

Far West News *Flash*
September 2019
Far West Ski Association
WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

POWDR Set to Open First Year-Round Action Sports Resort: Woodward Park City will be the first resort of its' kind. It will boast state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor venues for snowboarding, skiing, mountain biking, skateboarding, tubing, BMX, parkour, and trampolining. The 66,000 sf Action Sports Hub will feature 35,000 sf of action sports space, including a concrete park designed by CA skate parks, an "acro zone" with a tumble track and spring floor, seven trampolines, a pump track for indoor freestyle skiing and riding, a foam pit, a parkour course, and several stunt airbags. In the winter, the Mountain Park will provide tubing and lift access to a network of terrain parks including a half pipe, a Woodward Peace Park, and multiple progression and performance parks. In the summer, the outdoor space will service downhill mountain bikers with a trail system by Alpine Bike Parks, skaters with two CA Skate Parks-designed plazas, and BMX riders and parkour enthusiasts with the Outpost, an area outfitted with a BMX track and outdoor parkour structures. Ribbon cutting ceremonies are set for November 27, 2019, with a Grand Opening set for December 14th. Woodward Park City is looking to serve everyone from professional athletes to families

Vail Acquisition of Peaks Resort: At a Shareholder meeting held on September 20, Peak Resorts, Inc., a leading owner and operator of the branded U.S. ski resorts, announced that the Company's shareholders approved the merger agreement for the acquisition of the Company by Vail Resorts. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Peak Resorts' common shareholders will be entitled to receive a share in cash at the closing of the acquisition. The transaction is expected to close on or about September 24, 2019. Upon completion of the acquisition, Peak Resorts will become privately held as an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Vail Resorts.

National Ski Council Federation: The third annual *National Ski Council Federation* Silent Auction begins October 1. There are even more items up for bid this year., so get ready to start the bidding. Access to the auction will be on the NSCF website www.skifederation.org.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

2020 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK: *Big Sky, Montana* is the sight for the 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. Ski 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.

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.

FWSA DAVOS, SWITZERLAND SKI TRIP: This trip will include an extension to *Portugal*. Working with Holiday Ski Tours, the dates for the Davos Basic Ski Week is February 28-March 7, 2020. The Portugal Extension Trip will be from March 7-13, 2020. For any questions, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: FWSAIntTrvl@..., or 559-737-0882

Far West 2020 ADVENTURE TRIP: 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. This will be a land and boat/yacht trip, limited to a minimum of 30, and maximum of 40 participants. Group air is not available until October, 2019. Once that happens, marketing materials will be put out to FWSA clubs and councils.

FWSA 2021 SOLDEN SKI WEEK: This trip will have an extension to *Southern Spain*. Three bids have been submitted, and bid comparison analysis is currently being worked on.

FWSA SUMMER 2021 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP: *Valle Nevado, Chile* ski trip with extension to *Atacama Desert* currently being researched for details of Atacama Desert conditions. Possible dates would be late July or August, 2021.

OTHER FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS UNDER CONSIDERATION: FWSA International Ski Week, 2022 to *Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy* was voted on at April, 2019 Board meeting. An *Africa Adventure Trip* has been approved for 2022, going to central and east Africa. And, a *Galapagos Adventure Trip* has been approved by the FWSA Board for 2024.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: Iceland – Land of Fire & Ice: A Mayflower Tour Cruise, Aug 5-11, 2020. Your 7-day trip includes: adventures of volcanoes, waterfalls, Blue Lagoon entrance, whale watching, a full-day Golden Circle tour, Reykjanes Peninsula. Price is \$2,349 without air.

(SDSCC) - Romantic Villages of Alpine Europe-Grand Circle Tour: This trip is OCTOBER 3-18, 2020. Visit Italy, Switzerland, Austria-Germany, 15 days. \$3495 without air. 24 meals, 9 guided tours, 8 Discovery events, with local Grand Circle Program Director. Pre-trip *Lake Como*; Post-Trip: *Salzburg* - priced separately.

Intermountain Ski Club Council: The Intermountain Ski Council will be hosting the annual rendezvous trip at *Sun Valley*, January 5-12th, 2020. Lodging and lift tickets are half price, or use your Epic pass, to ski the best mountain in North America. Call Sun Valley and book your own reservations, just mention ISC for the best rates. Call Michael Bouton for further information. 208-703-0444.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

Far West's 88th Annual Convention: MAY 28-31, 2020. Put those dates on your calendar NOW! *Northwest Ski Club Council* is planning a terrific four-day-event for you all next

May. The theme will be *"Rollin' on the River"*, with a Riverboat Gambler idea in mind. We will have a *Mt. Hood Adventure Day* on Thursday, as well as the Annual Far West *Pub Crawl* on Thursday evening. Friday will bring the "Not Your Daddy's" Golf Tournament on Friday morning at *McMennamins, Edgefield*. We are also planning a *Wine Tour* and a *Bike Ride* on Friday (no, not together! That would be 'Not Your Daddy's Bike Ride'). Along with our typical Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, we plan to have both musical entertainment, and Casino tables set up for your enjoyment.

Portland, the "Rose City", due to its' many gorgeous rose gardens, is a beautiful place to visit! You really must plan to come early and stay late. You'll not get tired of the many things to do and see in our fabulous city! We will also be celebrating Far West Ski Association's **90th Anniversary** during this event. Lots of history, lots of stories, and hopefully a few Very "Special" Guests from the Pacific Northwest. This event will be held at the beautiful *Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach* in Portland, Oregon. See you all there!