

June, 2019

Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

Far West Turns 90 in October: Join us in San Francisco, at the *Palace Hotel*, on Thursday, October 10th, for the celebration of Far West Ski Association's 90th birthday. An invitation is extended to one and all to join us for that celebration. The Palace Hotel is where it all took place on October 7th, 1930. History in the making, the idea of starting a ski organization with clubs and councils throughout the region. *John Watson*, our FWSA Historian, suggests that clubs and councils set a "**Founders Day**", to celebrate the founding of their own particular clubs and councils. So, plan yours now, with your own club, or come to San Francisco for the BIG Celebration with the rest of us. Stay tuned for more news on this subject.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

Far West Annual Convention: **WHEW!!!!** It's over for another year. What a great time in hot, hot, hot, Indian Wells, at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa. We had some great outside activities, such as a trip to the Palm Springs Air Museum, and a Legends & Icons Tours of Homes, in greater Palm Springs. (Luckily, we were either in air-conditioned buses, or air-conditioned buildings). Thursday evening, we held our Annual Pub Crawl, sponsored by *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation*, starting at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa, followed by a trip to downtown Palm Springs for their weekly Street Fair, where everyone had time to shop, mingle and eat. Last stop was back at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa for dessert and nightcap.

Friday began with the 13th Memorial Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, a ride out to the Tram, overlooking the San Jacinto Mountain, followed by lunch, and for those who stayed back at the hotel...a wonderful Spa Day was line up as another optional activity. A fun-filled, water-filled, 2-hour Pool Party followed, ending the evening with the "Club Happy Hour" on the Verde Vista Terrace and the 34th Annual Silent Auction. We raised just short of \$25,000 on fabulous ski and adventure trips.

Saturday was a day of Travel Expo, Snowsports Leadership Academy, and Public Affairs Panel discussions, all highlighted on Saturday evening with a very nice Awards Banquet and music by **Victor Cannon**, D.J. of "*Can Do Productions*".

Elections were held on Sunday morning as part of our Annual General Meeting. Gloria Raminha remains as President of Far West, Sheri Parshall will be our Secretary, Randy Lew, was voted in as Treasurer, Nancy Ellis remains as the V.P. of North American Travel, Tom Bundgard and Jo Simpson were voted in as 2 new Trustees, Fran Long will assume the position of V.P. of Public Affairs, and Chris Gill was elected VP Council Services. The rest of the Far West Board of Directors remain in place until elections again next May 31st, 2020 at the 88th Annual Far West Convention in Portland, Oregon. Congratulations to all of our new and returning Board of Directors!

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West 2019 Dive Trip: This will be an exciting trip to *Puerta Galera in the Philippines*. The Philippines is known as “the Center of the World’s Marine Biodiversity”. We will be staying at the beautiful *Marco Vincent Resort* for 9 nights. In addition, we will also be offering stays at the *Azure Resort in Dauin/Dumaguete*, on the east coast of Negros for 5 nights. The dates of this trip are September 28-October 12, 2019. Sign up today by contacting Randy Lew at: fwsa13randy@telis.org.

2020 North American Ski Week: We’ll be going to *Big Sky, Montana*, for 2020 North American Ski Week. Big Sky is BIG with four mountains giving access to more skiing than anywhere else in the United States. The Big Sky lift ticket or IKON pass gives skiers/boarders access to 5,800 skiable acres. Runs up to six miles long and glades and bowls covered in 400+ inches of annual snowfall give every age and level of skier and boarder something different. Check with your council trip leader or the FWSA.org website for more details beginning this Spring.

2020 Mini Ski Week: *Big White* is the destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. Big White is home to the best snow in British Columbia and the longest season in the Okanagan Valley. Big White is Canada’s largest totally ski-in, ski-out village. It has 18 on-mountain restaurants cafes delis, pubs, and night clubs. Stay tuned for further information.

Future Far West International Trips: Far West will be offering an Adventure trip to *Croatia*, September 3-13, 2020. We will be working with *Alpine Adventures* on this particular trip. Stay tuned for more news on this one. The 2020 International Ski Trip will be to *Davos, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Portugal*; and a Ski Week trip to *Solden, Austria* will take place in 2021. Make room on your calendar now for one, two, or all three of these fantastic trips!

FAR WEST COUNCILS

Northwest Ski Club Council: *Northwest Ski Club Council*, originally founded as the “*Portland Area Ski Club Council*”, is about to celebrate their 40th Anniversary. Sunday, October 13, 2019 has been set as the date for all current, former and future NWSCC members to gather together at the *Melody Ballroom* for a chance to see old friends, and reminisce about the “good ol’ days” in the Northwest ski clubs. We are looking at garnering histories of member clubs, which in turn, gives us more information on our own Council history.

Bergfreunde Ski Club, a NWSCC club, is offering up a Canadian Culture Trip, going to: Ontario, Toronto, Kingston, Niagara Falls, and Ottawa. Join them for this cultural event October 3-15, 2019. The trip includes: All lodging, all breakfasts (except in Ottawa), limited Happy Hours, 2 dinners/shows in Toronto & Niagara Falls respectively; Deluxe Motor Coach transportation between all cities; Gananoque Boat Tour of Thousand Islands; Hop On Hop Off (HOHO) - or similar bus tours in most cities; local public transportation passes in the cities; City or Museum Attraction passes for all cities. OPTIONAL: Non-included activities (small group or self-guided) tours are optional such as bike &/or walking tours in major cities, Theater, etc. Possible Van rental for a group hike in Gatineau National Park – near Ottawa. Trip cost is \$1745, (taxes & fees included), without air. Contact Michelle or Curt Davis, 503-319-3063 or 503-703-1879; or Email: miga4555@hotmail.com

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: BIKER CHICKS AND BIKER BUBBAS - Join us on the *MOSEL TRIP* July 25-August 1, 2020. \$1,700 per person -Not including airfare. Tour price includes:

- BARGE IRIS -Deluxe river ship- has 12 double cabins all with windows, heat and air conditioning, private bathroom with shower, hair dryers and bath toiletries, wi-fi onboard
- Bikes onboard—or you can choose to stay onboard during the day
- Guided bike tours each day led by experienced guides and guided city walks most evenings

- Bikes and helmets, (pantiers included in price)
- 7 nights in a double room with private bath for each room
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) served on the boat-lunch carried on bike each day, (special dietary needs 50euro supplement on request)
- Sheets and towels changed out on Wednesday
- Coffee and tea provided on board during the day at minimum cost
- Daily snack in the afternoon upon return to the ship
- Wine and beer onboard not included in price
- Gratuities at your discretion
- E-bike - \$120 additional per person
- Emergency van in area to assist bikers

Trip Leaders: **Eileen & Mike Sanford**, esanford660@gmail.com; -858-695-1442- cell-858-761-6192

PLEASE NOTE: *Iceland* is a separate trip from the *Mosel trip* for accounting purposes. Mosel ends Aug 1 and Iceland begins Aug 5.

Additional Trip Info From San Diego: The Annual *Aspen Trip* is tentatively set for December 5-11, 2019. Next, will be a trip to *AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND*, with a **Pre-trip** to *Melbourne-Outback*-Oct 8-13, **Main trip**-Oct 13-31, **Post trip**- *Fiji* Oct 31-Nov 4-2019. And then, in August, 2020, how about a trip to *ICELAND-LAND OF FIRE AND ICE*, with Mayflower Tour Cruise, Aug 5-11,2020. Your 7-day trip includes: full adventures of volcanoes, waterfalls, geothermal activity and nature, Blue Lagoon entrance, whale watching, a full-day Golden Circle tour, Reykjanes Peninsula. **Bonus:** stay at the same hotel every night so you don't have to pack luggage each day.

Intermountain Ski Council: *Bogus Basin Ski Club*, member-club of the Intermountain Ski Council, is seeking information for a survey that they are conducting, and have asked if our Yahoo members would be willing to take a quick 2-question survey here. The link is below.

Our club is researching 'best practices' and criteria in establishing a new membership offering for our club members, a "Life Time" membership category. Please take a moment and provide us your information that pertains to 'Life Time' membership in your organization. Your input is GREATLY appreciated.

1. Does your club/organization offer a 'Life Time' membership category?
2. If, YES - please provide the criteria of the 'Life Time' membership.

Submit your answer to: Survey@bogusbasinskiclub.org Thank You!