and the top three ski clubs, selected by a panel of judges, are displaying their charity activities on picture boards this weekend. Please take a look at their displays and give them the recognition they all deserve. On Sunday the top charity supporting groups will receive special recognition with checks from FWSA to support their favorite charity. \$300 for the winning club, \$100 each for two runner-ups, \$100 for the winning council. These groups are all winners! Congratulations!

This "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" is an annual award for clubs and councils' charity and community support efforts. Please check <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-community.html>, 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 Service Awareness Program 2012-2013

Two years ago we started this new FWSA program, which we are continuing this year and hopefully in future years as well. The eleven council presidents were again presented with the challenge to have every one of the clubs in their council be involved with at least ONE charitable activity by convention June 2013. Many councils exceeded our expectations by reaching 80%+ charity involvement last year. Our goal will continue to be 100% charity participation this year! On Sunday, June 9th (this weekend), the "**Honor Roll of Councils**" will be announced, recognizing all councils that have clubs with any charity involvement. Our top community service council will receive extra special recognition! Congratulations to all our councils and clubs for putting forth this great effort in supporting their community organizations.

Community Involvement Updates

Although our clubs and councils are involved with a huge number of different charity organization, some of FWSA's favorite charity groups have been athletic groups for the mentally and physically challenged. Three of the most popular charities for our eleven FWSA councils and approximately 180 snow sports clubs are **Disabled Sports USA**, **Special Olympics**, and **Can Do Multiple Sclerosis**, formerly known as **the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS**. Please check the Community Service page on the FWSA website for more information on how to become involved with these charities.

Can Do Multiple Sclerosis 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 Can Do Multiple Sclerosis Center is 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 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 Center helps people with MS learn how to live healthier, happier, more active lives. The Center's motto is "Be More Than Your MS".

A wonderful way to help raise funds for the Can Do Multiple Sclerosis Center is participation with the Vertical Express for CAN DO MS. The 2014 dates and locations are: Crystal Mountain, WA, Feb.28 - March 1st; Schweitzer Mountain, ID, TBD; and Squaw Valley, CA, TBD. For participants and sponsorship inquiries contact Vicki Flynn at vflynn@mscando.org.

To honor their founder's CAN DO positive spirit and legacy, Can Do MS has declared Jimmie Heuga's birthday, September 22nd, as CAN DO DAY. For more information to get involved, check out <http://www.mscando.org>.

Special Olympics 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. With 220 offices world-wide, the Special Olympics global community includes athletes, volunteers, coaches, family members and sponsors/supporters. 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. Every one of our eleven FWSA Councils has Special Olympics events happening in their communities. For more information to get involved, check out <http://www.specialolympics.org>.

Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA), with the motto "If I Can Do This, I Can Do Anything", 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. **Warfighter Sports**, formerly known as the **Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project**, is a part of DS/UDA and offers sports rehabilitation programs in military hospitals and communities across the US through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters. Programs take place at sites throughout the US, offering returning Warfighters the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communities. Huge numbers of Warfighters have been returning home to our FWSA communities. Several of our councils and clubs are already involved with helping our disabled Veterans, who lost so much in Iraq or Afghanistan.

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

“FWSA Family Supports these Charities”

by Sigrid Noack

Organizations to which volunteer time and/or money has been donated by FWSA councils, clubs and their members.

10 th Mountain Division Scholarship Fund	Disadvantaged Youth Recreational Skiing & Boarding Program
2009 World Games - Idaho	Downtown Association Youth Services Summer Day Camp
Adopt-A-Classroom Program - Long Beach Aquarium	Empty Bowls – Food for the Hungry
Adopt-A-Family Program	Eppie's Great Race for Disabled Sports - Sacramento
Adopt-A-Highway Program	FWSA Junior Racer Scholarship Program
Adopt-An-Olympian	Feed the Homeless program
African-American Community Services Agency	Food Drives / Food Finders
AIDS Life Cycle Ride	Free Wheelchair Mission
Alliance on Aging-Monterey	Fresno Shriners Children's Hospital
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	Great Basin Outdoor School
ALS Ski-A-Thon and Walk	Habitat for Humanity
ALS Ski-To-Defeat ALS	Help A Hero-Palmisano Care Package Project
Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk	High School Ceramics Program
American Cancer Society Relay for Life	Home for the Holidays with the Marines
American Cancer Society Hope On The Slopes	Idaho Elks Rehab Center
American Heart Association	Idaho Falls Ski Training Facility
American Red Cross	Idaho Falls School District 91 Ski Scholarship Program
American Stroke Association – Walks & Runs	Idaho State Univ. C.W. Hogg, Ski Swap Handicapped Sports Program
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament	Jimmie Heuga Center Endowment
Autism Society & Association Walk	John Tracy Clinic for Deaf Children
Beach Clean-Up	Kathy Avery Fund
Bear Valley Ski Patrol for Oxygen Unit	Kelly Canyon Nordic Trail Systems
Becky's House, YWCA Battered Women's Shelter	Kidney Donation
Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Bowl-a-Thon	Kids' Ski Program
Big Sur Marathon Foot Race	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Walks & Runs
Book Drive & “Bookman” for Senior Centers	Long Beach Rescue Mission & <i>Women's Shelter</i>
Brain Injury Recovery	Long Beach Veterans Hospital
Breast Cancer Walk	Los Angeles November Flood Catastrophe
Brighten a Life, a Home Start Agency	Make a Hero
Building Peaceful Families	Make-a-Wish Foundation
Cabrillo Festival	Mammoth Mountain Lakes Foundation for Cerro Coso College
California Foundation for Children for Underprivileged and At-Risk	Mammoth Mountain Eastside K9 Avalanche Dog Program
California International Air Show, Monterey County	Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol Memorial Fund
Can Do MS (formerly The Heuga Center For MS)	Marine Core Community Service-Miramar Food Locker
Cedar House Life Change Center - Abused Mothers & Children	Marine Expeditionary Unit
Chamber of Commerce	Meals On Wheels
Cheyenne Friday Food Bag Program	Miramar Food Locker
Chris Klug Foundation for Organ Donations	Mitey Mite Junior Ski Racers on Mt.Hood
Christmas in April for the Needy	Monterey County Film Commission
Christmas in the Adobes	Monterey Food Bank
Christmas Toy Drive for Women/Children Shelters	Monterey Sea Otter Classic
Clothing to the Homeless	Montrose Search & Rescue
Clothing & Equipment for Skiers with Disabilities	MotoGT Super Bike - motorcycle races
COMEA House – Homeless Shelter	Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation
Compton Homeless Education Project	Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
Concourse d'Elegance - Antique Car Show at Pebble Beach/Pebble Beach Company Foundation	Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation
Disabled Sports USA, Eastern Sierra	Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
Disabled Sports USA, Far West	Muscular Dystrophy
Disabled Sports USA, Mother Lode Chapter	
Disadvantaged Youth Mentoring	

Navy League
 National Brotherhood Skiers
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walks & Bike Rides
 NCAA Ski/Race Program
 Northwest Harvest, Hunger Relief Agency
 Operation Christmas Cheer – Monterey Herald
 Oregon Adaptive Sports
 Oregon Cancer Ski Out
 Oregon Food Bank
 Outdoors For All Foundation
 Pacific Burn Institute, Code 3 Races
 Paso Robles Earthquake Relief Fund
 Peace House
 Pebble Creek Race Team
 Pierce College Disabled Ski Program
 Polinsky Children's Center
 Portland Area High School League
 Raphael House of Portland - for Homeless Women
 Revlon Run/Walk for Women – Fight Women's Cancers
 Salvation Army of Monterey
 Salvation Army – A Family Christmas
 San Diego "Cedar" Fire Victims
 Santa Clara County Foster Children's Program
 Santa Clara County Shelters
 Sarajevo Olympic Site, Reforestation
 Scholar Dollar Program - for Kids to Ski
 Scoutreach – Cascade Pacific Council
 Sea Otter Bike Classic
 Shelter Outreach Plus for Abused Women – Monterey

 Shoebox Ministries for the Homeless
 SkiDUCK (Skiing/snowboarding for Disabled/
 Underprivileged Children)
 Ski Patrol, Sponsor a Rescue Sled
 Ski Swap for NCAA Ski/Race Program at U. of Nevada
 Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Education Foundation
 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 Soles4Souls – Shoes for the Needy

Special Olympics, Arizona Ski Patrol
 Special Olympics, Celebrity Winterfest at Heavenly
 Special Olympics, AZ, CA, OR
 Stop-Gap for Schools, Hospitals, Cancer Patients &
 Abused Women
 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
 Sun Peak's Health Association
 Sunshine Kids with Cancer Program
 Support our Troops with Phone Cards
 Susan G. Komen Foundation
 Swim With Mike at USC – Physical Challenged Scholarship Fund
 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
 Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP)
 The Bookman- Books for Needy Children & Adults
 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
 Toys for Tots
 Treats for Troops
 Tree People Organization
 Two Classrooms in a Box
 UNICEF Tsunami Relief Fund
 Unity Shoppe of Santa Barbara
 University of Nevada Ski Team Winter Sports Club-
 Reno
 University of Wyoming Alpine & Nordic Teams
 US Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC)
 US Armed Forces in Afghanistan
 US Ski Team
 United Service Organizations (USO)
 Valley View Vaulters for Disabled Children
 Welches Lion's Club
 Women's Ski Jumping USA
 Wounded Warrior Project
 Youth Sports Mentoring Program
 Youth Winter Sports Alliance-YWSA

2012 Annual Convention Meeting Minutes

June 9-10, 2012, Ogden Eccles Conference Center, Ogden, UT

by Debbie Stewart, Secretary

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

The 80th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, UT.

GENERAL SESSION

President Randy Lew called the meeting to order on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 8:03 a.m. and welcomed everyone to The 80th Annual Convention. He stated that we have many notables joining us this convention. He then introduced Spencer Long from Jackson Hole Mountain Resort who sponsored the breakfast today. Spencer thanked FWSA for the opportunity to work with them now and in the future.

Randy introduced the current 2011-2012 board of directors and committee chairpersons.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

David Krupp stated that his preliminary report has 138 voting delegates and asked for any changes to be made by 5pm today.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trustee, Steve Coxen stated we will be conducting elections tomorrow. You can be nominated up until the time of the elections. Caucus meetings to meet the candidates will be this afternoon.

Steve then announced the candidates running for office.

President	Randall K. Lew (incumbent) & Sheri Parshall
Secretary	Wanda Ross
Treasurer	Linda Coxen
VP Int'l Travel	Debbie Stewart
VP Marketing	Debbi Kor (incumbent)
VP of Communications	Linda Scott
VP Membership	George Stewart & Mary Azevedo
Trustee #1	Linda Westlund (incumbent)
Trustee #2	David Krupp

Steve asked if there are any other candidates for the open offices and asked for them to see him after the meeting.

Randy introduced Robb Margrave who thanked John Watson for his years of commitment to this organization.

We have one proposed amendment regarding term limits. The vote will be before the elections tomorrow. In order to pass the amendment 2/3rd votes are required to pass the amendment. Robb asked everyone to review the amendment. It has no effect on the current incumbents stated by John Watson.

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD REPORT

Donn Bryant said the judges for MWOY need to report at 8:55 and interviews will start at 9:15. We have 10 honorees this year represented by 8 councils. He congratulated and thanked all the honorees. Randy thanked Big White and Silver Star Resorts for their continued support of this program.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CLUB AWARDS REPORT

Lennia Machen reported there will be a session for discussing the club and communications awards.

If you club has entered – she is running a special award – software from Adobe

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPORT

and shared his thoughts. Delegate #4, Jane Wyckoff spoke to the bylawDebbi Kor thanked Spencer Long for sponsoring this breakfast event. Be sure to thank all our sponsors and please visit with all of our industry partners.

SILENT AUCTION COORDINATOR REPORT

Mary Olhausen gave a bid thank you to the A Team and reported:

- We received nearly \$100,000 dollars in retail value for the packages donated for the Friday night silent auction.
- Be sure to let those resorts know that you're from FWSA when you visit those areas.

TRAVEL EXPO

Sigrid Noack reminded everyone that they need to have their passport for the Travel Expo and make sure to talk to the industry people, make new business contacts and renew old business relationships. Many of our industry partners will be represented and there will be 1 person selected to win a free lodging and amenities package for FWSA Ski Week 2013 in Aspen/Snowmass, CO.

Randy reminded everyone to complete and submit their travel survey card and commented on the Snow Sports Leadership programs this will be offered today.

President Randy Lew declared the meeting recessed at 8:28 a.m. until tomorrow.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

The 80th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President, Randy Lew, at 8:32 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Debbie Stewart announced that last year's minutes could be found on pages 46-56 in the Delegate Handbook.

Moved Delegate #120, Debbie Stewart that the minutes be approved.

Seconded by Delegate #33, Joe Harvis

Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

David Krupp, VP Membership announced there are 138 voting delegates. A quorum of voting delegates was met and informed everyone how the voting process will take place.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

John Watson stated that we will be following Roberts Rule of Order. Elections process will not need any nominations to be made unless we have some nominations from the floor today.

The bylaws will require 2/3rds of voter delegates = 92 Votes. Bylaws amendment will not have any changes to the proposed amendment.

Gloria Raminha stated that she is still accepting survey cards – drawing will be at brunch today.

Robb discussed that we have one proposed bylaws amendment.

Delegates wishing to address the convention will have 1 minute to speak.

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT

It has been proposed that Section 5.2.1 and Section 5.2.3 of the Far West Ski Association By-laws be amended as shown below. Inserted wording is shown in **Blue Bold Italic print**. This proposed Amendment is designated as Amendment 2012-1.

5.2.1 The elected offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one year terms. ***A member may serve as President for no more than three terms.***

5.2.3 The "Immediate Past President" is the individual who last completed the elected term of office as President immediately prior to the individual currently holding the office of President and shall be a member of the Board of Directors ***for a period of one year after succession.***

MS Moved by Delegate #55, Norbert Knapp that the proposed bylaws amendment be approved.

Seconded by Delegate #3, Linda Westlund

Mike Rogers, delegate #93 spoke to the proposed amendment. Delegate #72, Jeanne Davis asked why this is addressing just the President's positions. John Watson answered her question. Del #88, John Watson addressed

amendment issues and suggested that everyone study this very carefully. Del # 86, Gene Fulkerson shared his thoughts regarding the proposed amendment. Delegate #132, Karen Davis stated that she appreciated John Watson's clarification and detailed her thoughts and encouraged everyone to vote no. Del # 3, Linda Westlund stated that the proposed amendment has been thoroughly review and reiterated that the consensus of the BOD & BOT voted no, but that didn't mean that all of the board members voted the same. She did say they are in favor of clause #2 and stated that the proposed amendment was brought to the BOD at the April meeting and agreed that it needs to be studied further.

Voting results: yes votes = 23, no votes = 95

Motion did not pass.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chairman, outlined the ballot procedure. See page 28. There will be nominations from the floor, with seconds not required. Speeches will be 3 minutes in length.

Trustee, Jane Wyckoff will be overseeing the election voting process.

PRESIDENT - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Randy Lew and Sheri Parshall and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #109, Dennis Heffley moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 2, Mike Sanford seconded the motion.

Delegation voted in favor to close the nominations.

Del # 124, Sheri Parshall spoke to the delegation about her candidacy and asked for your vote. She turned mike to Delegate #3, Linda Westlund and spoke in favor of her for the election. Del #107, Jo Simpson spoke in favor of Sheri Parshall and gave details of her experience.

Delegate #1, Randy Lew addressed the delegation and mentioned his desire to continue to grow this organization. He referred to his contract negotiation and his business skills which are strengths to lead this organization as President.

The delegates voted.

Results: Randy Lew was elected as the FWSA President.

SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Wanda Ross and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #120, Debbie Stewart moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #33, Joe Harvis seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Steve Coxen announced a ballot of acclamation for Wanda Ross.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Linda Coxen and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #2, Mike Sanford moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 55, Norbert Knapp seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Steve Coxen announced a ballot of acclamation for Linda Coxen.

Mike stated that we have 2 positions open for Trustee and 2 candidates and asked if we have anyone else interested in running for a Trustee position. The 2 declared candidates are Linda Westlund and David Krupp. David withdrew from running for the position of Trustee #1.

TRUSTEE #1 –The nominating committee entered the name of Linda Westlund and asked for any other nominations for Trustee #1.

Delegate # 109, Dennis Heffley moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 23, Michael Bouton seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Steve Coxen announced a ballot of acclamation for Linda Westlund and Trustee #1.

TRUSTEE #2 – The nominating committee entered the name of David Krupp and asked for any other nominations for Trustee #2.

Delegate # 33, Joe Harvis moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 116, John Walsh seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Steve Coxen announced a ballot of acclamation for David Krupp.

VP of COMMUNICATIONS – The nominating committee entered the name of Linda Scott.

Delegate #102, Larry Huber moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #109, Dennis Heffley seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Steve Coxen announced a ballot of acclamation for Linda Scott.

VP of INT'L TRAVEL - The nominating committee entered the name of Debbie Stewart and asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Delegate #127, Wanda Ross moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #30, Donn Bryant seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Steve Coxen announced a ballot of acclamation for Debbie Stewart.

VP of MARKETING - The nominating committee entered the name of Debbi Kor and asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Delegate #120, Debbie Stewart moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #123, Sheri Penney seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Steve Coxen announced a ballot of acclamation for Debbi Kor.

VP of MEMBERSHIP – Nominating committee entered the names of George Stewart and Mary Azevedo.

Delegate #109, Dennis Heffley moved the nominations be closed

Delegate #124, Sheri Parshall seconded the motion

Mary Azevedo spoke to the group and shared her thoughts regarding VP of Membership.

George Stewart to the delegation and told them what his involvement has been with FWSA and how he would encourage direct members to be directed and involved with clubs.

The delegates voted.

Mary Azevedo was elected VP of Membership.

The elections were concluded.

Randy publicly thanked Catherine Ohi for all her work and involvement with FWSA for many years.

Randy spoke to the group about our Athletic Scholarship Program and thanked Dick Shawkey for his efforts to grow the program and building our relationship with USSA and other Associations. He talked about the US Ski Hall of Fame induction dinner held in Seattle earlier this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cindy Krupp announced that a detailed Treasurer's Report is on pages 29 -32 of the Delegate Handbook and referred to the draft of the financials. She highlighted some details. The total assets as of April 30, 2012 are \$308,821 versus \$275,554 the previous year.

She pointed out the current balances in our CD's versus the prior year and noted the bottom line is a net profit of \$6,613 versus a net loss of \$4,758 the prior fiscal year. She reviewed the total expenditures detailed on page 32. She asked for any questions. Steve Coxen asked for details on the travel income vs. expenses and Cindy answered his question. She also detailed the totals regarding the convention income versus expenses.

Moved by Delegate #39, Cindy Krupp to accept the Treasurer's report

Seconded by Delegate #132, Karen Davis

Motion carried.

Randy introduced Travis Weber from Taos Ski Valley who sponsored our brunch. Travis thanked everyone for being involved with FWSA and invited everyone to come to Taos, NM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Randy Lew reported on the accomplishments for the year and stated that we gave \$13,750 to 18 deserving junior athletes. He thanked Gloria Raminha stating that we had 375 participants in Jackson Hole for a successful 2012 Ski Week. He also commented on the 1st annual Mini Ski Week in Big White, BC lead by Fran Long & Gloria. Randy announced that Lennia Machen has stepped up the Communication Awards Program progressing us to a digital award in which the recipients can post on their website. "She has taken us into the electronic world". He thanked David Krupp, who was in charge of the Snowsports Leadership Academy (SLA) for the amazing presentations this year.

We are now working 3 to 4 conventions out and working on RFP's for 2016 & 2017.

We are working very hard on value marketing for our travel programs. He stated that group travel is no longer the least expensive way of travel. He commented that it is a balancing act to lock in less air to get better pricing based on the airline's tiered price structure and acknowledged that Gloria and her travel staff to an amazing job at this. The International Travel Program has been lead by Norm & Mary Azevedo and stated they have done an amazing job as well.

Building our relationship with the industry has been very critical and Debbi Kor has done an amazing job with this. The fulfillment of those programs is extremely important. Randy thanked Debbi Kor, Mary Olhausen, Catherine Ohi and Jane Wyckoff for a job well done.

He then spoke in general of our Communications Program and our efforts in the area of Social Media Marketing. We have started to redesign the website, plan to include electronic payment systems and enhance our travel programs.

Randy announced that we will have our 1st Film Fest at the Peery's Egyptian theater after the conclusion of the convention.

Randy acknowledged and thanked the following board members:

Scott Bowker – VP of Public Affairs

Richard Lubin – Safety Chairperson

George Stewart – production of the convention DVD's

He stated that Gloria and Norm are asking everyone to complete their survey card and said the drawing winner will receive \$500 off one FWSA 2013 North American Ski Week, International Ski Trip, Dive trip or the Mini ski week trip to Mt. Bachelor. The winner is Karen Bernard (Las Vegas Ski Club) for the \$500 credit.

Outgoing VP of Int'l Travel, Norm Azevedo stated that he truly enjoyed his assignment for the last 6 years and stated that the next International trip will be to Innsbruck, Austria with a post trip to Garmisch and Munich, Germany. He said any checks he receives will be given to Debbie Stewart and in the future everyone should contact Debbie regarding the 2013 Int'l trip.

This year's History Recognitions go to:

Idaho Falls Ski Club

Balboa Ski & Sports Club

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

Schnee Vogeli Ski Club

Longview Ski Club

This year's Snowsports Builder Award was given to Bill Marolt and Dr. Greg Thompson

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Ron Aguirre

- Single Ski Club of LA, CCSC

Linda Westlund stated the Board of Trustee's Report is in the delegate book on pages 33-34.

She thanked all the delegates for supporting FWSA and attending this convention as well as their support. She met many new members this weekend and discussed inviting them to be more involved with FWSA.

A Social Media Marketing Committee has been created to better reach our members and potential members as well as grow the interest in snow sports overall.

Jane Wyckoff greeted everyone and expressed her gratitude to the Linda Scott and their entire group of volunteers for doing a fabulous job at this convention. The group gave a standing ovation. Jane thanked all her team & volunteers who worked so hard to make this a successful convention in Ogden.

The next convention will be June 5-9, hosted by Bay Area Snowsports Council in Reno, NV. Next host councils will be Northwest Ski Club Council in 2014, San Diego Council in 2015 and Arizona Ski Council in 2016.

The Bay Area council of Ski Clubs gave their convention presentation. Dennis Heffley invited everyone to come to the Grand Sierra Resort for next year's convention.

Role of Remembrance:

Patrick Bennett	-	Single Ski Club of LA, Rokka
John Litchfield	-	Sun Valley Ski School Instructor/Director
Neklena "Petie" Zwick	-	Single Ski Club of LA
Don Gordon	-	Single Ski Club of LA
Jill [Schmidt] Kolling	-	Century City Ski Club
Norm Olberz	-	Founder Sport Chalet
Dutch Mueller	-	Founder Fagowee Ski Club
Jeret "Speedy" Peterson	-	Freestyle Olympic Silver Medalist
Doug Goettling	-	Snowchasers, Wife of former FWSA Attorney
Mary-Claire Demelbauer	-	Adventures on Skis
Lynn Newcomb Jr.	-	Owner Mt. Waterman
Max Dercum	-	Co-Founder A-Basin & Keystone
Bill Schuler	-	Balboa, Past President
Jake "Spike" Wilson	-	Phoenix Ski Club
Sherlee Madison Ruddick	-	Balboa Ski Club
Bill Shea	-	Century City Ski Club
Bruce Bell	-	Founder So. Cal. Nordic Patrol
Chuck Mosher	-	Phoenix Ski Club, Past President
Jamie Pierre	-	Extreme Skier
F. Warren Hellman	-	Lead Investor & BOD Sugar Bowl, President of the U.S. Ski Team – Late 70's
John Henderson	-	7 year old Ski Racer
Dave Grimshaw	-	Oregon Cancer Ski Out
Sarah Burke	-	Canadian Olympic Free Style Skier
Karl Stingl	-	10 th Mtn., Snoqualmie Summit Coach
Joan Silver	-	Wailers Ski Club
Jill Kinmont Boothe	-	National Slalom Champion
Cathy Carson	-	Reno Ski & Recreation Ski Club
Jim Jack	-	Free skiing World Tour Head Judge
Chris Rudolph	-	Stevens Pass Director of Marketing
John Brenan	-	Skier from Leavenworth
Karl Milanoski	-	Snowboarder from Seattle
Benjamin Brackett	-	Skier from Squaw Valley
Steve Romeo	-	Ski Mountaineer & Web Blog Tetonat.Com
Chris Onufer	-	Ski Mountaneer
Nik Zoricic	-	Canadian Skier Cross
Robert Liberman	-	Heli-Ski Guide from Telluride
Nick Dodov	-	Skier from Truckee, CA
Scott Fritz	-	Reno Ski & Rec. Club – Sierra Race League
Sherri Jackson Travers	-	Phoenix Ski Club
Jeff Ipsen	-	Skier from Denver
Liz Razo	-	Daughter of Barbara Razo
Ed Lucks	-	Pioneered Adaptive Skiing Techniques & Equipment for the Disabled
Des Schumann	-	Owner of Big White / Silver Star
Elisabeth Ann Miller	-	Phoenix Ski Club
Clarence "Coy" Hill	-	Ski Jumper from 50's and 60's
Frank App	-	Cabernet Ski & Race Club
Jay Abdo	-	Diamond Peak Resort Sales
Ron Curley	-	Grindelwald Ski Club

Bob Hart	-	Grindelwald Ski Club
Don Geisler	-	Phoenix Ski Club
Janice Schafer	-	Orange County Ski & Snowboard Club
Rindi Chase	-	Castro Valley Ski Club Webmaster
<u>COMMUNICATIONS AND CLUB AWARDS REPORT</u>		

Lennia Machen read aloud the following award winners:

Communications Award Results

Tollakson Outstanding Club Award Winners:

Class A

1 st	-	Pacific Rim Alliance
2 nd	-	Skyiente

Class AA

1 st	-	North Island
2 nd	-	Reno Ski & Rec.
3 rd	-	Rusty Bindings

Class AAA

1 st	-	Mountain High
2 nd	-	Idaho Falls

Wentworth Outstanding Newsletter Award Winners:

Class NL-A

1 st	-	Pacific Rim Alliance – Catherine Ohl
2 nd	-	The Unrecables – Gordon Cardona
3 rd	-	Edelweiss – Karen James

Class NL-AA

1 st	-	North Island – Debi Young
2 nd	-	Reno Ski & Rec. – Lynn Wilbur
3 rd	-	Fresno Ski Club – Gordon Renfro

Class NL - AAA

1 st	-	Mountain High – Emilio Trampuz
2 nd	-	Idaho Falls – Debbi Rasch
3 rd	-	Après – Joan Schuman

NL – Council

1 st	-	Sierra Council – Steve Hilliker
2 nd	-	Bay Area Council – Dennie Warren

Outstanding Website Award:

Class WS-A

1 st	-	Pacific Rim Alliance – Catherine Ohl
2 nd	-	Skiyente – Lark Leitgeb
3 rd	-	The Unreccables – Bonnie West
	-	Capital Ski Club – Crissymarie King

Class WS-AA

1 st	-	Cheyenne Ski Club – Joe Burgess
2 nd	-	Rusty Bindings – Gail Mercer
3 rd	-	Bogus Basin – Brigitte Teets

Class WS-AAA

1 st	-	Mountain High – Emilio Trampuz
2 nd	-	Idaho Falls – Bev Novak

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Snowsports Builders	-	Bill Marolt and Greg Thompson
Hans Georg	-	Catherine Ohl
J. Stanley Mullin	-	David Krupp
Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood	-	Eileen Sanford
Jordan-Reily	-	Robert Redford
Jimmie Heuga	-	Chris Waddell

Bob Mackey	-	Bob Bourquard
Tommi Tyndall	-	Big White & Silver Star
Terry Smith	-	Maxine Hanlon
Bill Berry, Hard News	-	Bob Wilbanks
Bill Berry, Feature Article	-	Jon Tullis
Warren Miller Modern Media	-	Steve Bellamy
President's Awards:	-	Sarah Hendrickson – World Champion Ski Jumper
		Norm & Mary Azevedo
Councils Man of the Year	-	Norm Azevedo
Councils Woman of the Year	-	Sigrid Noack

COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

Eileen Sanford reported that her full report is on the convention CD.

CHARITIES AND OUR COMMUNITY

Sigrid Noack challenged all clubs and councils to get involved with at least one charity.

Charities & Community Recognition:

Sigrid stated that we had 9 groups applying for this recognition:

- Monterey Ski & Social Club – BAC
- Santa Barbara Ski & Sports Club – Central Council
- Los Angeles Council
- Phoenix Ski Club – Arizona Council
- Balboa Ski & Sports Club – Orange Council
- Fire & Ice Ski Club – BAC
- Reno Ski & Recreation Club – Sierra Council
- Cheyenne Ski Club – Intermountain Council
- Schnee Vogeli Ski Club – North West Council

The recipient of the \$100 recognition went to Fire & Ice Ski Club of BAC who will be donating their money to the Western Region of the National Brotherhood of Skiers. She cited their charity work done in this past year.

Ski Club History Recognition – the new designations for 2012:

- Balboa Ski & Sports Club – 1955
- Idaho Falls Ski Club – 1947
- Longview Ski Club – 1935
- Schnee Vogeli Ski Club – 1942
- Mt. Hood Ski Patrol - 1937

The current list of clubs designated at Historic Ski Clubs:

- Cheyenne Ski Club – 1959
- Fresno Ski club - 1934
- Grindelwald Ski Club - 1949
- Sequoia Ski Club - 1935
- Single Ski Club of Los Angeles – 1960
- Skiyente – 1955

MARKETING REPORT

Debbi Kor thanked all the wonderful sponsors for supporting our organization. Our sponsorships totaled over \$19,750 in cash sponsorships this year. Be sure to thank our sponsors when you see them.

SILENT AUCTION REPORT

Mary Olhausen thanked all those involved for their efforts in making the silent auction very successful. Mary said we had over \$97,147 in retail value donated for the silent auction packages which brought in over \$34,950. She stressed to everyone to be sure to tell the industry people that we really appreciate them for all that they do.

CONVENTION REPORT

Jane thanked the Intermountain Ski Council for all their hard work and dedication to this convention. She especially acknowledged Linda Scott who spent countless hours to make this convention outstanding.

Future Conventions:

2016 June 8-12 Arizona Council will be hosting

2015 June 3-7 San Diego council will be host council
2014 June 11-15 Northwest Ski Club Council will be hosting at The Riverhouse Hotel, Bend, OR
2013 June 5-9 Bay Area Council will be hosting at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #118, Dale Parshall

Seconded by - Delegate #124, Sheri Parshall

WHEREAS, NWSCC gave Intermountain Council permission to provide sunny, warm weather for the 2012 FWSA convention and WHEREAS, Intermountain came through with flying colors including 80 degree weather for golf, rafting, hiking etc. (who'd a thunk – nice weather for our outdoor activities!) and the Ogden Valley is a beautiful area with lots of options to keep us busy, microbrews as found on the awesome pub crawl and sponsored beer events.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, BAC promise to find beer with a little more “kick” to it so we beer snobs from the great Pacific Northwest can achieve an appropriate state of mind without emptying our wallets!

Resolution #2 – Laudatory Resolution –

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #2, Mike Sanford [Bubba]

Seconded by – Delegate #76, Barry Cole

WHEREAS, Intermountain Council, through its excellent effort on this convention, has apparently grown some hair on its butt. Congratulations!

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Intermountain Council be given your greatest respect and this inaugural convention be remembered as their invitation to the Big Boy Club.

Resolution #3 – Laudatory Resolution –

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #83, Eileen Sanford

Seconded by - Delegate #85 Barbara Blase [Baba Lee]

WHEREAS, Linda Scott has done an incredible job as the Convention Chair for this fabulous event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Linda will donate her cowboy hat to me - that would be Baba.

Group broke for brunch at 10:33am. Group resumed meeting at 11:12 am.

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution –

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #76, Barry Cole

Seconded by - Delegate # 2, Mike Sanford [Skippy]

WHEREAS, Eileenie Weenie has been recognized for her long time service and excellent service for the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs and the FWSA organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, she no longer “owes” Skippy Sanford diddly!

Resolution #5 – Laudatory Resolution –

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #99, Liz Benson

Seconded by - Delegate #104, Lennia Machen

WHEREAS, Don Anderson is retired to the sunny climes of Florida. WHEREAS, Don led the ISC to its 5th year of success. WHEREAS, Don convinced Lennia Machen and Linda Scott to become valuable assets to Far West. WHEREAS, Don offered up ISC as host for 2012. WHEREAS, Don gave continued enthusiasm and energy to both ISC and FWSA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, We, the delegates of ISC, thank Don for his leadership, knowledge, legacy and 5 years of dedication to ISC.

Resolution #6 – Laudatory Resolution –

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #109, Dennis Heffley

Seconded by - Delegate #132, Karen Davis

WHEREAS, FWSA conventions are special, fantastic & magical, and Intermountain Council presented a wonderful weekend, BAC is planning a great 2013 convention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) invites all FWSA convention attendees, club members and friends to join in the magic of 2013 in Reno! Be part of Mountain Magic Moments at the Grand Sierra Resort.

NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL REPORT

Gloria Raminha reported her complete report is in the delegate book and DVD.

This year's FWSA Ski Week 2012 in Jackson Hole, WY had 375 participants. Families are encouraged to attend all FWSA trips and activities.

There will be a summer trip to Mammoth Mountain in July and she encouraged families to attend. The FWSA Ski Week 2013 will be in Aspen/Snowmass February 2-9th and we're looking forward to seeing you all there!

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REPORT

Norm Azevedo stated his full report is in the convention material. Thank you to everyone for a very successful travel year.

There were 131 participants on the FWSA Int'l trip in Chamonix with a 1 week and 2 week Morocco extensions which were very successful.

Future trips include:

- FWSA Int'l Ski Week 2013 – Innsbruck, Austria
 - o Garmisch and Munich, Germany extension

Norm stated that the survey cards will provide us a lot of feedback as to where our members want to travel to.

FAMILY & YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Fran Long stated everyone is invited to participate on the Mammoth Family Summer Trip:

- July 29 – August 5, 2012
- Lots of activities
- Lodging options
- Fliers on the tables
- Check out the fwsa.org website

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Dick Shawkey stated his complete Athletic Scholarship report is in the delegate book. We did award \$13,750 in scholarships to 18 junior racers this last year.

Old Business - none

None

New Business –

Randy asked for the outgoing 2011-2012 Board of Directors to come to the front and thanked them.

Randy then asked for the 2012-2013 Board of Directors to come forward and introduced them.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Delegate #4, Jane Wyckoff to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Delegate #137, Sigrid Noack

Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Stewart, Secretary

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 Linda Scott, Vice President

New and exciting things are happening at FWSA! During the past year, our communications program has undergone vibrant new upgrades and changes that I know you are going to like. Let me introduce you to our communications team, and tell you about a few of our accomplishments during the last year.

Our website designer, editor, and our all-around FWSA person extraordinaire is Catherine Ohl. During the last year Catherine took on the challenge of completely redesigning our website, and managed to complete the task in an amazingly short period of time. You can now find everything you need to know, with ease, about our FWSA trips, conventions, sponsors, charities, councils, ski history, and our director contact information by simply visiting us at www.fwsa.org and clicking on the appropriate tab..

Leigh Gieringer edits our Far West Skier Guide. This year Leigh will have produced the magazine for 26 years! Hopefully you have taken a look at the magazine, as well as the digital version online. You can find a link to this wonderful magazine on our webpage at www.fwsa.org, or you can find it on our Facebook page. Many of our member ski councils have also added a link to the digital magazine to their webpage, and if your council hasn't done so, ask them to add it to their home page. It has just amazing interactive graphics, and is a must to read.

Connie Burdett is our editor of The Councilman newsletter. Have you seen the latest edition? If not, you should definitely put it on your "to do" list. It has a new glossy, color cover, a new format, and is not only pleasant to look at, but informative too! The Councilman is published three times a year. Watch for the post-convention publication to view pictures and articles of the convention award winners and honorees.

Have you visited our Facebook page? Steve Coxen is the lead manager of this fun FWSA posting. More folks "Like" and visit our Facebook page almost daily, so if you haven't taken a look lately, make sure you visit and see all the fun postings about the latest in the ski industry, ski racing and competitions, ski celebrities, our benefit partners, plus news about what's happening at FWSA. Steve and I work hard to keep the page fresh and current.

Debbie Kor edits and produces our well-read monthly email newsletter the "FWSA News Flash." If you are not one of the over 700 folks who receive the newsletter, and want to sign up to receive this informative, up-to-date email, you can sign-up on our website. Just visit www.fwsa.org, click on Member Corner, then Publications, and sign up by entering your email address.

Our FWSA communications team has had a great year. We all work hard to keep you up-to-date on everything happening within FWSA. If you would like to learn more or join our team, I would be delighted to hear from you. Looking forward, we are working on more new ideas that will be unveiled later this year, so stay tuned!

Director Report

Council Services

by Eileen Sanford, Vice President

The FWSA Board is looking forward to a fabulous year. As Vice President of Council Services, I am excited about working on the FWSA leadership team. I have the responsibility and unique opportunity to work with the presidents of the eleven member Councils to identify strengths that can be shared, and to identify common problems and work to support joint solutions.

The FWSA Outreach Program funds were awarded to Northwest Ski Council and Sierra Council this year. This program promotes the marketing of FWSA at Council events. Congratulations and we hope all the councils will participate in the program next year.

This year the Savvy Snake Skin Cancer Prevention Program continued to be promoted by Fran Long and her committee. She came up with Savvy Snake, a cute logo to remind kids to use sunscreen while skiing or boarding. The Savvy Snake stickers were a big hit at the trade shows in Western States. The pamphlet explaining the program objectives also included a puzzle for the kids on the back. The banner was displayed at trade shows and at the FWSA Convention and brought attention to the program. Thanks to Fran for a job well done. We will continue to promote the program next year.

FWSA Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Program chaired by Donn Bryant helps recognize the council leaders at the FWSA Convention. It is one of the Council Services finest programs and Donn does an outstanding job of putting all the pieces together to honor the Council candidates and winners. Last year's winners were Sigrid Noack from LA Council and Norm Azevedo from Bay Area Council. Congratulations for a job well done!

Two important charity and community service programs are now included at FWSA Convention. The Charity & Community Service Recognition Program and the Community Service Awareness Program. These awards encourage our councils and clubs to get more involved with charities and community service. This year the Service Recognition program winner will get \$300 to go to the charity of their choice. The second and third place winners will each get \$100. Each of these councils or clubs will prepare a board to be displayed at the convention. All councils and clubs participating in the Charity Community Service Awareness Program will be put on an Honor Roll to be displayed at the Convention. Thanks to Sigrid Noack for her continuing leadership of this program. Last year nine clubs and eight councils entered the competition. Four clubs were asked to complete boards for the Convention: Schnee Volgeli, Fire & Ice, Balboa, and Reno Ski and Recreation.

Club and Council competition for best website, newsletter and best overall club was refined by Chrissymarie King. This year she will review and edit the judging criteria and create a web page for the competition to allow posting of information, criteria, rules, dates, plus develop training materials for judges.

The Youth and Family Program will host another Mammoth Adventure this year from July 27-29. The trip will host daily activities for kids and adults. The participants can camp or stay in a hotel or condo. Check FWSA.org for more details or contact Fran Long at fancat2007@sbcglobal.net.

If you belong to a local club, don't forget to regularly visit their website for ongoing activities. Also check the council website for your area. Remember to check www.fwsa.org and sign up for the FWSA monthly email on that site. We appreciate all the local club and council support of FWSA programs.

Director Report

Information Services

by Nancy Ellis, Director

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 your Council Presidents

Clubs—Send updates to

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

Fax (530) 582-0566

Email: Nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net

FWSA is protective of member information in the database. Requests for a member list 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

Industry Marketing

by Debbi Kor, VP Marketing &
Mary Olhausen, Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair

Responsibilities for the Industry Marketing Program include: producing the Silent Auction and Travel Expo, sponsorship development, serving on the Convention Committee, and promoting advertising sales for the *Far West Skier's Guide*. Debbi Kor, FWSA Vice President of Marketing, is responsible for the membership benefits program and product sponsorship development. Mary Olhausen is Chair-man of the annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo. Leigh Gieringer is Editor of the *Far West Skier's Guide*. The ski industry invested over **\$183,000** this year in Association industry programs.

Silent Auction

In 2013, we not only celebrated the 83rd Anniversary of the founding of the Far West Ski Association, but also the 28th Anniversary of the FWSA Silent Auction. FWSA truly values the working relationship our Association has developed with the ski and sports industries. 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. The Silent Auction and Travel Expo would not be possible without the assistance of many special people. Many thanks goes to The Gay Area Council, Dennis Hefley, President and Linda Indraboe, Convention Chair, and all the many volunteers who do all the behind-the-scenes work and setup. The "A+-Team", as we fondly call ourselves, for production of the Silent Auction and Travel Expo includes Linda McGavin, Sigrid Noack, Jane Wyckoff, Debbi Kor and Mary Olhausen. The A+ Team puts in countless hours to bring you a not-to-be-missed event for both club members and the industry. Our gratitude is extended to all the workers from Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs, the FWSA Board Members, and friends from other councils that assist with last minute preparations prior to the Silent Auction and Travel Expo.

Convention Sponsorships

The Convention sponsorship program reduces the amount of money needed to be taken from Silent Auction proceeds to offset Convention costs. Sponsorships are extremely important to the financial success of our event. We currently have a multi-year sponsorship with Nancy Greene's Cahilly Lodge, Sun Peaks for the neck wallets, as well as **Big White Ski Resort** as the sponsor of the Coun-

cils' Man and Woman of the Year Program. **Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish Mountain Resort,** and **Karbon** are sponsors of the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program; **Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation** sponsors the Western Ski Heritage Award; and **Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant, and Crestwood Condominiums** sponsor the Safety Person of The Year Award. 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. The Digital Edition of the *Far West Skier's Guide* not only expands the readership within the far west region, but makes it available to snow sport enthusiasts throughout the country and internationally. The link can be found at: www.fwsa.org and www.farwestskiersguide.com.

82nd Annual Convention - 2014

We are looking forward to another terrific convention hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council. We will be at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center in Bend, Oregon. June 12-15, 2014 - holding our 29th Silent Auction and 12th Travel Expo! Please plan to join us for a *Volcanic Paradise!!*

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.

Director Report

International Travel

by Debbie Stewart, Vice President

Let's TALK TRAVEL...! Far West Ski Association offers many wonderful and exciting travel opportunities and here are some reasons to travel with FWSA:

- Adventuresome International destinations for both skiers and non-skiers alike
- Experience skiing in unique areas such as the Jungfrau Region which is known as "The Top of Europe" or ski on the famous Aiguilles du Midi glacier 12,600 feet above sea level in France
- Take advantage of optional day tours, from magical castles, to ancient Roman ruins, extraordinary museums including the Louvre and D'Orsay in Paris and much more
- Learn and experience the rich local culture in a variety of countries and regions
- Explore the undersea world during one of our annual FWSA Dive trips
- Enjoy a once in a lifetime ride on a dromedary [one humped camel] in the Sahara desert
- Create memorable experiences with new and old friends with like interests
- Travel with confidence with an experienced travel team and reputable tour operators to provide our participants outstanding service
- Sit back, relax....we'll do the rest!

2013 International Ski Week March 2 to 10 – Innsbruck, Austria; Garmisch and Munich, Germany

Our FWSA Int'l Ski Week March 2 – 10, 2013 in Innsbruck, Austria was a tremendous success! 86 participants spent 7 nights at the 4 star Hotel Grauer Bar which exceeded our expectation. Their overwhelming hospitality and high level of customer service was received by all. Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. It has over 320 miles of trails easily accessible in 25 surrounding village resorts.

There are nine major ski areas that provided varied terrain for all levels of skiers. After returning from skiing at Axamer Lizum, Mike Sanford stated, "this was an excellent ski day with beautiful blue skies, we skied our buns off and it couldn't have been better!" Besides skiing locally, we organized ski days in St. Anton, St. Moritz and Ischgl which greatly enhanced their ski experiences. Wanda Ross commented, "It was great that you listened and acted on what our members asked you for. Skiing Ischgl was by far the best ski day ever!"

Nicholas Boekdrukker, Manager International Marketing & Media for Innsbruck Tourism arranged a welcome party for our group in the courtyard of the Historical Imperial Palace including local musical entertainment and a celebratory cup of gluwine.

Many members took advantage of our guided optional day trips. Our first excursion included stopping in the quaint town of Rattenburg, known for their plentiful glass blowing and carving artists then traveled on for a fabulous tour of the charming city of Salzburg. As David Jarl stated, "I've been on many day trips and our tour guide is outstanding, if you rate guides 1 to 10...he's an 11". Needless to say, I requested him again for all our tours. Even though we didn't have enough signups for a full bus to Venice, we made special arrangements with a private driver to take 6 people to Venice for the day which allowed them to check this one off their "bucket list"! Several traveled to Bolzano, which is famous for the home of "Otzi" – a 500 year old mummified "Ice Age Man". People commented on how fascinating, educational and the fact that this tour exceeded their expectations. They then got a taste of the Southern Austrian landscape while continuing on to Vipiteno, Italy.

While traveling through some of the most spectacular Tyrol region countryside, many enjoyed a trip to the Bavarian Castles which included the Neuschwanstein Castle in which the Disneyland Castle is de-

signed from. Before touring the Castle, the group experienced the town of Oberammergau which is where the well known "Passion Play" has been held every 10 years since 1634. Our final Innsbruck evening, some of us went to an Authentic Tyrolean Show which included music using several period instruments, slap-dancing, yodeling and lots of singing and dancing. Their family run show was not only authentic, but very charming to say the least. They even sang Yankee Doodle Dandy for those of us from the U.S.!

On Sunday, 29 members left to either travel home or adventure elsewhere and the remaining 57 traveled by bus to Garmisch-Partenkirchen. 31 members took the walking tour to get a lay of the land and learn the history and the culture of the area prior to our welcome/orientation. We received a welcome from Peter Nagel, Garmisch/Partenkirchen Tourism Director who shared information regarding the ski resorts and provided our members an outstanding offer for rental equipment. Our farewell dinner was held at the charming Werdenfelserhof Restaurant enjoying an Authentic Bavarian Dinner with Tyrolean music and entertainment.

After spending 5 nights in Garmisch-Partenkirchen we traveled to Munich to receive a ½ day tour of the city then everyone was free to experience Munich as they desired until traveling home.

After leaving Munich, my husband George & I were met by a representative from the Swiss Office of Tourism in Zermatt, Switzerland for a short site inspection. We inspected lodging properties and were able to familiarize ourselves with the area prior to leading next year's trip in Zermatt, Switzerland March 2014.

FWSA's 3rd Annual Dive Trip – Cayman Brac

The 3rd FWSA scuba dive trip was held early September to the beautiful island of Cayman Brac. Twelve participants enjoyed great weather with spectacular diving of the walls and reefs at Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. The hospitality and food at the Brac Reef Beach Resort was exceptional and the valet diving offered by Reef Divers has truly raised the bar for dive operators in the Caribbean. Our boat captain, Erik from Sweden, did a great job of picking superb dive sites, and our dive masters, Becy from England and BJ a local Bracker, did a great job of drawing pictures of the dive sites and pointing out very interesting sea life. We saw turtles, sharks, barracuda, moray eels, groupers, parrotfish, trunk fish, trumpet fish, snappers, a variety of coral and sponges.

Our travel committee continues to work on special projects to advance our Int'l travel program. We sent our first travel related e-mail to all Council and Club Presidents informing them about FWSA's domestic and International travel programs to share with their general members. We are evaluating our existing data and acquiring additional FWSA participant's travel desires to advance our travel calendar. We will also be working on additional methods to poll our Councils, Clubs and grass roots travel members to incorporate their feedback in order to serve our members better. We will be creating a comprehensive FWSA travel calendar on our website which will be a depository for club, council and FWSA trip information with links to the appropriate contact person regarding each trip.

As we advance the FWSA Int'l Travel program we hope to capture the imagination of our members, create adventuresome travel experiences with lasting friendships and memories. Many of our members have a strong passion for travel and I feel it is my job to enhance their travel desires by providing amazing destinations and exceptional customer service. How will we accomplish this? Well, I am developing my Int'l travel team with talent that will not only satisfy but exceed your expectations. Having said this, I have invited Barbara Bousum to join our existing team of George Stewart, Gloria Raminha and myself.

I look forward to announcing our future trips early in order to give our club members advance information so they can make their travel choices. I feel it is very important to collaborate, not compete with our member clubs therefore I plan on working closer with our Council and Club Presidents not only to complement, but enhance all travel opportunities. In the future I look forward to working together and supporting each entity.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

“Expect the Unexpected!” In order to provide our members the best travel experience I feel it is important to explore relationships with additional tour operators. Having said this, I have renewed 1 relationship with a previous tour company and I am working towards establishing new ones. Here are some of our travel opportunities:

FWSA 2013 ANNUAL DIVE TRIP:

The 4th FWSA scuba dive trip will be held September 7-14, 2013 to the beautiful Ramon’s Village Resort in Belize. You will enjoy 7 nights lodging, 6 days of 2 tank boat dives, full breakfast daily and much more. Non- divers ARE welcome!

FWSA 2014 INT’L SKI WEEK:

FWSA 2014 International Ski Week to Zermatt, Switzerland with an extension to Spain and/or Portugal. The last time FWSA went to Zermatt was in 2004 and it is time to return with great expectations.

FWSA 2014 ADVENTURE TRIP:

An African Safari is being planned for the fall of 2014. This trip will be an experience of a lifetime and one you won’t want to miss! Destination and details will be provided. Keep checking the FWSA website or contact me directly for information.

FWSA 2015 INT’L SKI WEEK:

FWSA 2015 International Ski Week will be in Val D’Isere, France with additional days in Paris and the Provence/Burgundy areas.

“Enrich your life and indulge yourself with FWSA’s International Travel Program and adventures to be discovered”.

For updates on FWSA International Travel Program:

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Director Report

Marketing and Sponsorship

by Debbi Kor, Vice President

It's been a busy year, full of fun ski shows, travel shows, new Benefits Partners, and the annual SIA show, held in Denver again this year. This incredible show of shows, the largest trade show for skiers and snowboarders in North America, is attended each year by hundreds of manufacturers, sales representatives, and members of the media. Held in the Denver Convention Center, we joined in the activities, and two days of meeting with the vendors to check out next years' fashions and gear. Several of the new vendors expressed interest in contributing items to the Convention to be used for door prizes for the Travel Expo.

The SIA show conflicted with Ski Week this year, unfortunately, so I was unable to make that trip to Aspen. I was able, however, to connect with a number of local businesses in **Aspen** and **Snowmass**, as well as work with both *Mary Manning* and *Karla Baker* to arrange some great donations for the Welcome Party, so that our attendees could go home with some fun things, or use the gift certificates at the local restaurants and shops throughout their week in town.

As usual, I began contacting our many benefits partners in mid-September, to renew their commitments for another year, and reaching out to some new partners to see what they might be interested in. This usually takes a couple months throughout the fall to get set up, with the majority of our benefits in place by the time the ski and snowboard season starts. I continuously contact businesses, and update the website with those new partners throughout the year. I do hope that you are all taking full advantage of these partners in your ski travels!

In January, I start sending letters and emails to our Industry partners to start getting them jazzed up and signed on as sponsors for the many fun activities and events that we have during the three days of Convention. Along with garnering the sponsorships, I also take care of the registration of all of our industry partners. It is a fun and exciting position that I have, and I wouldn't give up the incredible friendships and relationships that I have built along the way for anything!

SPONSORSHIP

Karbon, Grouse Mountain Lodge and **Whitefish Mountain Resort** are returning as our Athletic Scholarship sponsors again this year, donating some wonderful packages and items to be auctioned off during live and silent auctions, as well as a great raffle that Dick Shawkey has planned. Dick sold raffle tickets during Ski Week, with the winner receiving a great Karbon ski outfit of their choosing for next ski season. During Convention, he will be selling tickets for a number of donated items to be given away on Sunday morning. Dick has been working on obtaining these, and I'm sure we'll have another successful fund raiser for the Scholarship Program.

I am thrilled with the continued support we have had from our Industry partners this year, as we have in all the previous years of holding this convention. I am amazed at the generosity that we see from them year after year, especially in this economy. Our total cash sponsorship dollars received for 2013 is \$17,650. By including our Program sponsors, **Big White Ski Resort, Aspen/Snomass, The Gant and Crestwood Condominiums, and Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation**, who annually provide trips for two to *Big White* for the Council's Man and Woman of the Year, the trip for two to *Aspen* for the Safety Person of the Year, and the week-long trip for two to *Steamboat* for the winner of our Western Ski Heritage Award, we have an additional \$10,000.

This year, as we celebrate Far West's 81st annual convention, we have four Industry Partners who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary as participants in the Silent Auction. It will be my honor to present Silver Certificates to: **Aspen Skiing Company, Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Sun Valley, and Taos Ski Valley**.

Have a good meeting, everyone. Our hosts, *Bay Area Snow Sports Council*, guarantee that you will definitely experience some "Mountain Magic Moments".

Director Report

Membership

by Mary Azevedo, Vice President

FWSA is quite a unique organization with 51,000 members in the western United States. Within the FWSA structure are 11 councils, and in turn there are local ski clubs under the umbrella of the councils. When you look at the back of this Skier's Guide, you should be able to find a ski club near you. Membership dues for these clubs are much lower than some of the clubs advertised on the net. If you are already a member of a club, look at the FWSA.org site to see all the bargains you can use as a member of a FWSA ski club. In addition, many councils have area specific bargains for you. These bargains include ski rentals, ski equipment, hotels discounts in snow country, and so many others it would take me this whole page to list them. All you have to do is show your FWSA Membership card to the merchant.

Our local clubs offer our members activities in both the winter and summer. Since many ski resorts now have summer programs that include hiking, biking, concerts, and other great activities, our clubs are now taking advantage of these programs. They take their members on treks on the weekends and also plan longer trips for those who can take the time off in the summertime.

In the winter, I am sure you are aware that clubs, councils, and FWSA plan short and long trips to ski areas. Not only do they go to areas such as Lake Tahoe and Utah, they take annual trips to overseas venues. By taking a trip with one of our groups, you get lower priced trip costs, bargain lift tickets, numerous parties, and a load of people who will ski with you. Many of our trips include singles because they know they will find people of their skill level to ski with. Overseas, if you don't speak a foreign language, a bi-lingual guide is always included. Worried that you don't have the latest clothes or skis? Don't worry, some of our members take their clothes out of mothballs every year and a few still ski with wooden skis (I'm kidding, sort of). Dinners with a ski group are always fun. The camaraderie of skiers is legend in our groups, which is why we have so many trips to offer our members.

We have clubs for singles and some with mostly married couples. For example, Apres Ski in Silicon Valley only includes single people and Snowchasers in Walnut Creek includes mostly married people and a few single members. Our councils have race leagues where their member clubs compete against other clubs in their league. Some leagues welcome junior racers as long as they are accompanied by a skiing adult, which allows families to enjoy racing as a group. Some clubs have their own cabin in snow country, and for members, their rates are very reasonable.

I have found that membership in a club is a great way to make friends. After all, if you are an athletic person, I am sure you enjoy hanging around people who like to keep on the move. In my club, we have become a tight knit community of people, but we are welcoming of new members. We like outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, bicycling, picnicking, barbequing, and of course water and snow skiing. Our club hasn't had a sky diving event or climbed Yosemite's Half-Dome (as a club). Who knows, we can always try flying from the cliffs of Norway next year.

Director Report

North American Travel

by Gloria Raminha, VP

Aspen/Snowmass Ski Week
February 2 to 9, 2013

What an outstanding ski week we had in Aspen/Snowmass this last February. The ski week was attended by nearly 520 FWSA members. We had great weather, great snow and moderate temperatures for our participants to enjoy skiing at the four Aspen/Snowmass resorts.

I'd like to thank Mary Manning from Aspen Skiing Company along with our ski week Tour Operator, Mike Hibbard and his staff from Sports America Tours, for organizing a week full of activities. WOW! Aspen/Snowmass and Sports America Tours organized outstanding events with great food, spirits & music which provided for good times for our members to socialize with long time friends and meet new ones. Sports America Tours, Kenwood Vineyards and Korbel Champagne offered an extra bonus by hosting a wine, champagne and cheese tasting event. We received outstanding positive feedback from the members who attended the ski week.

Additionally, it takes many dedicated members and ski week participants, all volunteers, who spend countless hours and months to organize one of our ski weeks. All of this dedication to FWSA is what it takes to make our ski weeks the continued success they have been over the years. These volunteers I call my "Travel Team" are Council Trip Leaders and Travel Staff. Additionally, I would also like to thank all other volunteers who continue to help each year during our ski weeks.

2013 Mt. Bachelor Mini Ski Trip March 25 to 30, 2013

Our 2nd annual "Mini Ski Trip" was held at Mt. Bachelor with lodging at The Riverhouse in Bend. We had 30 participants attend the mini ski trip which included one teenager. I'd like to thank Fran Long for being the FWSA Group Leader. Fran did a fantastic job on all the details of the trip. I'd also like to thank Bob Bourquard and Ann Cook from Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort for everything they did to make our trip enjoyable for all out participants. I'd also like to thank The Riverhouse staff for arranging our accommodations, welcome party and farewell party where all our participants enjoyed visiting with friends and make new friends.

Mammoth Summer Adventure June 27 to 30, 2013

The Mammoth Summer Adventure Trip is coming up June 25 to July 30. This year, bike riding will be the featured event with opportunities for off road riding on the mountain, riding on the uptown & downtown trails, and riding to Twin Lakes and Lake Mary. Other optional activities are hiking, sightseeing, kayaking/fishing, and many other tour opportunities that our participants may choose to do. Sign-up details are available on the Far West website.

Eastern Caribbean Cruise November 9 to 16, 2013

This fall FWSA members will set sail early November from Miami, Florida for a 7 day Eastern Caribbean cruise on the Norwegian "Epic" cruise liner. The ports of call are: Miami; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands; Nassau, Bahamas. Sign-up details are available on the Far West website.

Beaver Creek Ski Week
January 25, to February 1, 2014

“Not exactly roughing it”! That’s what FWSA members will be doing for the 2014 Ski Week, January 25 to February 1. This ski week will be the first FWSA Ski Week to be held in Beaver Creek. Last January, Council Trip Leaders and Travel Staff attended a site tour of the mountain, lodging properties and event locations so that they can start planning for a successful ski week in 2014. With Beaver Creek’s outstanding groomed runs, base village escalators and cookie-time every afternoon, you’ll think you’re in Heaven. If you are interested in participating in the 2014 ski week in Beaver Creek, you can sign up with one of the Council Trip Leaders listed on the flyer. The flyer can be found on the website at fwsa.org along with and all FWSA future travel plan.

Be sure to check out the fwsa.org website for these and all FWSA Travel plans.

FWSA 2015 Ski Week Presentations

Where will FWSA be traveling to in 2015? We had several bid proposals from Ski Resorts and Tour Operators for our 2015 Ski Week. I would like to thank all the resorts and Tour Operators for their time and effort at putting their proposals together. Participants who attend the bid presentations may only attend by invitation from the VP of North American Travel. Bids will be voted on by the councils and the FWSA Board of Directors. The 2015 Ski Week bid will be announced the end of July, 2013.

2013 Convention
FWSA Travel Booth

Be sure to visit the FWSA Travel Booth Friday evening at this year’s convention where you’ll be able to view a video and photos of previous FWSA trips. Trip flyers and sign-up details for future trips will be available.

Thanks from Gloria Raminha, VP of North American Travel

It’s time for me to step down from my position as VP of North American Travel. I’ve been in charge of the North American Travel Program for the past 6 years and I would like to say thanks to my travel staff, council Trip Leaders, travel committee members, FWSA Board members and ski industry personnel who I have worked with throughout the years. I am proud of the success of all the ski weeks during my time in this position. I’m also proud of the accomplishments I’ve made such as the annual mini ski trips and summer adventure trips. I’m looking forward to watching these two annual events grow in the next few years. Although I’m stepping down, I’m not going away. I’ll continue to make myself available to assist my successor and will hopefully continue to be involved with the travel program for many years to come.

Director Report

Public Affairs

by Jo Simpson, Sierra Council President
Public Affairs Chair, National Ski Council Federation

Ski Areas Prevail in Water Rights Litigation with Forest Service. The federal district court in Colorado in December struck down a controversial U.S. Forest Service water policy that would have required resorts to transfer ownership of valuable water rights to the U.S. government without compensation. The court's decision affects 121 ski areas operating on National Forest System lands in 13 states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming. The ruling will remove the controversial water requirement from ski area permits that were renewed in 2011 and 2012 and preclude the Forest Service from including the requirement in future ski area permits. The decision allows ski areas to continue to own and control their water for crucial ski area operations and guest services such as snowmaking, restaurants, lodging, and restrooms.

NSAA, on behalf of its member resorts, sued the U.S. Forest Service in federal court in the District of Colorado in January of this year on the basis that the agency's water clause and underlying policy violated the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). The court agreed with the ski industry on all three of these claims.

Ski Areas Face \$1 Billion Risk from Warming Climate, Groups Say. Declines in snowfall because of global warming are shortening the winter ski season in the U.S. and harming the economy, according to a report from two environmental groups.

In poor snow seasons, such as last winter, visits to ski areas in states such as Colorado and New York drop, and that has cost ski resorts \$1 billion in revenue over the past decade, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Protect Our Winters said in the report. The winter sports industry contributes more than \$12 billion a year to the U.S. economy, according to the study.

"Climate change spells trouble for all businesses dependent on winter weather, from snowmobiling, snowboarding, and ice fishing to snowshoeing and skiing," the groups said in the report.

Protect Our Winters Takes Climate Change Message to the White House. Protect Our Winters (POW) founder Jeremy Jones and executive director Chris Steinkamp visit Capitol Hill every year to encourage legislators to support climate change bills. But until recently, they've relied on telling the stories of athletes who have witnessed the effects of climate change or of resorts who have lost revenue as a result of unreliable snow. Last December, POW got the hard data they need to make their case even stronger to the politicians who rely on facts and numbers. Jones and Steinkamp took those numbers to the White House where Jones was honored for his work on POW.

Ski Areas Honored for Environmental Efforts. The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) has presented seven U.S. ski areas with its 2013 Golden Eagle Awards for Environmental Excellence including Homewood Mountain Resort, Alta, Brighton, Snowbird and Solitude ski areas, Greek Peak (New York), and Killington Resort.

The annual Golden Eagle Awards, now in its 20th year, are the ski industry's most prestigious award for recognizing ski area environmental programs and projects. Awards are given based on three ski area size categories (up to 200,000 annual skier and snowboarder visits; 200,000–500,000 visits; and more than 500,000 visits).

Environment Policy Survey Lists 'Best,' 'Worst' In Resort Sustainability. The 11th annual Ski Area Citizens Coalition survey on environmental practices has Park City Mountain Resort in Utah leads the ratings. Stevens Pass Ski Area (WA), China Peak Mountain Resort (CA) and Sugar Bowl Ski Resort also got 90-plus percent scores. Heading up the bottom ratings were Homewood and Arizona Snowbowl. The complete report is at <http://www.skiareacitizens.com/>.

SIA Snow Sports Recycling Program Has Kept Over 350 Tons of Used Equipment Out of Landfills. Eventually every piece of well-loved snow sports equipment needs to be retired. In order to keep gear out of landfills and new gear on the slopes, SIA's Snow Sports Recycling Program (SSRP) recycles worn ski and snowboard gear donated by consumers and retailers.

Over four seasons, SSRP has reduced more than 350 tons of used boots, skis, boards and poles collected from Rocky Mountain retailers and resorts into grinds that can be repurposed for other snow sports products. Nationwide, 68 storefronts are participating, with most in Colorado and Salt Lake City. Over the next year, the program will expand farther west to Boise, Albuquerque and Phoenix.

Aspen Employees Fund 13 Environmental Projects. The Environment Foundation, with primary funding provided by Aspen Snowmass employees, has made the largest grant in its 16-year history, donating \$50,000 to protect 220,000 acres of Federal land from oil and gas development. The land is at Thompson Divide, outside of Carbondale, Colo. The grant is part of a total \$118,000 in donations made this spring to 13 environmental projects.

National Visit Numbers Increase in 2012-2013. The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) announced that U.S. ski areas tallied an estimated 56.6 million skier and snowboarder visits during the 2012/13 season--the results represent an 11 percent increase over the previous season. The previous season was one of the worst in recent history, when visits totaled an estimated 51 million, a decline of 15.7 percent from the 2010/11 record total of 60.54 million, according to the Kottke National End of Season Survey. This season's numbers represent the largest year-over-year gain in 30 years.

Retail Sales Increase in 2012-2013. The SnowSports Industries America (SIA) RetailTRAK™ numbers for August - March 2012/2013 are total market projections based on data collected from the Point of Sale systems of more than 1,200 snow sports retailers. The 2012/2013 season brought in \$3.4B in retail revenues, up 3 percent compared with dollars sold during the previous season. By category, dollar sales in accessories increased 6 percent, apparel was up 3 percent and equipment sales were flat compared to the 2011/2012 season.

End to Arizona Snowbowl's Legal Battles. After years of court battles, the Arizona Snowbowl's legal battles came to an end last fall and the resort was able to launch snowmaking for the 2012-2013 ski season.

Loveland Master Plan Accepted. The U.S. Forest Service has accepted the master development plan for Loveland Ski Area, setting the outline for expansion and improvement plans for the next decade or more. Specific projects included in the plan will still be required to undergo the usual environmental approval process, but the decision indicates that the proposed developments are aligned with the Forest Service's resource management plan. Among the elements of the plan are improvements to the beginner experience, upgrades to improve circulation between the two sections of the resort, which is bisected by U.S. 6, and the potential for initiating backcountry guide services and facilities.

Telluride Drops World Cup, Buys Hotel. In a sign of changing priorities, Telluride Ski and Golf Company will no longer host a pre-Christmas FIS World Cup Ski and Snowboard event, and has bought a boutique hotel in town. Telluride executive vice president Jim Mikula said that the World Cup event consumes a lot of resources and energy at a time when the resort is also trying to get ready for the holiday crowds, and that the event creates a relatively small return on that investment.

Mammoth Plots New Future for June. June Mountain is set to reopen next December after a year in mothballs. The resort will continue to target families and entry-level skiers and snowboarders, with tentative plans for lift and snowmaking upgrades down the road.

"Next winter we look forward to bringing skiers and snowboarders a great on-mountain experience while also planning for June's future, including the possibility of a new lift and enhanced snowmaking," June Mountain general manager Carl Williams said in a release.

CEO Rusty Gregory of Mammoth Mountain, which owns June, told attendees at the national meeting of the North American Snowsports Journalists' Association (NASJA) that the company will invest \$6 million in a new chairlift for June once the necessary permits are acquired.

Historic Timberline Lodge Enters Pantheon Of Historic Hotels. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has announced that the famed ski lodge on the shoulder of Mt. Hood had been accepted onto its list of Historic Hotels of America.

Utah's Proposed SkiLink Gets Lots of Noise at Public Forum. There are more than a few entities who would like to put the kibosh on SkiLink. The unorthodox idea is to transport Utah skiers from Canyons Resort in Park City to Solitude Mountain Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon via a gondola. While it sounds good on paper, a noisy crowd showed up at a public forum in Park City to protest the project.

Breckenridge OK'd For Peak 6 Expansion; 23 Percent More Terrain. Skiers and snowboarders who call Breckenridge their home resort can expect another boost in terrain next season. The proposed development of Peak 6, the resort's fifth mountain, has weathered the U.S. Forest Service approval process and recently received a final go-ahead after an appeal period ended in November 2012.

Although more litigation has been threatened, the Forest Service decision appeared solid enough for the resort to make a definitive commitment to getting Peak 6 operating in the 2013-2014 season.

Mt. Bachelor Gets OK for Expansion. Mt. Bachelor has received the go-ahead from the Forest Service for an improvement project that will take place over the next 10 years. Included in the plan are expansions to terrain, three new lifts, a lodge expansion, new hiking trails, a lift-served downhill bike park, a zipline course and rock climbing structure. Also on the drawing board is the construction of a biomass co-generation facility that will provide electrical power and steam heat.

Whistler Blackcomb Plans \$18 Million Lift Upgrade. Whistler Blackcomb has unveiled capital plans for an \$18 million lift expansion. Whistler Mountain's Harmony detachable quad chairlift will be replaced with a new Doppelmayr detachable six-pack. Blackcomb will replace a fixed-grip triple in the Crystal Zone with a high-speed quad.

Homewood Expansion Plan to get Further Review. Homewood Mountain Resort's expansion plan has been put on hold temporarily. U.S. District Judge William B. Shubb ruled that Placer County and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency approved the Homewood plan without considering whether a smaller (and less environmentally impactful) project would suffice, as required by law.

Crested Butte Produces New Master Plan. Crested Butte Mountain Resort has submitted a new Master Development Plan to the U.S. Forest Service. The plan incorporates previous approvals at the main mountain, along with adjacent private land development projects, new proposals for terrain outside the resort's existing permit area on Crested Butte, and a much-reduced proposal for Snodgrass Mountain, which has been the source of controversy (and rejected proposals) in the past.

Northstar Submits Master Plan for Environmental Review. Northstar, California, has released its Mountain Master Plan (NMMP), outlining what the future holds with regard to on-mountain improvements and additional recreational opportunities at the resort. The plan, submitted to Placer County for environmental review, outlines mountain improvements proposed at Northstar over the next 10 to 15 years. The Northstar Mountain Master Plan proposes new ski terrain, lifts, skier facilities and additional recreational opportunities, as well as upgrades to existing ski terrain and facilities.

Google Adds 38 Ski Slopes to Google Maps App. The Google Maps app, available for free on Android devices and iPhone, now includes 38 new maps of ski runs and lifts from some of the most popular ski resorts in the United States and Canada.

Our thanks go to the following electronic news providers for the information contained in this report: Mountain Travel Research Program (MTRiP), National Ski Area Association (NSAA), Ski Area Management (SAM), SnowSports Industries Association (SIA), and SnoCountry

Director Report

Racing

by Bob Ellis, Vice President

This year started strong then fizzled out in California and Nevada; however, the Northwest received tons of snow. In Colorado, the season started slow, then, right before our FWSA Ski Week at Aspen/Snowmass we received a nice snowfall which made the conditions at Ski Week very nice. Our races at Ski Week went smoothly as once again we had good weather while we were racing. The Giant Slalom at Snowmass was the longest course we have had in years, with a variety of racing terrain to challenge the racers. The slalom was also challenging and with two runs, which made it difficult to have two good runs in order to win their class. Once again the Council Challenge Race was fun, entertaining and very competitive.

In the local races in Tahoe and at Mammoth, racers experienced a variety of snow conditions, and were able to complete all of their races. Pacrats were able to complete their races in Oregon.

The Far West Championships were completed at Alpine Meadows with great enthusiasm from all competitors. On Friday we had the Pacesetters races, which included two slalom courses and two giant slalom courses. At the same time, 28 racers took a race clinic provided by Alpine Meadows and had a fun and productive time running gates. On Saturday we ran the slalom courses on Yellow, and the courses challenged all the racers on all three courses. The giant slalom was run on Werner's Schuss on Sunday with a thrilling firm course which nobody will ever forget. The Alpine Meadows Race Department provided competitive well planned courses that were on-time with accurate timing.

Beaver Creek is the site of 2014 FWSA Ski Week next year, and the racing during ski week will be fun, challenging and exciting.

Our summer meeting is planned for August 10 in Mammoth Mountain to discuss future rules changes, the 2014 and 2015 venues, and other possible changes in FWRA.

Next year the Far West Championships will be held at Mammoth Mountain the first weekend in April, 2014.

Committee Report

Awards Program

by Catherine Ohl, 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 was added in 2007. Historical recognition for clubs and councils was added in 2008. In 2008, under the direction of John Watson, the Snowsports Builder Award was initiated.

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 programs 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 <http://fwsa.org/Awards/awards.html>.

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

Snowsports Builder Award under the direction of John Watson

Industry Media Awards under the direction of Mike Sanford

Bill Berry Award for Hard News
Bill Berry Award for Featured News
Warren Miller Multi Media Award

Club and Council Achievement Recognition Awards under the direction of Crissymarie King

Tollakson Award for Outstanding Club
Wentworth Award for Outstanding Club and Council Publications
Award for Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year under the direction of Donn Bryant

Special Awards for Individuals, Clubs, Councils, and Ski Industry

Safety Person of the Year Award
Western Ski Heritage Award

Club and Council Legacy Recognition Program (new in 2008)

Charity / Community Service Recognition Awards for Clubs and Councils (new in 2007)

Ski Industry Recognition Certificates

President's Awards for Individual Contributions

Sports Awards for Individuals, Clubs, Councils, Leagues

Joe Ross Memorial Trophy for Club

Lake Louise Trophy for Council

Ski Week Trophies for Male and Female Racers of Ski Week

Far West Championships Trophy

Roma McCoy Trophy

1. Far West Service Awards

The Far West Service awards, sometimes referred to as "The Great Eight" were administered by Catherine Ohl, Awards Chair, with a committee consisting of Linda Westlund, Mike Sanford, John Watson, and Norm Cullen. Use of the internet continues to be the popular and a most efficient mean of submitting nominations and voting. Voting was permitted using the internet, email or by the traditional snail mail. This and past year's nominee citations can be viewed at <http://acatmeowz.com/farwest/index.htm>.

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 *Lynnell Calkins, Georgene Bihlman, Sigrid Noack, Donn Bryant, Mike Sanford, Ken Calkins, Nancy Kelly, Steve Coxen, Tucker Hoffmann, Gene Fulkerson, Harry Davis, George Eachus, Randy Lew, Norm Cullen, Fay Mumbauer, Woody Hogan, Fred Andrews, Dennis Agee, Pat Nangle, Mike Favia, Martha Perez, Mary Lou Bearden, Sutter Kunkel, Janie Hansen, Alan Christian, Dick Goetzman, Jimmie Heuga, Ed Gehle, John James, Bill Berry, Joe Harris, Bruce Bell, Jane Wyckoff, Don Simpson, Chuck Morse, John Watson, Fraser West, Russ Read, Wayne Poulsen, Dave McCoy, J. Stanley Mullin, Willy Schaeffler, Charles Fink, Bill Kidd, William Nagle, Ben Cole, Walt Disney, W.S. Slim Davis.*

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 *Eileen Sanford, Gloria Raminha, Barbara Bryant, Mary Olhansen, Fran Long, Debbi Kor, Helen Harris, Marilyn Sigler, Linda Westlund, Nancy Kelly, Nancy Sanford, Lynnell Calkins, Bonnie West, Karen Davis, Connie Smith, Maxine Hanlon, Kathy Hoffmann, Susie Vetter, Karen Kimball, Pat Nangle, Lauren Nagle, Fay Mumbauer, Margo Thomas, Karyn Tablada, Sallie Pritchard, Janie Hansen, Anita Omsby, Jessica Freeman, Billy Loy Wilson, Madeline Hunter, Jan Wright, Nancy Ingalsbee, Marlene Steinmeyer, Kathy Downer, Gloria Slate, Jane Wyckoff, Judy Fjeld, Thelma West, Sally Neidlinger Hudson, Gladys Poulsen, Mary Lou Bearden, Madeline Walton.*

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 *David Krupp, Dennis Heffley, Richard Lubin, Dick Shawkey, Arleigh Meiners, Ray Craig, Robb Margrave, Donn Bryant, Michael German, Joe Loader, Steve Coxen, Ken Calkins, Jim Ortiz, Tucker Hoffmann, Mike Sanford, Sutter Kunkel, Ron Anderson, Gene Fulkerson, Randy Lew, Norm Cullen, Louis Buhler, Woody Hogan, Paul Arrigo, Chuck Morse, John James, Howard Wickersham, Cloyd Howard, Alan Christian, John Rosendranz, Bob Clinco, Ed McArthur, Ed Gehle, Dick Croft, Bruce Bell, Russ Read, Rolf Fromm, Edgar Gar Bering, Carl Grover, Russ Tiffany, John Watson, Dick Goetzman, Stan Walton, Byron Nishkian.*

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 *Robert Redford, Christina Thomure, John Wentworth, Auden Schendler, Rich Marriott, Geraldine Link, Scott Kaden, Mark Udall, Ethan Chickering, Steve Coxen, Denny Bschor, Steve Reneker, Mike Sanford, Linda McGavin, Wayne Poulsen, Karen Kimball, Steve Reneker, Ron Anderson, 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 *Chris Waddell, Dianna Digiandomenico, Linda Whittle, Will Niccolis, Ed Bronsdon, Tom Peirce, Larry "Chad" Chadwick, Sigrid Noack, Muffy 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, Linda Fryback, Sallie Pritchard, Doug Pringle, Lynne Haile, Steve Kanaly, James Stacey.*

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 *Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mountain, Big Sky, Vail Resorts, Aspen Snowmass, Big White, Breckenridge, Ogden Weber CVB, Big Mountain, Salt Lake CVB, Silver Star, Park City, Ski New Mexico, Lake Louise, Boreal, Northstar, Mammoth Race Department, Bear Mountain, Mt. Bachelor, Steamboat, Crested Butte, Mt. Reba / Bear Valley, Snow Forest, Mountain High, Mt. Rose, Boreal Ridge, Snow Summit, Heavenly Valley, Kirkwood, Yosemite.*

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 *Bob Bourquard (Mt. Bachelor), Bob Salerno (Virtual Snow), Brian Flickinger (Vail), Mary Manning (Aspen), Cyd Heatherly (Snowbasin), Patrick Rothe (ski.com), Kris McKinnon (Aspen), Mark Thoreson (Sun Valley), Karen Schneider (Steamboat), Tammie Anstedt (Vail), Jim Loyd (Big White), John Frasca (Central Holidays), Don Beaulieu (Sunshine), Jean Louis Villot (Mammoth) Sandy Best (Lake Louise), Mary Evans (Aspen), Joe Pettit (Northstar), Steve Orchin (CP Hotels), Brent Boblitt (Northstar), Brad Wilson (Bear), Julie Maurer & Mike Blind (Northstar), Elise Waddell (Mammoth), Jerry Simon (Ski Group), Jim Mott (Squaw), Marilyn Branch (Coonskin Inn), Mark Phillips (Mt. Reba), John Armstrong (Mammoth), Bob Settineri & Ron Roesch (Mogel Mogul Mike Sierra Productions), Randy Fahrbach (Purgatory) Nick Hudson (Heavenly), Chuck Morse (Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program), Jim Catlin (Mammoth), Ueli Luthi (Mammoth), Mitch Vlad (Canadian Office of Tourism), Hary Leonard (Ski Show), Bob Bergstrom (Sports), Chuck Morse (Mtn. High), Jim Hardy (Tahoe Hyatt), Bill Boardman (Squaw), Dick Parent (Hig Sierra Reservations), Knut Waarli (Cal-Nordic Institute), Peter Brinkman (Mt. Reba), Jim Garner (Mammoth).*

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 *Maxine Hanlon, Jo Simpson, Scott Peer, Craig Faitel, Beat Hupfer, Jim Sommer, Barbara Bryant, Dan Jeffrey, Dick Shawkey, Joe Loader, Dotti Gallagher, Robb Margrave, Mark Hanlon, Marty Purmort, Lynnell Calkins, Bob Bernard, Ken Calkins, Bob & Debbie Warzynski, Herb Schraibman, Bob*

Ellis, Carol Weaver, Ralph Lehotsky, John Ulrich, John Armstrong, George Eachus, John Catozzi, Alan Christian, Ellen Loe, Jessica Freeman, Dennis Agee, Karyn Tablada, Ueli Lufhi, Joe Harris, John Rosenkranz, John James, Bruce Bell.

2. Snowsports Builder

John Watson, History Chair, along with the Far West Board of Trustees, administers the Snowsports Builder award. In 2008 Far West added this award to expand its suite of awards. The award recognizes an individual, teams or an organization that has made a contribution to benefit the sport, a contribution that has made an indelible impact on the sport and that may not have been fully recognized.

Such contributions may not be limited to any particular sector of industry, society, or the sport. Their background could include manufacturing, athletics, travel, journalism, electronic or print media, government, academia, teaching and safety. The Builders Award is intended to be for those outside Far West's traditional service awards and may be made annually by the Trustees.

Previous awardees include *Greg Thompson, Bill Marolt, Dave McCoy, Norbert Olberz, Martha Perez, Doug Pfeiffer, Deedee Corradini, Jerry Simon, Harry Leonard.*

3. Industry Media Awards

The Industry Media 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 *Tom Stienstra, Bob Wilbanks, April Darrow, Walter Roessing Brian Clark, Katherine Cole, Bob Cox, Rodney Angove, Sam Bauman, Al Auger, Diane Slezak Scholfield, Garry Niver, Susan Vreeland, Luanne Pfeifer, Bob Lochner, 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 *Jon Tullis, Wendolyn Holland, Makay Jenkins, Jennifer Woodlief, Chris Davenport, Charles J. Sanders, Jimmy Petterson, Richard Kun, Leigh Gieringer, Christopher Solomon, Chaco Mohler, Leigh Gieringer, Gregory Dennis, Ken Castle, Luanne Pfeifer, Diane Slezak Scholfield, Glen Putman, Robert Frohlich.*

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 Bellamy, Daron Talbot, Robert Frohlich, Jimmy Peterson, Ari Heinila, Abbie Kealy, Steve Porino, Joe Jay Jalbert, Tammie Thompson, Josh Murphy, AJ Kitt, Al Noraker, Russ Cameron, Jerry Hoffmann, Don Fontana, John Jay, Chaco Mohler, Kurt Miller, Peter Speck, Warren Miller, Bob Beattie, Suzy Chaffee, Cecil Charles, John Hamilton Ken Nelson.*

4. Club & Council Achievement Recognition Awards

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year

The Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Competition is administered by Donn Bryant under Eileen Sanford, FWSA VP Councils. Each council is requested to submit a man and/or woman candidate who best represents their council. In addition, each council is required 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.

Tollakson Award for Outstanding Club

The Tollakson Award is administered by Crissymarie King under Eileen Sanford, FWSA VP Councils. Each club is asked to submit up to a 10-page bio detailing their contributions to the sport of skiing/boarding. Results from their Newsletter and Web site scores are included in this competition. In addition, each club is required to submit a judge to help with the judging.

Wentworth Award for Outstanding Club and Council Publications

The Wentworth Award is administered by Crissymarie King under Eileen Sanford, FWSA VP Councils. Each club and council is asked to submit two newsletters for judging. In addition, each club and council is required to submit a judge to help with the judging.

Award for Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites

The Award for Outstanding Web Site is administered by Crissymarie King under Eileen Sanford, FWSA VP Councils. Each club and council is asked to submit their web site for judging. In addition, each club and council is required 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 which can vary slightly from year to year.

Class A: Membership 10 to 99

Class AA: Membership of 100 to 199

Class AAA: Membership of 200 or more

5. 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, under the leadership of Scott Bowker, VP Public Affairs, 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.

Club and Council History Recognition Program

FWSA has inaugurated a program to collect club, league and council histories. These will go to make up a historic collection available to researchers—and who knows? — maybe a book of histories from the standpoint of organized skiing. Your submission must be on CD/DVD with 5 copies and one hard copy. Notify John Watson, FWSA Historian at geospace@pacbell.net.

Charity and Community Service Recognition Award

The charity award was new in 2007 and is administered by Sigrid Noack, Charity and Community Chair under the leadership of VP Councils. The winner club receives a \$300 donation to the charity of choice. Second and third place club winner and first place council each receive \$100 donation to the charity of choice.

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, VP Marketing and Sponsorship.

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."

6. Sports Awards

Joe Ross Memorial Trophy

This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff and is presented to the club with the highest total points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at ski week.

Lake Louise Trophy

This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff and is presented to the council with the highest total points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at ski week. The trophy, donated by the Canadian Tourism Office in 1997, is on permanent display at the Western SkiSport Museum (<http://auburnskiclub.com/ski-museum/>) in Boreal, California.

Council Challenge

The first Council Challenge was held in Mt. Bachelor when the Bay Area Council challenged the Northwest Council (then known as Portland Area Ski Club Council) to a duel race. Teams consisted of the best 6 racers from each council. In Steamboat the Challenge was opened up to all councils. In a surprise move, Arizona beat out Northwest, Bay Area and Los Angeles. Today teams consist of 8 racers from each council and must be a mix of men and women. And if you can't beat them on the course, wear an interesting costume to race in.

Racer of the Week

Awarded to the female and male racer who earns the most points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at ski week. This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff.

Far West Championships

Awarded to the Far West race league that earns the most points overall at the Far West Championships. The Far West Racing Association administers this award.

Roma McCoy Trophy

Awarded to the Far West race league that earns the most points per racer start at the Far West Championships. The Far West Racing Association administers this award.

Committee Report

Family and Youth Involvement

by Fran Long, Chair

Sharing our love of snow sports and looking for ways to continually develop organized snow sports activities is what youth and family involvement is all about. We all know that continual growth of our ski clubs and councils is dependent upon “new blood” coming into our organizations. Our young people are our best source of that new blood.

Far West Ski Association embraces and encourages youth and family involvement in most FWSA trips and activities. Many FWSA clubs and councils support youth and family involvement as well. Those clubs and councils with comprehensive race programs encourage junior racers to participate. Many clubs hold one or two annual events that encourage youth and family involvement.

While participation is encouraged by FWSA, participation by youth and families is limited. This is partially due to finances, and partially due to school and work schedules. Within those constraints FWSA is looking at ways to provide some trips and activities that are affordable and fall within school vacations and holiday periods.

The 2013 FWSA Mini Ski Week to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon was an excellent example. The trip was affordable and did fall within many school districts’ spring break. One 15 year old participated and had a wonderful time.

The summer Mammoth Adventure is another example of an affordable family event being held when school is out for the summer. This year’s adventure is being held June 27-30, 2013. The emphasis is on biking, with bike rides for all levels of ability, all ages, and all levels of adventure. Information on this trip is available on the FWSA website: www.fwsa.org.

As a youth and family involvement committee, we continue to evaluate the types of activities and trips we are offering, the timing of the trips, and how we are pricing them, in order to optimize the possibility of involvement by our youth and families.

And please remember our Sun Safety Program for Children and Families...

SAVVY SNAKE SAYS...

Slip on your helmet/hat

Slop on some sunscreen

Slide on your goggles/sunglasses

Slither into the shade whenever possible

Protect your skin...be sun-safe on and off the snow.

We are proud to say, this program, originally funded by a competitive grant through the California Skin Cancer Prevention Program, is still going strong. FWSA believes strongly in supporting the message of sun safety on the slopes, and educating our youth in sun safety precautions.

Director Report

Far West Skier's Guide

by Leigh Gieringer, Editor

The current issue is the 25th Annual. The publication commenced in 1988. An issue has been published each year since. For a summary of the Guide's history written by Jane Wyckoff and pictures of the first 25 covers, see the 2012-2013 Far West Skier's Guide. As the editor and publisher, I wish to thank members of the Far West Ski Association who contributed throughout the years; and especially the ski industry for their sponsorship to make these issues possible. I look forward to working with all again this year.

The last three issues have also been uploaded into a digital format which has been well received by our members and beyond. The 25th Annual Digital Edition, currently online, also features an additional 32 page insert to encourage readers to access the DE. If you have not viewed it yet, please use the link below or go to <http://www.fwsa.org/> and click on the animated cover located on the left hand side of the homepage.

As a western regional publication, we distribute to ski clubs, ski shops and ski shows in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The digital edition has reached a far wider audience including snowsport enthusiasts throughout North America and internationally, thus it appears that we are developing a following around the world. Here is the link to the current digital edition of the 2012-2013 Far West Skier's Guide: <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2012-13/> Keep it in your favorites and pass it along to others.

The 26th Annual Far West Skier's Guide - the 2013-2014 - issue has been started. We welcome the ski industry to be a part of it. Look for the printed edition in late October and the digital edition in early November. Thank you.

Committee Report

Safety

by Richard Lubin, Chair

Having fun without injury is what safety is all about. It is also about anticipating potential problems. The ski industry has taken great measures to insure an excellent and safe experience at the ski resorts. All snow sports participants can appreciate how critically important safety is to all of us.

Many are aware of deaths occurring at ski areas each year. Deaths are often the result of skiers/riders going too 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.**, as chair. Mike Sanford and Dr. Lubin drafted a new Committee Charter, Mission Statement and Objectives.

The Association promotes safety by a number of methods.

- There is a special section of the website (**FWSA.org**) with articles on safety.

- In our annual **FWSA SKIER'S GUIDE**, publication, the widely distributed magazine.

- The Association's quarterly newsletter, **The Councilman**, has featured articles on safety by Dr. Lubin and others.

- Our Safety Chair has interacted with a number of Risk Managers and Ski Patrollers at the Ski Resorts to discuss issues of Safety.

- The Safety Chair has regularly emailed original articles to many websites and newsletters.

- Our slogans– "**Ski With Pride, Let It Ride, Watch All Sides**" and **First With Safety Awareness** appear in many places letting all know that safety is an important issue with the Association.

- Our **Safety Person of the Year** Contest brings greater exposure to our concerns and dedication to safety in snow sports.

Safety Person of the Year

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, 6 nights lodging, 6 days of lift tickets, rental equipment, lessons, a mountain tour with an employee, and an appearance on the local TV show. **We would like to encourage members to participate in safety activities and enter the contest.**

The winners have been 1999 Catherine Ohl (Century City and Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Clubs, LA/SD Councils), 2000 Denise Vance (North Island Snowdrifters, SD Council), 2001 & 2002 Richard Lubin, D.C. (Bota Baggers Ski Club, BAC), 2003 Elaine Cobos (AZ Council), 2004 Bob Ellis (BotaBaggers BAC), 2005 Teresa TJ Barnes (North Island Snowdrifters, SD Council), 2006 Catherine Ohl (Century City and Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Clubs, LA/SD Councils), 2007 Emilio Trampuz (Mountain High Snowsports Club, Northwest Ski Club Council), 2008 Randy Salzman (Apres Ski Club, BAC), 2009 Sandy Beecher (Castro Valley Ski Club, BAC), 2010 Richard Rizik (Cascade Ski Club NW Council), 2011 Gordon Cardona [Unrecables], 2012 Fran Long [SLO Skiers]

Safety Thermometers

Recent years have seen 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 have a new batch of thermometers.

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, and 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 **Burton'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. Ski and snowboard manufacturing is constantly evolving, as have binding and boot production. These aspects all affect safety and we try to stay current on these changes.

Most recently the safety chair has written articles on some of the new technology of Heads-up Display goggles and how they may affect safety. Cell phones, texting, music players are all recent technologies that can take away attentiveness from safety. Another recent article in the *Skier's Guide* has raised questions regarding the safety of marijuana usage and skiing.

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 progressively 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. Burton'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 **slogan: SAFETY IS.....THINKING FIRST !**

Committee Report

Snowsports Builder Photos

by John Watson, History Committee Chair

A number of photos surfaced in the research for documenting the Snowsports Builder Award winners. Since there was not room on the award pages, they are provided here.

Vern Sprock



Left: Vern Sprock in early 1950's

Right: Sierra Ski Ranch in the 1950's.



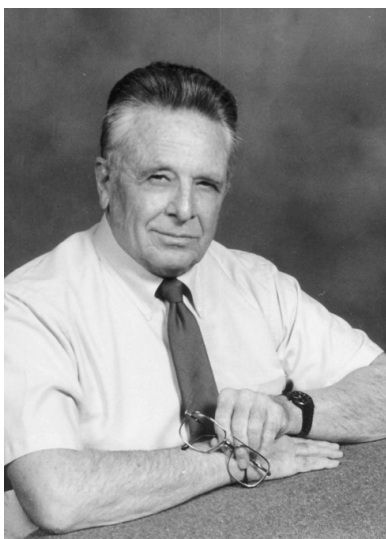
The Sprock family in 1993.



Chelton Leonard



High school racer.



President, NSAA (now USSA), other civic offices for State of Nevada. 1962-66



Corporal Leonard, US Army, Camp Hale, 1943



Left: Stunt man for Abbott & Costello.

Center: UNR Ski Team Coach in 50's.

Right: Camp Hale with 10th Mountain Division, 1943



UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SKI TEAM 1963-64

John Hancock, Greg Austin, (Dog?) Dennis Agee, Chris Mazzola, Bob Hamilton, Gary McCoy, Lane Monroe, Arne Nossam, Jim Acheson, Chelton Leonard, (Coach)



Ski School Director 1977.

Doug Pringle



Right and above: Doug and young student athlete, circa 2003.



Racing in 1990's.



Relaxing on the gondola at Heavenly at the Ability Challenge.



Doug in Viet Nam.

Council Report

Arizona Ski Council

by Arleigh Meiners, President



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents seven clubs and between 700-800 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. The Snowbowl in Flagstaff, Arizona has won the legal battle to make snow and started making snow on December 12th 2013. This effort has been around ten years in the making and our thanks to the US Forest Service for helping in the last legal battle in front of the US Supreme Court. We will now have a reliable ski area within 2 hours of the Phoenix area.

Warren Miller hits Phoenix for 3 showings every December. At those showings council representatives were present to pass out the FWSA Skiers Guide. This is done in conjunction with the table that Snowbowl sets up. This effort has helped in bringing awareness to ski clubs in the greater Phoenix area.

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AOTC) is a family outdoor activity and travel club with a full schedule of hikes and activities in various locations around the valley. They provide early morning hikes to assure your day gets off on the right foot. The hikes are rated to a difficulty level and lengths vary to fit the various levels of hikers. For more information go to www.arizonaoutdoortravelclub.com

The Boeing Employee Adventure Club is a corporate, family-oriented activity club that continues an active hiking program, as well as pool parties and family events around town.

East Valley Ski Club, (EVSC) is an adult family-friendly ski club with activities that include happy hours and of course, taking in some baseball games at the indoor, Air Conditioned Chase field. EVSC leases a condo in Summit County CO for 3 months of skiing every winter.

Partytime Sports, (PTS) is an adult ski, boating, and social club that plans boating trips to get them through the summer heat. During the winter they do a ski trip to Telluride, Colorado during Arizona Days. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

Phoenix Ski Club, (PSC) is an adult ski and social club that is celebrating their 65th anniversary this year. (2013). PSC extends an invitation to all to attend their dinner of the month at various restaurants in the greater Phoenix area and to their happy hours at various locations in the valley. PSC 2013-14 Ski trips are in their final phase of planning. For information on activities and ski trips go to www.phxskiclub.org

Sailing Adventures Club, (SAC) is the newest addition to the Arizona Ski Council. SAC is open to singles, couples and families. SAC added a new avenue of fun and social networking to ASC. Sailing Adventures do bareboat charters where the participants are the crew with an experienced club member as the Captain. They have been to the British Virgin Islands and are planning the Greek Islands and Chesapeake Bay this year. Please go to www.sailingadventureclub.org to view their exciting schedule.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC) is an adult ski and social club also. SS&SC is kicking off the summer with happy hours every Friday evening, campouts, pub crawls, casino night and many more events. SS&SC ski trips for 2013-14 are in the planning stage also. For more information go to www.scottsdale-skiclub.com

2012-2013 Ski Season

Our 2012-2013 ski season and year round activities were fantastic! Included was an extensive list of ski season trips offered by our member clubs and by FWSA. We had great participation in our trips and local events.

We started the ski season with a bus trip to Wolf Creek, Colorado in December. Then it was our great New Year's trip to Park City, Utah. Next it was our annual "Arizona Days" to Telluride, Colorado. Then it was on to the FWSA ski week to Snowmass, Colorado. After that it was on to Taos, New Mexico. Following that was to Beaver Creek, Colorado, Big Sky, Montana and Powder Mountain, Utah. We also participated in the FWSA Mini ski week to Mt. Bachelor. Then we finished off our great ski season with the annual "Surf the Rockies" at Telluride, Colorado.

65th Anniversary of Phoenix Ski Club

The Phoenix Ski Club entered a float in the Annual horse drawn Parada Del Sol Parade. PSC received an award for the most Comical entry! The Phoenix Ski Club also held a 65th anniversary banquet at Pinnacle Peak Patio which was a huge success. About 200 former and present members attended. Attending the banquet were 22 Past Presidents. Old pictures and newsletters were on display for everyone to view.

Thank you to Volunteers

I would like to thank all the hard-working volunteers that have brought their time, energy and talents to make all the clubs trips and events so successful this past year. ASC strives to provide service to member clubs. Reciprocity between the clubs is the key word for the council. Check us out online at www.arizonaskicouncil.org

Congratulations to the newly elected ASC officers

Council Officers:	President, Arleigh Meiners
	Vice President, Wanda Himler
	Treasurer, Carla Kramer
	Secretary, Jim Nachbar
	Past President, Mike Rogers
	Race Director, Bill Behnke

Council Report

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

by Dennis Heffley, President



Welcome & Thank You for joining us at this years 81st Annual Far West Ski Associations Convention in celebration of these “Mountain Magic Moments”!

We in the Bay Area Snow Sports Council are excited to be your Host for this memorable event being held at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, NV. The venue is perfect as it is located just to the east of one of the most spectacular snow sports areas in the world. Lake Tahoe is surrounded by numerous ski resorts ranging from a previous venue of the 1960 Olympics, to those with heavenly views, another where you feel at home, one where you'll see the diamonds glisten across the lake surface, then there is the rose in the sky, you can walk through a village and ride a gondola to the north, experience a meadow filled with snow and numerous other slopes in and around the area! Using Reno as a base so close to the *mountains*, you'll experience the *magic* of the night life and *moments* where you'll understand why this location is “The Biggest Little City in the World”!

The BAC congratulates our candidates for FWSA Council Man/Woman of the Year ~ **Mr. Michael Dhuey & Ms. Jennifer Milstein who are both members of our SnowDrifters Ski Club.** The competition this year was amazing with the BAC setting a recent record for the number of candidates for our BAC MWOY. We are Very Proud of all of our candidates and their contributions to their individual clubs, the BAC and the FWSA. **It truly is our volunteers who make the difference.**

The BAC had a busy year with ski club membership drives, our corporate discount lift ticket program, traveling, racing and just skiing/boarding. Highlights from this last year have to be the FWSA Ski Week at Snowmass/Aspen, CO, and the FWSA International Trip to Innsbruck, Austria and Garmisch, Germany! We had a BAC trip in March 2013 to Park City, Utah. A number of our individual clubs ventured to Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Utah to take advantage of the great hospitality and skiing conditions. BAC is looking forward to the Future Travel Season! There is the FWSA trip to Beaver Creek, CO, European trips to Zermatt Switzerland and Spain, along with the Belize Dive Trip that many of our members will be part of. Plans for additional BAC Council trips are underway!

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. Through the efforts of the various resorts in the greater Lake Tahoe Region and our Council and Club Race Chairs who had to deal with one of the most diverse weather condition years on record, we had another great Race Season! Through the amazing efforts of **Mr. Bob Ellis** and his Far West Racing Officers, the Far West Race Championships were held at **Alpine Meadows Ski Resort.** ***Congratulations to both the BAC Open League for having The Most Points and the BAC Singles League The Most Point Per Racer making them both Champions this year during the Far West Race Championships!***

BAC supports and donates money to Disabled Sports USA (DSUSA) Far west Division, which has their Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows and an annual event supporting Wounded Warriors. This year DSUSA continued their format of the Ability Challenge Event which is an All Mountain Adventure for people of all abilities. “If I Can Do This ~ I Can Do Anything!” the motto of DSUSA was truly reflected by the efforts of clubs and members of the BAC along with the additional 40 plus organizations from the great community who were part of this monumental event.

As hosts of this years FWSA Convention the BAC is once again very happy to have Volunteers from DSUSA as our "Bid Runners" at the Friday Night Silent Auction. The tradition of having a local Adaptive Sports Program as "Bid Runners" began in 2007 (the last year the BAC hosted a convention) and has been done by every council since then. Please take a moment when looking over the great options to bid on Friday Night and take a moment to say "Thank You" to the DSUSA Volunteers and stop by their booth for additional information on their programs.

The BAC will have our **8th Annual BAC/DSUSA Tailgate BBQ & Benefit Baseball Game with the Oakland Athletics on Friday August 2, 2013**. Once again, we are very fortunate to have this event supported by VAIL Resorts! We plan on having 150 members from the various clubs of the BAC in attendance for the Tailgate Party and Major League Baseball Game between the Oakland Athletics and the Texas Rangers. Then to complete the evening . . . a spectacular Fire Works Display set to incredible music!

I am proud (*I never tire of this term to share my emotions for the efforts of the members of our clubs and council*) in asking you take a look at the accomplishments of the community outreach programs of the BAC and its clubs. **At this year's FWSA Convention, our Modesto Ski Club is entered for the FWSA Community Outreach Recognition Award!**

It is a humbling experience to be going into my tenth term as the President of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. It is wonderful to have the support of such great Past Presidents ~ **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.

In April elections were held for our BAC Board of Directors. The BAC Officers for 2013 – 2014 are as follows.

Please consider joining one of our thirty (30) ski/snowboard clubs which are located around the greater San Francisco Bay Area. You'll have an amazing time with wonderful people.

President – **Dennis Heffley**
Past President - **Karen Davis**
Secretary – **Mary Azevedo**
Industry Liaison – **Norman Glickman**
Community Services Chair – **Harry Davis**
V.P. Communication – **Dennie Warren**
Treasurer – **Paul Vlasveld**
V.P. Public Affairs – **Catherine Wilson**
V.P. Travel – **Paula Kinahon**
Benefits Director – **Sandy Kiyomura**

V.P. Membership - **Michelle Nightengale**
Singles League President – **Karl Smythe**
BAC Webmaster – **Lee Holzschuh**
Open League Race Chairperson – **Debi Phelps**
Open League President – open
Social Media Director – **Scott Bowker**
Singles League Race Chair – **Craig Faitel**
BAC Directory Editor - **Dennie Warren**
Historian – **Mary Azevedo**
Marketing Director – **Theresa Dennes**

EVERYONE listed above ~ along with all of our volunteer members ~ are the ones who make the difference ~ Thank You!

For further information about the exciting year we are planning for the BAC and how to get involved with our member clubs please go to www.skibac.org.

Dennis Heffley
President ~ Bay Area Snow Sports Council
www.skibac.org
Vice President ~ National Ski Council Federation
www.skifederation.org
BOD ~ Far West Ski Association
www.fwsa.org

Council Report

Central Council

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 located within the geographical area. Central Council promotes skiing/riding and friendship among all its member clubs, safety on the slopes, and opportunities for enjoying the camaraderie of fellow skiers/riders. Our clubs serve adult skiers, snowboarders, and members interested in a variety of non-snow sports and activities. In addition, Central Council invites youth and families to join all Central Council sponsored trips 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
Outdoor Recreational Enthusiasts, Fresno County
Central Coast Outdoor Adventure Club, Central California Area

Central Council welcomes two new clubs this year. The Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts (ORE) is an adult club providing a bounty of outdoor activities throughout the year. They are based in the Fresno area. Central Coast Outdoor Adventure Club is a brand new club for all ages, not just adults over 21. This club is primarily an online organization and serves the entire Central California area. Outdoor recreation throughout the year for families as well as adults is the focus.

Central Council supports ski trips to Mammoth Mountain each year. Trips vary from three day weekend trips to four or five day mid-week trips. In addition, the council and many of its member clubs support the FWSA North American ski weeks as well as the international ski and adventure trips.

In addition to our council trips, each of our member clubs had an active ski calendar as well as a variety of other activities happening throughout the year. Volleyball, biking, lake camp outs, water skiing, hiking, etc. can be found on most summer calendars.

Ski clubs and ski councils are run by volunteers, and are only as good as the volunteers agreeing to run them. Central Council recently held elections and appreciates the volunteer efforts of the following board members:

President
Vice President of Finance and Treasury
Vice President of Clubs
Director of Ski Trips (FWSA)
Director of Ski Trips (Non-FWSA)
Director of Non-Ski Activities
Director of Alpine Racing
Secretary

Fran Long, SLO Skiers
Robin Weckerley, SLO Skiers
Gloria Raminha, Avalanche
Mary Alexander, Avalanche
Lauren Nagle, SLO Skiers
Jayne Camic, Camber
Lauren Nagle, SLO Skiers
Donna Barnes, Avalanche

Check out our website: www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org for more information about our council sponsored events and activities.

Council Report

Intermountain Ski Council

by Michael Bouton, President



It has been a very good year for the Council and me as far learning on the job. There is much to be learned about the FWSA and all that takes place. There has been good and bad in the learning process.

The ISC has grown with the number of clubs in the intermountain region. With the addition of Utah State University Ski and Board club, Boise State Ski and Board Club, Bogus Basin Prime Timers, and Bogus Basin Vertigals, we have 11 clubs. We had participation from five of our clubs for our annual ski trip this year to Grand Targhee. Many of our clubs had ski trips this past season to all corners of the world. Bogus Basin did a South Lake Tahoe week long trip and visited Sierra at Tahoe, Heavenly, Homewood, and Kirkwood ski areas. The Idaho Falls club had an international trip to Grindelwald, Switzerland, and the BSU club went to Jackson Hole. There were several other clubs trips to many western resorts, all of which had great success and participation. I wish I had room to mention them all.

A total number of 83 members enjoyed a terrific ski weekend at Grand Targhee. The management of Targhee went out of their way to host our trip. It was phenomenal as to what they did and provided for us, including a welcome wine and cheese party, great accommodations, and several donated items for our silent auction and raffle. A night grooming ride along was a wonderful item that raised \$100. The snow conditions were out of this world and Targhee even hosted along with Hood River Distillers a inner tube derby contest that was a lot of fun. It had several participants in costume really getting into the action.

Congratulations to our Man and Woman of the year for our council; Floyd Foresman of Cheyenne Ski Club and Liz Benson of Pocatello Ski and Sports Club. They will be competing at the FWSA convention in Reno, June 7-9. They are both highly qualified for this award and recognition of their efforts over the years. Good Luck to both of them.

The Council also had a Charity and Community Service program where we helped to raise over \$1,800 for the Idaho Elks Meals on Wheels program. This was done in conjunction with a "Black and Blue" hockey game (University of Idaho vs. Boise State University.) It was a great way to get the Council's name out into the public. We had for the first time a recipient, Mary Toten, for the FWSA Athletic Scholarship program. Mary received a \$500 scholarship to help with her travel for the season. Mary skis with the Bogus Basin Ski Race program and trained through Bogus Basin Ski Education Foundation.

As I think back over the year and the accomplishments of the Council, I feel blessed to have been the president and had this opportunity to learn. Much thanks to Lenaia Machen who has helped me eminently. Together with some new volunteers, the council will have another great year ahead with more fun and success. Please check out our web site; www.intermountainskicouncil.org. You'll be surprised.

Council Report

Los Angeles Council

by Sandra Knapp, President



Los Angeles Council is comprised of 20 ski and sports clubs with approximately 4,500 members located from Long Beach to the south and Santa Barbara to the north. This is a very diverse group that reflects the varied mix of people and culture we have in our region. Along with that comes a wide range of activities no matter what time of year. Many of our larger clubs have several trips to Mammoth Mountain, as well as trips scheduled out of state or internationally.

Last season, LA Council's annual trip was to Mt. Bachelor, OR, with approximately 17 participants. The uncrowded slopes mid-week were wonderful, and economical demo rates were appreciated by those of us who didn't bring our own skis. The mountain and Sunriver Resort were wonderfully accommodating and generous, as were the merchants in Bend—practically every restaurant offered discounts!

Next season LA Council will combine their trip with the FWSA ski week scheduled for Beaver Creek, CO.

The 2013-14 snow season starts with our annual "Snow Gala," a champagne brunch at Taix French Restaurant just northwest of downtown Los Angeles. We will again hold the popular silent auction to benefit adaptive skiers of Southern California, and we will elect our Man and Woman of the Year.

LA Council conducts our "Learn to Ski, Race, and Board Week" in December at Mammoth Mountain in conjunction with the instructors at Mammoth in these disciplines. LA Council has two race leagues, ULLR and Rokka. Each league has four races at Mammoth plus the SoCal Championships.

Kayleigh MacGregor is the FWSA Athletic Scholarship junior racer who was sponsored this past season by LA Council. She placed fifth and sixth in the March 2013 Far West Open Series Giant Slalom at Northstar. Congratulations Kayleigh!

In addition to our snow sports agenda, the council and clubs also participate in many summer activities including houseboat trips, water skiing, wakeboarding, kayaking, river rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing, cycling, cruises abroad, and a full social calendar.

Between work, family and sports, our members also give back to their communities in many ways. As non-profit organizations, we feel a sense of pride in lending our talents to various philanthropic activities.

Information on all our events is available on our website www.lacouncil.org along with links to all of our clubs.

Council Report

Northwest Ski Club Council

by Mary Olehausen, President



Northwest Ski Club Council, organized in 1979, represents 35 ski and snow-board clubs in Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. Club activities come in all shapes and sizes, including biking, cycling, hiking, golfing, sailing, and really fun social activities like specialty trips, wine tours, chocolate parties, seafood parties, and club picnics.

Congratulations to our Council Man & Woman Of The Year - Dale Parshall, Schnee Vogeli Ski Club and Louise DuFresne, Skiyente Ski Club. Both Dale and Louise have demonstrated outstanding support and leadership for their respective clubs, council, FWSA and the skiing community!!

NWSCC held a successful and really fun golf tournament last July and held our annual Appreciation Night in August. In the fall we supported consumer ski shows as well as hosted our own "Ski Fair" event. We published our annual Skier's Directory. NWSCC supported the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program with a \$1000 scholarship for a Northwest area USSA junior racer, Elyse Burandt of Spokane, WA.

We incorporated safety talks into our Council meetings with topics on helmets, rescue techniques and safety for recreational snowriders. "Ski Days" were promoted at some of our NW resorts—Mt. Hood Ski-bowl, Mt. Hood Meadows, White Pass, Crystal Mountain, and Mission Ridge where FWSA/NWSCC card-carrying members received discounts! Mt. Hood Ski Patrol celebrated their 75th anniversary this past fall with a big in-town party and an on-hill event. We continue to support our ski areas for advocacy issues through our NW Snowsports Advocates Program.

We took 30+ to FWSA Ski Week in Aspen, CO. Racing in our PACRAT league is popular and a great way to get out on the slopes and meet new friends. Visit www.pacrats.org for more information. NWSCC held a fund raiser for US Women's Ski Jumping with a "Movie Night" showing "Ready To Fly", the documentary feature film about Lindsey Van. Our \$600+ in proceeds will benefit the team. Plus we collected food for Oregon Food Bank. Club members took part in three great ski events for fund raising – Hope on The Slopes/Ride For a Cure, Oregon Cancer Ski Out, and Ski To Defeat ALS. Several club members sponsored teams and raised a lot of well-needed funds for charity!!

My hat is off (BIG TIME!) to the Council Board members of 2012-2013, who really make NWSCC proud. I take this opportunity to thank each of them for all the time and support they provide to me and NWSCC!!

Vice-President – Dave Rasmussen
Secretary – Julie Rasmussen
Treasurer – Marcia Brighton
Communications – Linda McGavin
Membership – Colleen Heffernan-Walter
Outreach – Christine Ciardi
Public Affairs – Steve Coxen
Racing – Gordy Lusk

Safety – Sylvia Kearns-Orefice
Special Events – Debbi Kor
Travel – Barbara Bousum
Washington Clubs – William Shadbolt
Eugene Clubs – Becki Robinson
SW Washington Clubs – Norvin Peer
Immediate Past-President – Sheri Parshall
Webmaster – David Schor

In 2014, NWSCC will be celebrating its 35th Birthday!! And hosting the 82nd Annual FWSA Convention in Bend, Oregon, June 12-15. Join us at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center for a Volcanic Paradise!! We know you'll be amazed by convention activities being planned and all there is to do in Central Oregon—plan to arrive early and stay later for spectacular outdoor FUN!! Can you say hiking, biking, paddle boarding, kayaking, shopping, and of course there's the Bend Ale Trail for sampling microbrews. And did we mention skiing at Mt. Bachelor? You can do that too – at this convention!

For all that's exciting and more information about NWSCC, visit www.nwski.org.

Council Report

Orange Council

by Judy Thurman, President



ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS

Orange Council of Ski Clubs has been serving and supporting ski clubs since 1971. Being an active part of Far West Ski Association has always been an integral part of our Council plan. Orange Council has eight active ski clubs located in the southern California area. Whether you live in north Orange County, central, east or west Orange County, or in one of our beach communities, there is a club especially for you. Check our website, www.orangecouncil.org, for information on all Orange Council Ski Clubs located in the Southern California Orange County Area.

Balboa Ski and Sports Club meets first and third Tuesdays at Newport Beach Golf Club's Tee Room. This year's week long ski trip was to Aspen-Snowmass, Colorado, to attend the FWSA Ski Week 2013. In the summer months the meetings are held on the third Thursday, at the American Legion Yacht Club, Newport Beach. Summer meetings include themed events with a DJ to provide music make this a special monthly event. Other summer events include tennis tournaments, a day trip to Catalina Island, and a summer concert at Irvine's Verizon are planned. Balboa also participates in giving back to the community, this is the fifth year that Balboa Ski and Sports clubs participated in the Packages of Gratitude project and Toys for Tots at Christmas time. They attend the Susan G. Komen Race held in September at Fashion Island. Membership information contact: Alan Lawrence (949) 232-8012.

Fountain Valley Ski Club meets on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in Stanton. This year's 2013 ski week trip was to Sun Valley, Idaho. When the club members are not skiing, you can find them bicycling, kayaking, attending beach parties, camping, and playing golf. For information on all club activities contact Lucille Rhodes at president@fountainvalleyskiclub.org.

Huntington Beach Ski Club holds meetings at Mario's Mexican Restaurant 18603 Main Street on first Tuesdays. The social begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Activities include seven weekend trips to Mammoth Mountain, river rafting trips, Long Beach Blue Cruise, and beach parties. The club is also involved with the Disabled Sports USA program. For information contact President, Andy Snodgrass @ Verizon.net or hbskiclub@yahoo.com

Orange County Ski and Snowboard Club-Meetings are held on first Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at REI in the Tustin Market Place. This year's ski week trip was to Park City, Utah. For more information please contact www.ocskiclub.com,

Shooters Ski Club is all about their international travel program. Meetings are first Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Check their website for meeting locations. www.shootersskiclub.org.

Snowbounders has monthly dine-out meetings. Dates and locations vary. Contact Bill Hurban on their website www.snowbounders.com.

Snowfliers Ski Club-Meetings held on second Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. at Roundtable Pizza, 10101 Valley View St. Cypress. For membership information contact Jim Hughes (562) 593-9905.

This year Orange Council enjoyed the FWSA Ski Week 2013 in Aspen/Snowmass. The week started off with a Sunday Super Bowl Party and was filled with après parties, mountain picnics, and racing.

Council Report

San Diego Council

by Eileen Sanford, President



The mission of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is to support and promote the sport of recreational skiing and snowboarding in the southern California area.

At the present time we have ten very active clubs. Hundreds of members belong to one or more of these clubs. They enjoy skiing and snowboarding nationally and internationally each year.

The ski season starts with sign-ups in October, racing in December and ski trips from Dec through April. The novelty of enjoying warm beautiful beaches all year long and being able to jump on a bus or plane and enjoy the winter sport of skiing or snowboarding is a drawing card for our strong support from club members.

The 2012-13 seasons opened with December trips to Vail and Mammoth. The Mammoth trip hosted our first Alpine League race of the season. The Vail trip was the 16th annual trip for the SDCSC. Mike Sanford led 44 San Diegans. Alpine league races continued throughout the season with SDCSC winning the SoCal Championships in Mammoth. We are proud of our strong participation and many individual winners. Special thanks go to Eileen Weiner our Alpine League Race League President and Martin Wascher, Julio DeGuzman, and Tom Bundgard race directors.

During the winter season forty SDCSC members had a great time at the FWSA North America trip to Aspen. Our members came back with great ski adventure and party stories due to the efforts of Susan Shaffer our travel director. Deposits are already coming in for the FWSA trip to Beaver Creek 2014. The SDCSC will have our second European bike trip in September 2013 to Loire Valley, France followed by a Grand Circle River Cruise down the Rhone River from Lyon to Nice. C'est la vie! Individual clubs this year went to: Vail, Mammoth, Big Bear, Park City, Big White, Northstar and Whitefish.

Our official start of the ski season began with our formal Oktoberfest Gala organized by Barbara Blasé and Chris Gill. The clubs selected an outstanding man and a woman as a way of honoring their most valuable and active members. This year our award winners were Diane Raines of Torrey Pines Ski Club and Dave Arnold of North Island Snowdrifters. They will be competing at the FWSA level at the convention for Council Man/Woman of the year.

SDCSC supports various charities, such as the Can-Do MS Foundation, the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Special Olympics, United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC), Habitat for Humanity, San Diego Community Youth Sports Mentoring, Toys for Tots, and Becky's House. One of our clubs maintains an active account at the San Diego Blood Bank in case a member needs blood.

The officers for the 2013-14 year will be: Eileen Sanford, President; Tom Bundgard, Vice-President ; Debbie Schroeder, Secretary; Stew Smith, Treasurer; and Susan Shaffer, Travel Director. We have been very busy this year preparing to support the 81th FWSA Convention in Reno at the Grand Sierra. We hope to see you there!

Council Report

Sierra Council

by Jo Simpson, President



Sierra Council clubs and racers enjoyed a fun ski season. The Lake Tahoe resorts got great early snow and it continued through the Christmas holidays. Then it stopped. The snowfall during the rest of the season was measured in inches instead of feet. The early snow served us well and most resorts were fully open through March.

Our race league thumbed our noses at the snow gods and completed all eight scheduled races as planned.

After successfully sharing the race hill with the Bay Area Council Singles League for two seasons, we joined with the BAC Open League for five of our eight races. Meshing the cultures of the three leagues sometimes gets bumpy, but overall the joint races went well.

Sierra Council has established a scholarship fund to honor Frank App, a long time council member and racer who died after ejecting from his glider plane in 2012. We are pleased to have become a partner in the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program and to be honoring Frank by sponsoring a junior racer from the Tahoe area next season.

We were saddened to see the Sacramento Fagowees club fold at the end of 2012, which brings our club total to 12.

Sierra Council took an amazing 84 skiers to FWSA Ski Week at Aspen/Snowmass. We placed first in council race points and the our Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club won second place in the Council Challenge costume contest with their Marti Gras themed costumes.

In addition to lots of group ski days at the Lake Tahoe resorts, our clubs went on a variety of distant ski trips. The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club went to Salt Lake City, Mammoth and Park City. The Reno Ski and Recreation Club went to Telluride on AmTrack. Our year-round clubs enjoy summer activities such as camping, hiking, biking and theater outings.

Sierra chose our Man and Woman of the Year in December and honored them at our holiday dinner. We proudly present Gayle Sherman, our Woman of the Year, and her husband Peter Callison, our Man of the Year. They are members of the Reno Ski and Recreation Club.

Sierra Council Officers 2013-2014

President: Jo Simpson
Vice President: Nan Carnal
Vice President Travel: Debbie Stewart

Secretary: Glynis Foulk
Treasurer: Elaine Hilliker
Head Gatekeeper: Ileana Tibuleac

Newsletter Editor: Steve Hilliker
Web Master: Pavel Bosin

Sierra Council Member Clubs

Alpine Ski & Snowboard Club
Cabernet Ski & Race Club
Capital Ski & Sport Club
Code 3

Las Vegas Ski Snowboard &
Sports Club
Reno Ski & Recreation Club
RU Ski Club
Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski
Club

Top Gun Ski Club
Sequoia Ski Club
Sugar Bowl Ski Club
Tahoe Rat Pak

Mezzanine Level



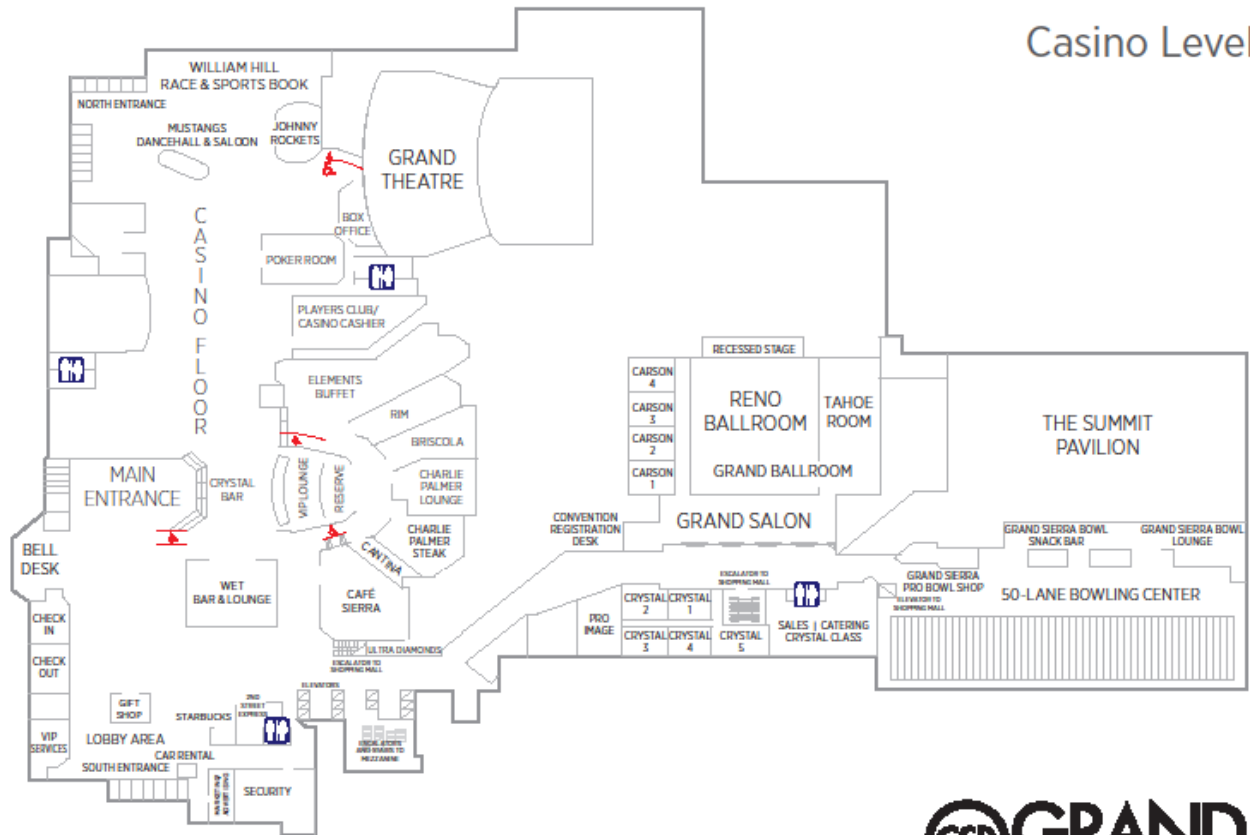
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Casino Level



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