

April, 2020

Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020



GOGGLES FOR DOCS

IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS – COVID-19

Skiers need doctors, rarely the other way around. Right now, though, the medical profession can use whatever assistance it can get. *Ed Ariniello, U.S. Outdoor Store, in Portland, Oregon*, recently registered his sporting goods store, as a drop-off point for **Goggles for Docs**, a national effort to collect new and used ski goggles for hospitals in desperate need of protective eyewear. They repurpose the eyewear for use by medical professionals at hospitals across the country. *"We all need something to do," he says, "something we can contribute."* The image of doctors looking as if they just came straight from shredding Mt. Hood might seem slightly ridiculous, but the idea came from a physician in New York, whose aunt coaches downhill racers. Hospitals from across the country make requests through the **Goggles for Docs** website, with donors committing to supply a certain number. So far, the group has donated nearly 13,000 pair of goggles. If you are a Northwest person, check out US Outdoor Store in Downtown Portland. Otherwise, please visit the website: www.gogglesfordocs.com for other locations across the country to donate.

DELTA CANCELLATION POLICY EXTENDED: Delta Airlines has extended their policy on the rebooking of travel that was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Their extended window of time to rebook, can now be done up to 2 years. This policy is to give their customers some added breathing room to make new plans. The tickets normally expire one year after purchase, but they're providing waived change fees and greater flexibility to travel through May 31, 2022, Delta's policy says. The new rule applies to any passengers with tickets booked as of April 3 for travel in April or May 2020, or have existing travel credits or canceled flights from March, April, or May 2020. Any customer with an applicable credit will have it automatically extending through May 2022. The Delta cancellation policy is extremely flexible and will help passengers who no longer want to fly or those who prefer refunds in the form of a travel credit, and in certain cases, they may be entitled to a cash refund instead.

REALID DEADLINE EXTENDED: Homeland Security recently announced an extension to get the *REALID* Driver's License, out now until **October 1, 2021**. People traveling by air within the United States and who use their Driver's License as ID going through TSA will need to update their licenses to REALID prior to the new deadline or use alternate forms of ID such as passports.

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN EXTENDS 2021 PASS DEADLINE: Mammoth Mountain Ski Area has extended their deadline on the purchase on their 2020/2021 Season Pass. You now have until May 27, 2020 to get your pass for next year.

FAR WEST HAS A NEW WEBSITE: **Just a reminder**, yes, we do have a new website. If you haven't already, please check it out. We will be adding "NEW" News to it, updates on trips and other happenings, and soon...a flyer on next year's Convention, at the Mission Bay Marriott, in San Diego, hosted by San Diego Ski Club Council.

FAR WEST'S 90TH CELEBRATION: Far West Ski Association is turning 90 in October. October 7th to be exact. We are still planning to have a celebration of some kind, at the *Palace Hotel*, in San Francisco, on October 10, 2020, where it all got started in 1930. Far West has grown from 4 Councils in 3 states, to 10 Councils in 12 states, along with approximately 140 ski clubs during our history. Beyond that, lies 90+ years of stunning achievements by its members, hard work by many thousands of volunteers, devoting millions of hours to a set of idealistic objectives. We are preparing a "Celebration Book", and plan to have that available at that time. The book will be the first attempt to assemble the history of FWSA in its current form. The spot price for the luncheon will be \$90, and if you want to insert a congratulatory advertisement from your club or council, or just an ad wishing Far West congratulations, yourself, the price of the ads, start at \$90. Any advertisements should be made **right now** through Leigh Gieringer, Publisher of the Far West Skiers Guide at: fwsq2@cox.net.

FAR WEST ELECTIONS

2020 FWSA OFFICER ELECTIONS: With the Far West Ski Association Annual Meeting & Convention planned for May 28-31, 2020, in Portland, Oregon being postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, voting for FWSA Officers and Trustees planned for Sunday, May 31 will also be postponed. **The incumbents holding the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Communications, VP of International Travel, VP of Marketing, VP of Membership and two Trustees who were up for election in 2020 have agreed to continue in their positions until elections at the 2021 Convention.** Elections for these positions will be for a *one-year term*. This way we can maintain the alternating years of officer elections. The incumbents continuing for one-year terms are listed below:

- President: Gloria Raminha
- Treasurer: Randy Lew
- Secretary: Sheri Parshall
- Trustee 1: Linda Westlund
- Trustee 2: Tucker Hoffmann
- VP of Communications: Joe Harvis
- VP of International Travel: Debbie Stewart
- VP of Marketing: Debbi Kor
- VP of Membership: Michael Bouton

Positions that are normally up for election in 2021 will also be on the ballot. President, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected to one-year terms. Two Trustees and three functional VP's listed below will be elected to two-year terms.

- Trustee 1: Jo Simpson (current office holder)
- Trustee 2: Tom Bundgard (current office holder)
- VP of Council Services: Chris Gill (current office holder)
- VP of North America Travel: Nancy Ellis (current office holder)
- VP of Public Affairs: Fran Long (current office holder)

If you have an interest in serving as an Officer or Trustee please contact Steve Coxen: sacoxen2000@gmail.com, or 503-679-9022

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FAR WEST 2020 ADVENTURE TRIP: *Still happening!* Far West is offering an Adventure trip to *Croatia*, September 3-13, 2020. This will be a land and boat/yacht trip, limited to a minimum of 30, and maximum of 40 participants. Group air will be based out of **LAX**. Ground transportation will be by air-conditioned motor coach. Trip includes: Welcome reception, dinner and Farewell Dinner. Daily breakfast is included, along with 6 lunches, and 4 dinners. Explore Plitvice National Park, the most famous park in *Croatia*. Guided walking tours: UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Diocletian's Palace, Trogir, the highest peak of Croatia – Vidova Gora, and Korcula, the birthplace of Marco Polo, and much, much more!

2020 DIVE TRIP: *Still happening!* *Cozumel* will be the location for the 2020 Far West Dive Trip. The dates will be October 3-10, 2020. Lodging will be at the *Iberostar Cozumel Resort*, and will include 2 cenotes dives on the mainland. Flyers and registration forms are currently being drafted. Check with Randy Lew: fwsa13randy@telis.org for more information.

FWSA SKI WEEK 2021: FWSA Councils are selling the 2021 Sun Valley Ski Week January 30—February 6th. Contact your Council Trip Leader to reserve your lodging. We are selling hotel rooms at Sun Valley Inn and Sun Valley Lodge, as well as 2 & 3-bedroom Lodge Apartments. Trip package includes lodging and FWSA and Council parties. Additional costs for lift tickets, group air/ground, and Council Challenge races. Free shuttle to town, ski hill, and activities for non-skiers/boarders! Space is limited so sign up now. NO FWSA fees to cancel prior to October 10th. Go to: www.fwsa.org, for Trip Leader contact information or contact Nancy Ellis, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net.

FWSA 2021 SOLDEN SKI WEEK: *Holidaze Ski Tours* has been granted the contract on this trip. Dates are February 19 – February 27, 2021. The trip will have an extension to *Southern Spain*, from February 27 – March 7, 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

FWSA 2021 MINI SKI WEEK: The Far West Mini Ski Week for 2021 will be in Midvale, Utah. March 21-26, 2021 are the dates set for the event, at the beautiful *Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa*. Eleven minutes from Deer Valley, 18 minutes from Park City, this 4-star property is well-situated to make the most of your ski trip. Contact Gloria Raminha, trip leader for this trip: garski2011@gmail.com, or 661-800-8229.

2021 INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE TO ALASKA: There's still space on the FWSA 2021 *Alaska Cruise* and *Denali Tour* scheduled for June 19—30. Sign up soon, and you may still qualify for the *Special Deal*—Free Premium Beverage Package; Free Gratuities; and Free Wi-Fi. There are three trip options available: Denali Tour Only June 19—23; Alaska Inside Passage Cruise Only June 23—30; or full trip Denali Tour/Alaska Inside Passage Cruise June 19—30. Contact Nancy Ellis, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net, for more information or go to the FWSA website, www.fwsa.org for information and registration forms.

FWSA SUMMER 2021 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP: *Valle Nevado, Chile* ski trip with extension to *Atacama Desert* is 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.

stay safe! stay healthy!