

# THE COUNCILMAN

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*Highlights of the upcoming Convention*

*Far West Ski Association*

*88th Annual Convention*

*San Diego Marriott Mission Valley San  
Diego, California October 7-10, 2021*

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## GLORIA RAMINHA, PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope we are now seeing the light at the end of COVID-19. Due to COVID-19, most of our FWSA activities from March of 2020 had to be postponed. The one activity we did have was the 2021 Ski Week in Sun Valley. Postponed events were our 2021 International Ski Week, 2020 & 2021 Annual Convention, 2021 Alaska adventure trip and 2020 annual dive trip.

I would like to thank Nancy Ellis, our VP of North American Travel, and Sandy Gaudette with Winter Ski and Sports for working on many challenges to make the Sun Valley Ski Week happen. It was a challenging job arranging the ski week events with COVID-19 protocols in place, but they did it successfully. Additionally, I would like to thank all the Council Trip Leaders for all they do. There would not be successful ski weeks without the Council Trip Leaders reaching out to their clubs to promote the ski week.

The 2022 North American Ski Week will be at Snowmass, Colorado January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>. Nancy, along with Gloria Saiya-Woods with Ski.com, and the Travel Staff have been working with Council Trip Leaders to organize an active fun-filled trip. If you are interested in this trip, sign up soon with your Council Trip Leader, as this trip will sell out.

This year's Mini Ski Trip to Zermatt, Utah, was postponed due to COVID-19 travel and government restrictions. The Mini trip to Utah will now be held next March 2022 where we will have options to ski Deer Valley, Sundance and Park City and possibly other resorts in the area. Gloria Saiya-Woods with Ski.com and I will be organizing a fun-filled trip of skiing and activities. Check the travel section of the website [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) for more details. Trip pricing and details are now available.

Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel, is working closely with Holidaze Ski Tours to create an excellent international winter ski trip in 2022 to Solden, Austria with a post trip to the Black Forest in Germany. Please read Debbie's article in this issue of The Councilman which will cover more of the details of this trip and future international trips.

Be sure to go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) often to see where FWSA can take you in your future travels. FWSA trips provide opportunities to see and ski/board with old friends and to make new friends with people of like interests. These trips offer value provided by volume pricing and organized activities and tours, and a trip leader to help you with agenda questions and the unforeseen issues that might arise.

Throughout the challenges this past year with COVID, our Athletic Scholarship Program has continued under the leadership of David Krupp. With the generosity of our industry partners, Whitefish Mountain Resort, Averill Hospitality (the owner of The Lodge at Whitefish Lake and the Firebrand Hotel), Schure Sports, Inc, the makers of the Karbon brand ski clothing and Far West Racing Association, we award several scholarships to deserving junior racers. Thanks to all who donate to this program.

I want to thank Debbi Kor and the FWSA convention staff, who have worked tirelessly planning our Annual Conventions. We were to hold, but had to postpone our 2020 convention at the Red Lion on the River – Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. We will return to Portland, Oregon for our Annual Convention in June 2022. Our convention in 2021 which will be held in San Diego June 10 – 13 was postponed to October 7 – 10, 2021. It will be great to see everyone again face to face.

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## Sail into San Diego FWSA 88<sup>th</sup> Convention October 7-10, 2021



The Far West Ski Association and the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs are happy to announce that the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be going full steam ahead on October 7 -10, 2021.

We will be hosting our event at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. The hotel is located 15 minutes from the airport and is centrally located to many popular attractions.

We are very excited that the hotel has extended our room block price of \$159.00, from October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. You can now come in early or you can stay a few days after the convention, and enjoy the many sites of San Diego.

We are excited to announce some of the activities we will be hosting while you are at the convention:

**Wednesday 10/6/21:** An Evening on Coronado Island via the Ferry. You will have time to walk around and shop, then dine at several restaurants from fresh seafood, Italian, Coronado Brewery, Mexican or French.

**Thursday 10/7/21:** Take a San Diego Harbor Cruise with Lunch or do the ***Bike Ride***: You can enjoy a guided ride along one of the beaches in San Diego. After biking you will stop and enjoy a nice lunch.

**Oktoberfest Pub Crawl:** Bring your lederhosen, Dirndls or German hats for a night of assorted drinks, taste of San Diego and German Music.

**Friday 10/8/21:** Swing into action with the 14<sup>th</sup> annual ***Michael German Golf Tournament*** at the Riverwalk Golf Course. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and prizes.

**Take the Trolley tour of La Jolla / Mt Soledad Veterans Memorial** for a spectacular view of the Ocean and all of San Diego. Time on your own in La Jolla Village for lunch and shopping.

Try the **Aqua Adventure** (Paddle Boarding, Kayaking, etc.) including lunch.

Late Friday afternoon, after the Pool Party, join **the San Diego Council Happy Hour** followed by the ***Far West Silent Auction***. Come meet the Ski Industry Partners and have a chance to bid on some wonderful packages provided by the industry.

**Saturday 10/9/21:** Events will start off with the **Travel Expo**. This is where you can get a one on one appointment with the Ski Representatives to discuss future Ski Trips and International Travel for your club or council.

Far West will also be providing the Snowsports Leadership Academy that will cover topics such as Diversity in the Ski Industry and Strategic Travel Planning. Our Public Affairs Panel will have Jesse Park, a Battalion Chief for CAL FIRE with Riverside County Fire Department and Jon Reveal, GM and Director of Skiing with Tamarack Ski Resort.

Following lunch on Saturday, FWSA will have an honorary guest speaker and the start of the award presentations. That evening will be the ***Annual 88<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet***, during which the FWSA Organization honors those who have done an extraordinary job doing volunteer service either at their club or council level. Enjoy a live band called the ***Dis-tractions*** for dancing after the awards presentation.

**Sunday 10/10/21** The convention concludes with a buffet brunch and the FWSA general elections.

For more information on the FWSA Convention please visit our website ***FWSA.Org***. We look forward to having you participate in this event.

*Chris Gill: Host Council Coordinator*



## 88th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

San Diego Marriott Mission Valley  
San Diego, California – October 7-10, 2021

***“Sail into San Diego”***



### Welcome FWSA Club Presidents and Convention Delegates:

Enclosed you will find the registration materials for the **Far West Ski Association's Convention**, Thursday through Sunday, **October 7-10, 2021**, at The *San Diego Marriott, Mission Valley*, in San Diego, California.

#### **Deadlines:**

**September 10 is the deadline** for early registration of **\$175**, a savings of \$20. The price goes up to **\$185 on September 11**. **September 10 is also the deadline** for submission of **ALL** event fees. These include Wednesday's Evening on Coronado, Thursday's Hornblower Harbor Cruise, the Island Bike Ride, and the Pub Crawl; Friday's 14th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, Old Town Trolley Tour, and Aqua Adventure, along with A **FREE** Pool Party, at the *Marriott Pool* in the afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00pm, before the evening events. **September 20 is the deadline for fees at \$185**. Fees go up to **\$195** beginning **September 21**. Submit all forms and payments to: **FWSA Registrar, c/o Jean McCassey, 10635 Esmeraldas Dr., San Diego, CA 92124**

#### **Economic Relief Program:**

Again, this year, FWSA offers an *"economic relief"* program to provide a ski club the opportunity to send more delegates to the Convention. For every six (6) delegates that have paid the full registration package by the registration deadline of September 10, the club will receive a rebate of one (1) paid registration after the Convention (limit of one rebate per club).

#### **Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!:**

Lodging at our group rate (double occupancy) is available at *The San Diego Marriott Mission Valley*. Per our contract, we have **NO RESORT FEES, FREE IN-ROOM WI-FI, & REDUCED RATE PARKING**. Refer to the enclosed flyer for the FWSA contracted room rates for our group. The *San Diego Marriott Mission Valley* is located at 8757 Rio San Diego Dr., San Diego, CA 92108. Make your reservations by calling **800-228-9290** and give them our Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**. You can also book your room reservations on-line at our special FWSA site at: **<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1616103971646&key=GRP&app=resvlinko>**. Make your room reservations before **September 10**, when the room block is released. **Once our room block is released, The San Diego Marriott Mission Valley will endeavor to take reservations for rooms after the cut-off date, but this will be subject to availability. Room reservations are welcome at the Convention rate of \$159 from October 2-14, 2021.**

#### **Transportation Information:**

Flights should be booked in and out of the San Diego International Airport located just 15 minutes from the hotel. Transportation to/from the resort is available by rental car or *Super Shuttle*.

#### **Theme – Sail into San Diego:**

This year's Convention theme is *Sail into San Diego*, and features the Thursday evening Pub Crawl, with an Oktoberfest Theme, and Friday evening Silent Auction and Trade Show. The Saturday Awards Banquet, with the theme *"Paradise Found"* will be *Island apparel optional*.

#### **Contact Information:**

**Debbi Kor, FWSA Convention Chairperson:** [conventionchair@fwsa.org](mailto:conventionchair@fwsa.org) or 503-314-7078

**Chris Gill, Host Council Coordinator:** [hostconventiochair@fwsa.org](mailto:hostconventiochair@fwsa.org) or 858-282-1427

**Jean McCassey, Convention Registrar** [registrar@fwsa.org](mailto:registrar@fwsa.org), or 858-560-8722

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate person above. Welcome to the 88th Annual FWSA Convention!

***Debbi Kor, Chris Gill, Jean McCassey***

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## 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

October 7 - 10, 2021

at the  
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

Hosted by the *San Diego Council of Ski Clubs*



### San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

8757 Rio San Diego Dr, San Diego, CA 92108

[Book your group rate for Far West Ski Association](#) or  
call 800-228-9290, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**.

**Room Rates per night plus tax** single or double occupancy —  
\$159 per night. **Room Rates apply October 2 - 14, 2021.**

**Room Registration Deadline** September 10, 2021.

### Hotel Features

- Located a block from the San Diego River, near I-8 and I-805
- Stunning views and private balconies
- Heated outdoor Pool and whirlpool spa
- Private pool cabanas, a full bar and restaurant
- Restaurant & Lounge • Extensive concierge services
- Full-service business center, and notary public
- Fitness Center and jogging trail

### Transportation

- Fly into San Diego International Airport (SAN)
- 8 miles to Hotel by taxi, bus, or Express Shuttle Service
- The hotel doesn't provide a shuttle service.

### Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Public Affairs Panels
- Celebrity Speakers
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- **Wednesday**
  - An Evening on Coronado Island
- **Thursday**
  - Sail around the San Diego Harbor
  - Bike Ride by the Beach
  - Taste of San Diego Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
  - 14th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at Riverwalk Golf Course
  - Trolley tour La Jolla /Mt. Soledad Memorial
  - Aqua Adventures

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the US Adaptive Recreation Center Big Bear Co.



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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ski Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Council \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate Status ☐ Voting ☐ Non Voting ☐ Alternate  
☐ Guest ☐ FWSA Direct Member

Dietary Requirements ☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free

*Except for your email address, which is not released, the information above will be provided to industry sponsors and donors to the Silent Auction. You may exclude your information from this list by checking this box. ☐*

☐ This is my first FWSA Convention

### Convention Packages (Fri: Oct. 8 — Sun: Oct. 10)

**Full Package** if paid by September 10, 2021 \$175 \_\_\_\_\_

— \$185 by Sept 20, \$195 after September 20

**Meetings Only** (No meals or parties) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Travel Expo**, Travel Expo, Meeting & Lunch \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Luncheon Only** (Must be purchased in advance) \$37 \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Dinner & Dance Only** (Must purchase in advance) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

### Extras

**Full Delegate Book** (All Reports) \$13 \_\_\_\_\_

**2021 Neck Gator** (Convention item) \$10 or 2 for \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Activities Priority given to Registered Delegates/Industry

**Evening on Coronado Island** (Wed.: Oct. 6) \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

**HornBlower Harbor Cruise** (Thurs: Oct. 7) \$63 \_\_\_\_\_

**Island Bike Ride** (Thurs: Oct. 7) \$37 \_\_\_\_\_

**Pub Crawl** (Thurs: Oct. 7) \$69 \_\_\_\_\_

**Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament** (Fri: Oct. 8) \$112 \_\_\_\_\_

Specify Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ OR Novice ☐ OR Last 3 Scores \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Need Transportation to the Golf Course

Club Rental (\$45): Left ☐ or Right ☐ Handed \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

**Old Town Trolley Tour** (Fri: Oct. 8) \$38 \_\_\_\_\_

**Aqua Adventure** Paddle board, kayaking, hydro-biking (Fri: Oct. 8) \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can pay & register online at [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)



**You can also submit this form with your payment to:**

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Jean McCasey  
 10635 Esmeraldas Drive  
 San Diego, CA 92124  
[JlmcCasey@yahoo.com](mailto:JlmcCasey@yahoo.com)  
 858-560-8722

For additional information visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

### Full Package Includes—

All FWSA business meetings, elections and panel sessions, convention pin, convention delegate book, hosted parties, 4 meals, complimentary beverages and activities.

• **Friday** - Pool Party, Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show

• **Saturday** - Continental Breakfast, General Meeting, Travel Expo, Awards Luncheon, Keynote Speaker presentation, Snowsports Leadership Academy, Public Affairs Panel, Racing Seminar, Cocktail Reception, Awards Banquet and Dance

• **Sunday** - Eye Opener, Buffet Brunch, FWSA Business Meeting & Elections



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### Wednesday, October 6, 2021

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Tote Bag Stuffing  
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Evening on Coronado

FWSA Business Office  
Marriott Hotel Lobby

### Thursday, October 7, 2021

9:00 am - 2:30 pm Coronado Bike Trip – *Sponsored by*  
9:30 am - 2:30 pm Hornblower Harbor Cruise – *Sponsored by*  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only)  
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Delegate Registration - Delegate Bags *Sponsored by, Zematt Utah Adventure Resort & Spa, Deer Valley Resort & Heber Valley Tourism; Neck Wallets - Sponsored by Ski Dazzle*  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Industry Exhibitor Registration  
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm Pub Crawl (Optional Event) - *Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation*

Meet-Hotel Lobby  
Meet-Hotel Lobby  
FWSA Suite  
Marriott Hotel Lobby  
  
Cabrillo 1  
Marriott Hotel Lobby

### Friday, October 8, 2021

6:00 am - 2:30 pm 14th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at Riverwalk Golf Club, Shotgun- Start at  
7:00 am - *Sponsored by Aspen & Snowmass Tourism*  
Silent Auction Room Set Up  
7:00 am - 6:00 pm Aqua Adventure - *Sponsored by Brian Head Resort*  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Old Town Trolley Tour – *Sponsored by*  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Pool Party - *Sponsored by, Hosted by Central Council*  
1:00 pm - 6:30 pm Industry Registration and Booth Set Up  
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Delegate Registration  
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Industry Exhibitor Meeting  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only)  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Club Happy Hour  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Silent Auction Welcome Party - Beer *Sponsored by Alterra Mountain Company, Wine Service Sponsored by*  
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm 35th Annual Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show  
10:00 pm - 10:30 pm Exhibitor Booth Breakdown

Meet in Hotel Lobby  
  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
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Pool Area  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
Marriott Hotel Lobby  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
FWSA Suite  
West Lawn  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom

### Saturday, October 9, 2021

7:00 am - 12:00 pm Delegate Registration  
7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast - *Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area*  
8:00 am - 8:30 am FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session  
8:45 am - 10:25 am Travel Expo - *Grand Prize - Far West Ski Week – Sponsored by Aspen Snowmass*  
8:45 am - 12:15 pm Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards *Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort*  
10:45 am - 12:15 pm FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy – *"Strategic Travel Planning – News, Insights & Updates" - Debbie Stewart*  
10:45 am - 12:15 pm Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers  
10:45 am - 12:15 pm Far West Racing Seminar  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Luncheon & Awards Presentation - Luncheon *Sponsored by Club Med, Wine Service Sponsored by Ski.Com, Beer Hosted by, Western Ski Heritage Award Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation, Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year Award Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area*  
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Keynote Speaker - *Sponsored by Mt. Bachelor & Riverhouse on the Deschutes*

Marriott Hotel Lobby  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
Rio Vista Salon ABC  
Far West Suite  
  
Santa Fe 3-4  
  
Balboa 1-2  
Sierra 6  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom  
  
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom

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### **Saturday, October 9, 2021**

2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - <i>"Race to the Finish – JEDI On &amp; Off the Slopes" - Todd Hood</i>	Santa Fe 3-4
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Trip Leader Seminar	Sierra 5
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Balboa 2-3
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus - BAC / San Diego / NBS	Cabrillo 1
	Intermountain / Northwest / Central / Direct Members	Santa Fe 3-4
	LAC / Orange / Sierra / Arizona	Balboa 1-2
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	Rio Vista Grand Ballroom
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance – <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Councils' Man & Woman of the Year <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i> , Musical Entertainment by <i>"The Distractions"</i>	Rio Vista Grand Ballroom

### **Sunday, October 10, 2021**

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener – <i>Sponsored by FWSA &amp; San Diego Council of Ski Clubs</i>	FWSA Suite
8:30 am - 11:30 am	FWSA General Meeting – Elections	Rio Vista Grand Ballroom
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Delegate Brunch – <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities' Recognition, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway	Rio Vista Grand Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	FWSA General Meeting Continued	Rio Vista Grand Ballroom
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	FWSA Board of Directors Meeting	Balboa 1-2

*Delegates are welcome to attend all events unless otherwise indicated. Participation in Travel Expo is encouraged for all club Trip Planners and Board members. The Travel Expo Prizes will be awarded at lunch on Saturday (3 prizes). All other prizes will be awarded among all registered Convention delegates on Sunday morning.*

Mt Brighton, UT

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# 2021 San Diego FWSA Convention



*Sail into San Diego*



**Join us for an evening of  
fun, food and friends!**

Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021  
from 6 - 10pm

West Lawn at the  
Mission Valley Marriott

*Traditional Bavarian fare will be offered, along with vegetarian options,  
and ice cream from Scoops La Jolla*

Check out  
our vegan  
options!



Sponsored by **Steamboat**



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### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES



**\$15**

#### An Evening on Coronado Island

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm**

Includes: Trolley ride, Ferry to historic island, shop, dine, relax on beach

Leader: Chris Gill: [cmg@san.rr.com](mailto:cmg@san.rr.com); 858-382-1427

Note: Shopping and dining is on your own.



**\$63**

#### Hornblower Harbor Cruise

**Thursday, October 7, 2021, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Includes: Transportation and lunch

Leader: Gunter Schrecker: [gunter@schrecker.com](mailto:gunter@schrecker.com); 760-613-2012

Sponsor: TBA



**\$37**

#### Island Bike Ride

**Thursday, October 7, 2021, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm**

Includes: Transportation and bottled water; lunch on your own

Leader: Debbie & Hobie Schroeder: [debbieschr@aol.com](mailto:debbieschr@aol.com); 858-336-0887

Sponsor: TBA



**\$69**

#### Pub Crawl

**Thursday, October 7, 2021, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

Includes: 2 entrees + dessert; 2 drinks (coupon book to be provided)

Leader: Leah Clark: [leah.clark@ieee.org](mailto:leah.clark@ieee.org); 858-245-5583

Sponsor: Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation



**\$112**

#### 14th Annual Michael German Golf Tournament

**Friday, October 8, 2021, 6:00 am – 2:30 pm** at Riverwalk Golf Course

Includes: Transportation, breakfast, lunch and prizes

Leader: Barbara Blase: [bblase@cornerstonecommunities.com](mailto:bblase@cornerstonecommunities.com); 858-869-7091

Sponsor: Aspen Snowmass & Snowmass Tourism



**\$38**

#### Old Town Trolley Tour

**Friday, October 8, 2021, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Includes: Bottled water provided; lunch on your own

Leader: Debbie Schroeder: [debbieschr@aol.com](mailto:debbieschr@aol.com); 858-336-0887

Sponsor: TBA



**\$45**

#### Aqua Adventure - Paddle boarding, kayaking, hydro-biking

**Friday, October 8, 2021, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Includes: Transportation by van; lunch on your own

Leader: John Walsh: [johnwalsh37@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnwalsh37@sbcglobal.net); 415-596-7234

Sponsor: Brian Head Resort



Sign up for these Optional Activities by **September 10, 2021** using the **Registration Form** or online at [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org).



## Sheri Parshall

### Councils' Man and Woman of the Year

Hello everyone!! We hope all of you are enjoying your summer.

Our thanks to Big White Ski Resort, who is continuing as our sponsor for this outstanding FWSA program. We can certainly tie the continuing success of this program to Big White's support. We all look forward to opening borders and visiting our favorite neighbor to the north soon!

As times change, evolve, and grow, so, too, will your Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Recognition Program. Your council presidents are exploring some changes, so keep your eyes peeled for a fresh outlook—our new "MVP" ("Most Valuable Person") award will be outlined in greater detail in the months to come and will be introduced for the 2022 FWSA Convention in Portland.

The Councils' Man/Woman of the Year Recognition Program is pleased to announce this year's honorees, listed below, who have provided outstanding service to their clubs and councils. FWSA will pay for lodging for Saturday night for all honorees, and our winners will be receiving a 5-day trip to Big White Ski Resort.

I'm delighted to introduce you to this year's Council Man and Woman of the Year honorees. Please note that, due to changes in deadlines, some councils have not yet made their selections for 2021.

#### **ARIZONA SKI COUNCIL**

Bill Behnke

#### **BAY AREA COUNCIL**

Marci Lyzun – Inskiers Ski Club

Don Shaver – Modesto Ski Club

#### **CENTRAL COUNCIL**

TBA

#### **INTERMOUNTAIN SKI COUNCIL**

Lynda Clark – Bogus Basin Ski Club

Craig Orsen Olsen – Bogus Basin Ski Club

#### **LOS ANGELES COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS**

Soo Lee - Unrecables

Peter Smith - Wailers

#### **NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SKIERS WESTERN REGION**

Shauna Kinsey – Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena

Frank Robertson – Winter Fox Ski Association

#### **NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL**

Sandi Shaub – Skiyente Ski Club

Bill King – Mountain High Snow Sports Club

#### **ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS**

TBA

#### **SAN DIEGO COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS**

Eileen Wiener – Don Diego Ski Club

John Walsh – North Island Snowdrifters

#### **SIERRA COUNCIL**

TBA





## Joe Harvis

### VP Communications

The winter of 2021 went by fast even with all the COVID restrictions and we are now deep in the throws of summer. We can only hope that the upcoming season will enable us to continue our on-mountain activities and travel programs with no lingering restrictions.

Your communications team has been hard at work providing FWSA members with the News Flash, The Councilman and the Skier's Guide, as well as our Social Media presence on Facebook and our Marketing Media slide shows and videos.

Our website continues to add new content and more of our chairs are learning to update their own content. I hope many of you have had a chance to look it over. Please provide your feedback so we can enhance and make it even better. This will continue to be a work in progress. We have implemented a "FWSA Storefront" where you can order a copy of the *90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet*. We continue to test event registrations and payments and have opened the online payment for Direct member dues and the above-mentioned anniversary booklet. We hope to begin to add some trips and the convention soon to the registration and payment process. Currently, those events link to FWSA Connect for trip and convention registration and payments.

All our clubs and councils can add their functions and trips to our events calendar. We are still exploring the ability to link with our councils and clubs who also are using a Club Express website and member management system. When this is complete those clubs and councils will only have to define their

activities and events on their own site, and they will filter up to the Far West site.

While our member database was pre-loaded based on past participation at a FWSA event or trip, not all the members of our 10 councils have logged into the new site. While it is not necessary to do so, very soon if you register to attend an event, travel program or convention, you will need to register via the website. At that time, you will need to login to make those reservations. Those members that were pre-loaded should have received an email from the Club Express system with your login credentials. If you have not already done so, please login soon. If you can't locate that email, click on the forgot password link and a new one will be sent to you. Those preloaded members should sign in and review their member profile to update any missing or incorrect information. ***We encourage members to verify your information is correct.***

Others can click on "**Member Signup**" and create and complete the registration form. One can even signup to receive the ***Far West News Flash*** simply by checking the "**New Flash subscription**" box under the "**Interests**" section of the Member Profile.

We hope everyone enjoyed reading last Fall's edition of ***The Councilman***. It again was a slimmed down issue due to the pandemic. Our editor, Nick Cowell, continues to do a great job bringing this publication to you twice a year. Please send any comments or suggestions to Nick and I at [councilman@fwsa.org](mailto:councilman@fwsa.org). A big thank you also goes to our ever-ready proofreaders,

Debbi Kor, Jane Wyckoff, Jeannine Davis, and Todd Hood.

Leigh Gieringer and Jane Wyckoff are busy setting up and working on the 2021-2022 edition of the ***Far West Skier's Guide***. This issue will be **digital only** except for a small print quantity for advertisers and industry. The board came to this decision as we again expect low advertising income to offset the printing and distribution costs. We do hope to gain some "digital only advertisers". Both Leigh and Jane put numerous hours proofreading all the articles and formatting each issue. Please send comments to Leigh, Jane, and I at [skiers-guide@fwsa.org](mailto:skiers-guide@fwsa.org). If you are available to proofread either publication, please let me know. Also, if you know of a possible advertiser, please get us their contact information, or put them in touch with us at [skiersguide@fwsa.org](mailto:skiersguide@fwsa.org). Every little bit helps. Contact us for rates.

Debbi Kor produces the monthly ***Far West News Flash***. If you are not receiving this monthly newsletter, you can find current and past issues on the website under Publications. If you are not already receiving the ***News Flash*** in your email inbox you can subscribe simply by checking the "**New Flash subscription**" box under the "**Interests**" section of the Member Profile. All clubs and councils are encouraged to submit appropriate articles of interest for the activities, events, and travel programs for publication in the ***News Flash*** simply by sending the information to Debbi at [news-flash@fwsa.org](mailto:news-flash@fwsa.org).

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## Chris Gill

### VP Council Services

The Vice President of Council Services coordinates with the presidents of 10 FWSA member councils to manage programs and initiatives that benefit our local clubs, which are the grassroots of the FWSA organization. We have a talented and involved group of council presidents and program chairs that work hard to administer the programs we provide.

The COVID Pandemic did create a very uncertain terrain for not only the ski industry but also the ski councils and their clubs. The one new way that we kept all our councils and clubs together was through "Zoom Meetings". This connectivity kept us on track and most importantly in touch with one another.

Many ski clubs still managed to get a couple of ski trips in by following the new guidelines on the mountain and creative ways of transporting themselves to their location.

Council Services is getting ready to

proceed with the Communication and Charity Recognition awards at this year's convention located in *San Diego, October 7-10, 2021*.

We are extremely excited that we have now added the Social Media Award to our list of awards to bring us into the current environment. The Social Media committee will be judging the Facebook pages of both the council and clubs. The deadline for all these awards was **July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

The Man and Woman of Year will be accepting those recipients from 2019, along with the current candidates as well. Council Services will be renaming the program to the **Most Valuable Person(s) Award** starting with the FWSA 2022 Convention in Portland, Oregon. We felt this award should no longer carry a gender type title.

Succession Planning has been implemented in our Council Presidents meetings. Todd Hood has been giving ideas and suggestions on making a

matrix of possible club members who can start to fill upcoming roles in each of the council and clubs. One suggestion is to look back at those who held leadership positions and see if they would like to come back or even mentor possible candidates for future positions.

The Family and Youth program is in the process of starting to outline the criteria for the certificate or award of recognition for the efforts put forth by the club or council with families.

Council Services looks forward to being a supportive partnership with FWSA clubs and councils.

Please contact me with your ideas and requests and for more information at [vpCouncilServices@fwsa.org](mailto:vpCouncilServices@fwsa.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

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All our publications are in digital format and are accessible from the Far West website at [FWSA Publications](#).

Our website also contains many photo albums from our varied activities of the years. Additionally, we have several videos on our YouTube page. The videos and slide shows are created

and produced by George Stewart, our Multimedia Chair. They can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>.

Our Social Media chair, Jane Gutierrez, has been working with the Communication Awards Committee and Council Services to develop a new FWSA Social Media Award for clubs and councils. This award will be de-

buted at the Convention this October. Jane will manage our Facebook and Twitter pages and we are looking to start an Instagram page as well. If you are a social media guru and would like to help or contribute, please reach out to us at [socialmedia@fwsa.org](mailto:socialmedia@fwsa.org)





## Debbie Stewart

### VP International Travel

People are becoming very eager and anxious to travel both domestically and internationally. As countries continue to open internationally, our FWSA International Travel Program has been gearing up for our members!

#### **The 2021 FWSA International Ski Week to Sölden, Austria has been postponed to 2022!**

Sölden, Austria may not be a household name to you, but it will be one that you will never forget after being there. You will be fascinated by the Austrian charm and their incomparable hospitality.

We are working with the experts at HOLIDAZE Ski Tours to help organize this fantastic trip February 25 – March 5, 2022.

Sölden offers 3 areas: Sölden, Oburgl and Hochurgl. They kick off the winter season with the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Opening in October. And...it has one of the action-scene sites for the James Bond movie "Spectre". The huge number of slopes and ski trails for all levels and abilities coupled with the perfect grooming with 91 miles of slopes make Sölden a truly unique winter sports center; 32 state-of-the-art ski lifts and gondolas with a total capacity of 70,000 persons/hour guarantee ultimate skiing fun without queuing.

BIG 3 – Think BIG, Think SÖLDEN! Sölden is Austria's first resort offering no less than three mountain peaks beyond 10,000 ft. Sölden's marvelous BIG 3 peaks mark a new dimension in

skiing and experiencing the Alpine scenery, opening new perspectives with their viewing platforms. Snow is guaranteed from October through May thanks to its high alpine location of the slopes up to 10,958 ft., 2 glacier ski areas and excellent snowmaking systems covering about 75% of the slopes with 350 snow guns.

Sölden is synonymous with sports and entertainment. Besides the great variety of skiing and snowsport activities, Sölden also offers a wide range of entertaining highlights. You will enjoy great après-ski atmosphere, as well as, weekly events such as night skiing and Sölden Party.

The extension trip following Sölden has been changed to the Black Forest Region in Germany March 5 – 11, 2021. There we will transfer by private coach from Sölden to Titisee/Neudstadt. Lake Titisee is the Black Forest's most picturesque glacial lake. We will visit the charming towns of Freiburg, Triberg, Colmar, Kayserberg, Heidelberg, Strasbourg and overnight in Frankfurt before flying home. We will have guided city tours, visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic Freiburg Cathedral landmark, Heidelberg Palace, museums, the Strasbourg Cathedral, and of course, free time to explore on your own...you may even hunt for your own Cuckoo Clock or the "Best Black Forest Cake"! This will be an experience like no other.

**FWSA's 10th Annual Scuba Dive trip to Roatan, Honduras**  
The 2021 FWSA Dive Trip will be

to.....Roatan, Honduras! Spots are filling up and we expect a "**SELL OUT**" for this year's Adventure/Dive Trip. We will be staying at the Anthony's Key Resort for our 12<sup>th</sup> FWSA scuba dive trip October 9-16, 2021. This resort is Roatan's most admired and innovative resort that offers dolphin encounters and world class dive experiences in a true island atmosphere. This gorgeous location offers years of outstanding customer service and prides themselves at this wonderful paradise. The Anthony's Key Resort will provide you with all the necessary elements for an unforgettable vacation in Honduras.

Their PADI 5-Star Career Development Center has been ranked as one of the world's top dive resorts for the last 50 years. Full service...you will get it here. They offer equipment rentals, a full-service photo shop, PADI continuing education to further your certification, convenient dockside equipment storage, freshwater showers, and rinse tanks. Dive and snorkel opportunities with the dolphins at the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences and onsite Hyperbaric Chamber and Clinic. That IS full service!

Your Dive package includes 7 nights hotel accommodations with 3 meals a day, a welcome/orientation social, admission to the Roatan Museum, a day excursion to Maya Key, Island Fiesta on the Key, complimentary wi-fi, 3 single tank boat dives, 2 single tank night dives, air tanks, weight belts and weights, a buoyancy control workshop,

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shore diving and much more... Non-divers have a snorkel package option, such as 2 snorkels daily by boat and guide, 1-night boat snorkel, underwater fish ID card, slide show and 1 dolphin encounter.

Come join us on this fantastic island paradise vacation!

### **2020 Croatia Adventure trip – Postponed to September 2022**

We knew our FWSA members wanted to go to Croatia in 2020, and we will in 2022!

FWSA and Alpine Adventures have coordinated this adventure trip to Croatia, September 2-12, departing the US on Sept. 1st. We will visit all the must-see locations, such as Split, Zagreb, Plitvice National Park, Dubrovnik, and the beautiful Dalmatian Coast. While in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia we will experience the local culture, arts, architecture and of course, the local gastronomy. The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik with its 16<sup>th</sup> century stone-walled old town is popular and known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic”. Its popularity has been bolstered to global recognition after serving as the filming location for *The Game of Thrones*. Split, as the second largest city, offers a similar blend of modern and ancient charm. The spectacular landscapes in the Plitvice National Park will certainly be scenery to remember with its breathtaking terraced lakes and many waterfalls. Plitvice Lakes are a natural phenomenon you will not want to miss consisting of 16 natural lakes joined by waterfalls that extend into limestone canyons. This too is a UNESCO World Heritage site and we cannot wait to explore this area.

This Balkan country adventure trip with its 3,625-mile long Adriatic coastline and over 1,000 islands will certainly be a bucket list item to be checked off.

### **You Spoke...and We Listened!**

Planning is underway for the FWSA

### **SUMMER 2023 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP!**

We will be going to Valle Nevado, Chile in our summer season 2023, which is their winter. We are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the 2023 pricing and as soon as we can, we will be organizing the marketing materials. This trip will be limited to a small number of 30-36 people, due to the hotel size in Valle Nevado.

Our plan is to travel from the US to Santiago, transfer to Valle Nevado (which currently has a partnership with Alterra, which is offering the IKON Pass – stay tuned if the partnership changes). You will have the opportunity also to ski at nearby resorts - La Parva and El Colorado.

The extension trip will be to the Atacama Desert, which has been likened to the surface of Mars and is one of the driest places on earth with unique and interesting topography.

Keep checking the FWSA website for the latest information.

### **FWSA 2023 Ski Week – Zermatt, Switzerland**

We enjoyed skiing in Zermatt in 2014 and our trip participants voted to go back. When most people think of Zermatt, they think of one thing...the Matterhorn. This amazing icon looms over Zermatt since the 1860's. Zermatt has so much to offer both the skier and non-skier while enjoying their lovely car-free pedestrian town. You will find many things to do and experience while sitting at the base of the Matterhorn.

### **What's Ahead...A lot! Mark the following trips on your calendars now!**

### **FWSA 2024 International. Ski Week – Madonna di Campiglio, Italy**

We are planning mid to late February 2024 to go back to the amazing Dolomites! Madonna di Campiglio is the main point of access to the Dolomites mountain range. This vibrant Italian ski area links four small sectors known both for excellent grooming and steep runs. The slopes spread out widely. A spectacular 16-minute gondola ride connects to neighboring resort Pin-

zolo. The ski area has 57 lifts and 93 miles of ski runs and a capacity of more than 31,000 people per hour. Madonna di Campiglio is one of the world's classic ski centers and one of Italy's most famous ranking with Cortina, Courmayeur and San Martino. Considering its long history in winter sports it has the benefit of an extensive and hugely enjoyable ski area with access lifts coming right down into the town - both unusual assets compared to many of the other famous ski resorts of long standing. The resort's altitude gives it more dependable conditions than many traditional winter sports centers.

### **FWSA 2024 Africa Adventure Trip**

Research is being done for central and east Africa. We toured South Africa in 2014 and now it is time to experience another amazing area of Africa.

### **FWSA 2025 Ski Week – Val d'Isere, France**

We were last there in 2015 and had a fantastic time. The skiing was incredible, hotels were great, friendly people, charming town with many shops and restaurants...it is time to go back!

### **FWSA 2026 Galapagos Adventure Trip**

Research is underway for the 2026 adventure trip to the Galapagos and possibly Machu Picchu or another destination. Stay tuned for the announcement of this trip.

As FWSA VP of International Travel, I realize that your vacation days are precious. The best ones are those that leave you feeling recharged, inspired and that your explorations are worthwhile, ones that your most cherished souvenirs are those that can bring you the grandest memories.

### **For updates or information on the FWSA International Travel Program:**

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**FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net**

Mobile – 559/737-0882

FWSA Travel Videos: [http://](http://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc/videos)

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Debbi Kor

## VP Marketing and Sponsorship

### Here's to the End of an Unusual Ski Season

What an AWESOME SKI SEASON! So much snow, and so many places to go to get to it. Despite the country being in a pandemic.... the resorts were busy, busy! As anyone in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, or Canada could tell you. Despite Covid-19 protocols, skiers masked up and lined up to get on their favorite lift at their favorite ski area, and experienced great snow, and lots of great runs for a full day on the mountain. Yes, it was different, but it worked! With a vaccination in place, and more people getting vaccinated, 2021-2022 ski and snowboard season should be back in full swing!

Ski Week 2021, in **Sun Valley**, was a big success! In spite of a lot of safety precautions, Covid-protocols, and less "social time" than in previous years, our attendees had the chance to spend more council time together, and lots of time on the mountain. *Kevin Bracken, and crew*, along with Sandy Gaudette and Mike Agnew (Winter Ski & Sports) provided our guests with an over-all week of fun and good times. Thank you to our outstanding Far West Travel Team, as well, for all that YOU do!

Sandy Blackwell, LA Council President was able to help David Krupp out this year, assisting with selling raffle tickets

for the **Karbon** clothing, benefitting the *Far West Athletic Scholarship Program*. Since we had a much smaller group at Ski Week this year, **Schure Sports** agreed to donate two jackets this year, rather than a full Karbon outfit. Thus, one more winner of the raffle. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. The winners of the Karbon wear were *Becky Berry*, Scottsdale Ski Club, and *Katie Mauldin*, a Sierra Direct Member, from Petal, Mississippi. Congratulations, ladies. We will look forward to seeing you ladies next year in your "hot" new Karbon jackets.

Now, as we look to warmer weather, planning for golf outings, hiking, biking, camping trips, back yard barbecues, we can look back on our many club and council trips to **Aspen, Steamboat, Big Sky, Mammoth Mountain, Brian Head**, and many other winter resorts. We want to thank all our industry partners who went above and beyond to provide us with safe skiing, and the chance to spend time doing the thing that we all love!

Moving ahead to the Fall, our thoughts can begin focusing on the 88th Annual Far West Convention, taking place this coming October 7-10, 2021, in San Diego, California, at the beautiful *San Diego Marriott Mission Valley hotel*.

**The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs** has been hard at work for the past year or more, planning and putting together an action-packed four days for us all, including an *Evening in Coronado* on Wednesday, a *scenic Harbor Cruise*, a *fun Bike Ride on Coronado*, and an *Oktoberfest-Themed Pub Crawl* on Thursday evening. These events will be followed by a variety of activities on Friday, beginning with the *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament*, at the beautiful *Riverwalk Golf Course*. We will also have a *tour of Old Town on the Old Town Trolley*, and a fun *Aqua Adventure* for anyone who wants to kayak, paddle board, or water bike.

After the morning's activities on Friday, you can join your friends at the *Pool Party* before the *Silent Auction & Trade Show* on Friday night, and the usual convention activities throughout the remainder of the weekend, including the *Travel Expo*, *Public Affairs Sessions*, and our *Educational Seminars* on Saturday, followed by the annual General Meeting and Elections on Sunday. Our industry partners are coming forward to sponsor many of the events and activities and helping to ensure that our major fund-raiser of the convention, our Silent Auction, is the huge success that it typically is. We look forward to seeing you there!





## Michael Bouton VP Membership

As the masks come off, I can see that we have new 28 direct members, 2 families and 1 direct club in our ranks. The new Club Express system can register new members and allow them to pay the \$30.00 dues per year (\$50.00 per couple living at the same address) on a secure credit card system. This helps everyone to see that the payment is made and checks the box that you are a valid member. Memberships are required to travel with FWSA on any sponsored trips.

The association's fiscal year runs May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. If one pays for a year of membership within 2 months of that 12 month cycle you will be extended. If there are any questions regarding this time frame, please let me know. Please email me: [membership@fwsa.org](mailto:membership@fwsa.org).



## Bob Ellis VP Racing

This year we had very little racing, only Pacrats had some races, there were no races at Mammoth or in Northern California in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. We did not have races at the 2021 Ski Week in Sun Valley either, also due to Covid, but we sure had a great time in Sun Valley.

Next year in Aspen at the 2022 FWSA Ski Week, we expect to have racing again, thanks to the vaccines and the fact that we are slowly getting back to normal. The FWRA Championship races are scheduled for Mammoth Mountain in early April 2022.

Photo: Bob Ellis, VP Racing and Eileen Weiner, conducting a seminar on racing at the 2019 convention.  
Photo courtesy of Eric Van Pelt Photography.







## Nancy Ellis

### VP North American Travel

#### **2021 SUN VALLEY SKI RESORT— January 30—February 6, 2021**

100 participants from FWSA Councils attended the Sun Valley Ski Week. Our numbers were lower than normal due to the COVID virus preventing many from participating. We couldn't hold our indoor parties due to COVID protocols. The picnic was a take-out lunch that could be eaten inside the River Run Base Lodge or outside on the patio. The banquet was a take-out dinner box that people took back to their rooms or to outdoor dining locations. We held an outdoor Ice-Skating party our last night where we enjoyed hot chocolate and hot apple cider. This party gave us an opportunity to visit with one another and hold our Athletic Scholarship raffle. Shure Sports donated two ski jackets for the raffle and the winners were Katie Mauldin, Sierra Council, and Becky Berry, Arizona Council.

Ski Week was a different experience this year, and it was great to be skiing at a beautiful resort on uncrowded slopes with fresh snow most days. Lodges at the ski hill were open for indoor dining, and restaurants and stores were open in the Sun Valley Mall and in Ketchum a short distance from the resort. Overall, Sun Valley Ski Week was a successful trip, and those that attended enjoyed themselves.

#### **ZERMATT UTAH RESORT MINI SKI TRIP—March 20—25, 2022**

The 2021 Zermatt Utah Mini Trip was postponed until March 2022. We were unable to get the minimum required for the trip. Many people canceled as COVID was still spiking in many areas

and many hadn't had their vaccinations.

The trip includes an FWSA Meet & Greet Party, Welcome Breakfast, Farewell Dinner, day trips to either Deer Valley or Park City, and an optional day trip to Sundance Resort where people can either ski/board or sign up for optional art classes such as pottery, jewelry, and soapmaking. Other optional activities include spa treatments, ice fishing, tubing, ice skating, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, and soaking in a 10,000-year-old Crater Hot Springs within walking distance of the resort.

Our lodging includes standard 2Q hotel rooms, 2Q Alpine hotel rooms with refrigerator and microwave, and 2Q deluxe rooms that are larger than the 2Q Alpine rooms, have refrigerators and microwaves, as well as a fireplace. 2-bedroom units are available upon request and availability.

Registration forms are now available on the [FWSA.org](https://www.fwsa.org) website. Participants signing up by September 30<sup>th</sup> will qualify for an "early signup" discount of \$25 off the trip. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, for information: [president@fwsa.org](mailto:president@fwsa.org); 661-800-8229.

#### **2022 ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE & DENALI TOUR—JUNE 21—July 2, 2022**

Cruises were canceled for most of 2021 and this affected our Alaska Inside Passage Cruise scheduled for June 2021. The Denali Tour and Alaska Inside Passage Cruise trip has been postponed to June 21—July 2,

2022. The Denali Tour and cruise itineraries are the same, and the cruise is now on the Majestic Princess. There are still spots on the trip. Check the FWSA.org website for trip information. You can sign up for the Denali Tour June 21-25, the Alaska Inside Passage Tour June 25—July 2<sup>nd</sup>, or do both trips June 21—July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sandy Gaudette, Winter Ski & Sports, has designed a unique experience for our Denali Tour that will pass through Anchorage for those planning to head home after the Denali trip and then head to Whittier for those planning to board the Majestic Princess for a southern cruise of the inland passage and ending in Vancouver, B.C.

#### **Denali Tour Itinerary June 21—25, 2022:**

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** Fly into Fairbanks and take a complimentary shuttle to Fairbanks River's Edge Resort for 2 Nights with daily Breakfast.

**Wednesday:** Riverboat Ferry Discovery Cruise Fairbanks.

**Thursday:** Alaska Railroad Adventure Class train ride Fairbanks to Denali with full Breakfast.

**Thursday & Friday:** Denali Park Village Hotel River View Rooms.

**Friday:** Kantishna Wilderness Trail Tour with Lunch (13 Hour full park day).

**Saturday:** Private Bus Denali to Whittier to catch ship for those going on Majestic Princess.

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Cruise: Those on Denali Tour only will transfer in Anchorage to the Airport to fly home.

No Host Lunch stop in Anchorage.

Board ship before 8:30 p.m. Sat., June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Those on the Alaska Cruise only will fly directly to Anchorage and then take a bus to Whittier to board the ship.

**Majestic Princess Cruise June 25—  
July 2, 2022:**

**Sun., DAY # 1: HUBBARD  
GLACIER (Scenic Cruising)**

**Mon., DAY # 2: GLACIER  
BAY NATIONAL PARK  
(Scenic Cruising)**

**Tues., DAY # 3: SKAGWAY  
7:00a.m. – 8:30p.m.**

**Wed., DAY # 4: JUNEAU:  
6:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.**

**Thurs., DAY # 5: KETCHIKAN  
10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.**

**Fri., DAY # 6: FUN DAY AT  
SEA**

**Sat., DAY # 7: VANCOUVER  
DOCKS 7:30a.m.**

Contact Nancy Ellis for registration and sign up information: [fwsatravel-nancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravel-nancy@sbcglobal.net); (530) 414-8261 or go to the FWSA website,

**2022 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK-  
-ASPENSNOWMASS RESORT**

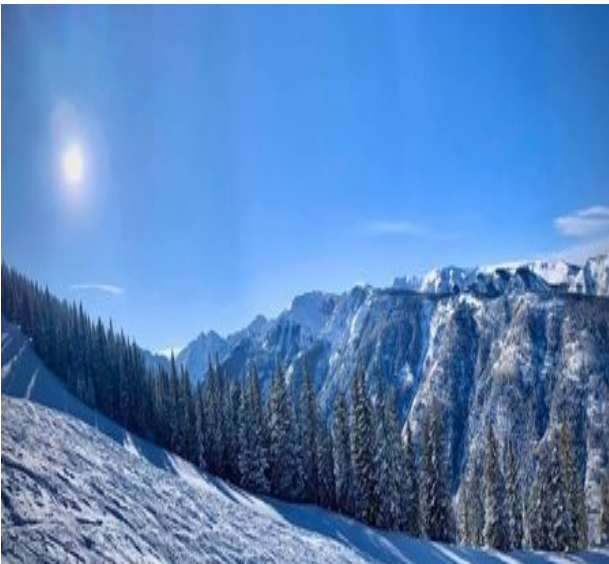
The following FWSA Councils are selling the Aspen Snowmass Ski Week trip: Arizona Council; Bay Area Snowsports Council; Central/Intermountain Councils; Los Angeles Council; Northwest Council; Orange Council; San Diego Council; and Sierra Council. We anticipate selling out the trip so those that are interested need to contact their Council Trip Leader and sign up as soon as possible. Councils have both ski-in/ski-out lodging and units a short walk to the slopes. The Alpine “Breathmaker” Mountain Coaster now traverses the mountain slopes, along with several new lodging properties, an ice rink, and many shops and restaurants that have been added to the base village since we were last there in 2013. This trip is suitable for non-skiers as well, as there is a lot to do. The town of Aspen is a short distance down the road with additional restaurants and shopping. The 2022 Winter X Games will be in Aspen Friday, Jan. 28--Sun. 30th. The events are free to watch. The winter games in Colorado are one of the most extreme winter sports in the world. More than 200 top athletes compete for medals, prize money, and worldwide recognition in extreme skiing and boarding.

Contact Council Trip Leaders or the [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org) website for sign up information.

**2023 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK**

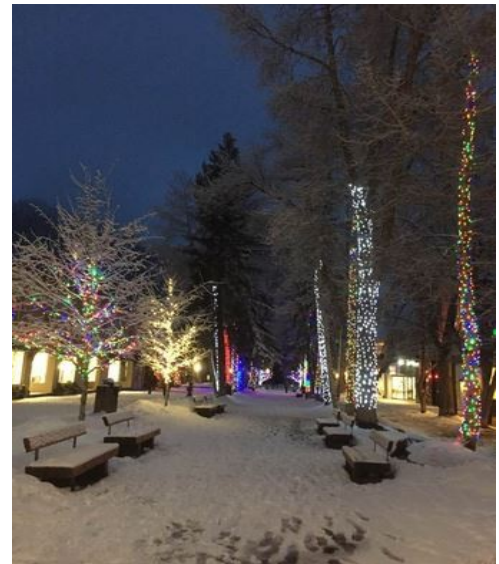
The destination for the 2023 North American Ski Week will be voted on at the FWSA Board of Directors’ virtual meeting July 17<sup>th</sup>. Beaver Creek and Jackson Hole are the resorts being considered. Both resorts offer great lodging options for our group. Beaver Creek offers condos and hotel rooms at the resort with options for ski in/ski out and lodging a short walk or shuttle ride to the ski hill. Jackson Hole offers both hotel and condos at the resort as well as hotel and condos in the town of Jackson Hole. Many of the in-town properties offer free shuttle service to the resort and there is town bus service to the resort as well. Jackson Hole also has a second ski area in town. The Snow King Ski Resort is adjacent to the Snow King Lodging property. It’s a small ski hill that is expanding and adding a chair to access the backside of the mountain. It also offers a mountain coaster and tubing hill. Both resorts have a lot to offer our Council groups. The destination will be announced shortly after the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***Looking forward to seeing you on one of the Far West North American trips! Contact Nancy Ellis at [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net) or [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) for updates on FWSA North American Travel***



Aspen Snowmass

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## Fran Long

### VP Public Affairs

As you peruse this, and other articles, in this issue of the Councilman, you will find a lot of current information regarding ski area development, consumer advocacy and trends, snowsports history, safety, and environment. FWSA strives to keep our members informed as to what is happening in all of these areas. In addition to the information, you see here, there is much more to be found on the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Just click on Members Corner, then scroll down to Public Affairs.

Here are the links to a few articles regarding current issues in ski area development that may be of interest to you:

#### California

##### [New gondola will connect Alterra's Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows](#)

Travel Weekly

[Alterra Mountain Co.](#) will begin construction this summer on a \$60 million gondola connecting the bases of the Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows ski areas in the Lake Tahoe, Calif. region. Upon completion, the gondola ride is expected to last 16 minutes, connecting base areas that are otherwise a seven-mile drive apart.

#### Colorado

##### [ALTERRA PLANS \\$207 MILLION IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS](#)

SAM Magazine—DENVER, April 12, 2021

Alterra Mountain Company plans to invest \$207 million in capital improvements, including \$111 million in resort

projects at Steamboat, Deer Valley, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows, and Mammoth Mountain; \$31 million in enterprise technology systems; and \$65 million in resort maintenance and planning.

#### Idaho

##### [‘Though the idea was neat:’ Trident tried, failed to buy Brundage, build one of America’s largest resorts](#)

[boisedev.com](http://boisedev.com)

Trident Holdings tried to buy Brundage Mountain Resort and develop it into one of the largest ski resorts in North America as part of its plan to trade for state land around McCall, according to a proposal to investors.

#### Montana

##### [Swift Current 6: Coming Winter 2021-2022](#)

Replacing the Swift Current high-speed quad, this new state-of-the-art chairlift will increase uphill capacity out of the Mountain Village base area by up to 50%. A gearless drive makes for whisper-quiet operations and significantly improves energy efficiency.

#### Oregon

##### [Mt. Bachelor to build new summit hiking, biking trail](#)

Bend Bulletin

Mt. Bachelor ski resort is moving forward with plans to build a new 5.5-mile hiking and mountain biking trail that will loop from the mountain's base to the summit.

The ski resort's proposal also includes

plans to create better access for a snow cat to groom more ski runs and the addition of two snowmaking guns.

#### Washington

##### [Mission Ridge ski area debuts new bubble lift, the first in Washington state](#)

Seattle Times

WENATCHEE — The wind was whipping but riding up the Wenatchee Express at Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort was calm like the eye of a hurricane. The reason for the comfortable cruise up to the ski resort's 6,820-foot summit? A weatherproof protective bubble on the ski area's new chairlift.

#### Wyoming

##### [Comments due on Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's proposal to expand guided backcountry ...](#)

Jackson Hole News & Guide

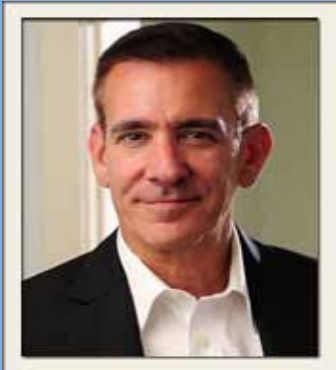
Cole said the resort is seeking the change in part to ensure that backcountry users are safe and in part to satisfy increasing demand for guided backcountry recreation.

There are more people skiing now than ever before in North America, Cole said, and many of them have skied the backcountry successfully at other resorts. But she said the terrain outside Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's southern gates frequently gets people in trouble.

"If people can have access to a backcountry guide to take them and show them this terrain, everyone's going to

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## David Krupp

### Athletic Scholarship Chair

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program is entering its 18<sup>th</sup> year, growing from an initial \$1,500 in scholarships in 2004 to \$12,150 and 18 recipients in the 2020-2021 season. The total awarded since the program's inception is now \$165,000 to 116 recipients.

The program is designed to provide financial assistance to junior ski racers throughout the western United States where FWSA has a presence. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers affiliated with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) and must participate in racing programs in states where FWSA has regional councils. These include California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, athletic performance, academic achievement, and community service.

Skiing is an expensive sport and the costs involved in ski racing cannot be left up to the parents alone to incur. For younger athletes, the costs are modest. However, for 16 through 20-year-olds, where competition becomes national and even international, the costs can be significant. Without the

help of outside resources, many junior racers simply cannot compete. For a top competitor, expenses can reach \$20,000 per year. This is not a seasonal sport for these racers; it includes a full year of ski-related involvement. After the winter race competition has concluded, competitors engage in dry-land training, then off to summer camps. Camps typically run about \$1,200 per week, not including transportation.

Winter training costs range from \$1,000-\$1,500 each season. Most applicants work part time to offset expenses. The demand on their time is significant. They must balance their time between training, competition, school, work, and community service. Despite these demands, the average GPA for these recipients consistently exceeds a 3.9 average. Our scholarships are modest compared to the need, but they do make a difference in the overall scope of the resources they require.

The funding of the scholarships come from several sources: raffles, auctions, club and council partnerships, and direct contributions from club members, clubs, and councils. The FWSA has

greatly benefitted from the generous support from its sponsors including *Whitefish Mountain Resort* ([www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com)), a year round winter and summer resort; *Averill Hospitality*, a premier choice in mountain resort accommodations; *Grouse Mountain Lodge* in Whitefish, Montana; *Schure Sports, Inc.* ([www.karbonmail.com](http://www.karbonmail.com)), maker of the Karbon line of snowsports apparel; the US Ski Team, and the *Far West Racing Association*. Their contributions of vacation packages, snowsports apparel, and cash bring in approximately \$10,000 per year as raffle and auction proceeds, as well as direct cash donations.

In addition, our partnership program through clubs and councils affords us approximately one third of our scholarship funding each year. Finally, the *Far West Ski Foundation* ([www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org)), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, is a valuable resource for encouraging tax exempt donations. For more information on the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program, please visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

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be more successful and safer," she told the Daily.

#### [Sleeping Giant halts zipline to make upgrades](#)

Cody Enterprise

Sleeping Giant Ski Area will not be running its summer zipline this year in order to work on more infrastructure for the next winter season, owner Nick Piazza announced Tuesday in a Facebook post.



# Sigrid Noack

## Charities and Our Community Chair

***FWSA is proud of the amazing charity work our clubs and councils do to help others.***

The FWSA Charity Recognition was upgraded last year for our planned Portland Convention! Without the convention taking place, and with the Covid-19 pandemic hanging over our heads, we still stick with our Charity Recognition Program. Many of our clubs do so much work supporting favorite charities in spite of other challenges, that they continue to deserve this annual recognition and support from the FWSA. Actually six ski clubs from six different councils got involved and sent digital displays of their charity involvement during 2019-20. Congratulations and thanks very much.

SHOWCASING is now the term associated with our Charity Recognition Program.

This is our 15th annual FWSA "Charity & Community Service Recognition". No longer is there a lengthy application to fill out, no more competition, and no more having to transport a photo display

board to convention!

It's simple and it's easy! We are now proudly SHOWCASING our clubs and councils at the annual conventions!

Many activities with local charitable organizations have continued during the pandemic. Clubs that are willing to share their charity efforts with FWSA, are asked to participate. The clubs that send us information about their charitable activities will be included in our charity video, which will be available on the FWSA website and will be presented at our convention in San Diego.

As in previous years, FWSA will continue to share all the beautiful charity work of our members. All participating clubs will again receive a digital medalion to be used on their website and on newsletters. The SHOWCASED clubs will also receive a certificate for being named "Outstanding Charity and Community Service Club" to share with club members.

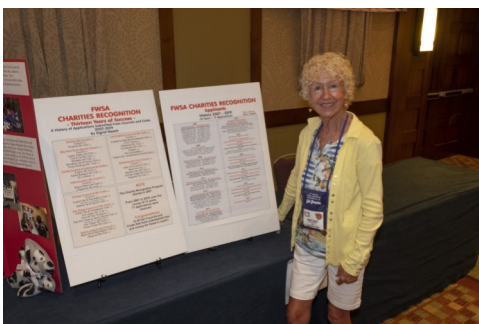
Most of our clubs and councils have been involved with charitable activities

every year and have shared their wonderful work with the rest of our FWSA family for the past 14 years. It's amazing how caring the members in our FWSA clubs are. At convention, our delegates, industry friends and other guests are quite impressed by the amazing dedication to charitable work within our FWSA family. Our new charity video will be a great addition for publicizing the phenomenal work our FWSA members do for their favorite charities.

Looking forward to this year's convention in beautiful San Diego.

For questions regarding our Charity Recognition program, please contact Sigrid at [charities@fwsa.org](mailto:charities@fwsa.org).

**FWSA is aiming for charitable involvement within all our member clubs!**



Pictured is Sigrid Noack, Charities and Our Communities Chair.

Photo credit is Eric Van Pelt Photography.

Location is 2010 Convention, Indian Wells, CA





## Fran Long Environment

### Far West Ski Association Environment Program & Award

While a good portion of this article deals with speculation regarding the future of snowsports, there is a significant amount of information regarding the here and now as well. Click the link and read the full article for information regarding the impact climate change has on elite level snowsports competitions, the economy, snowsports participation, and more.

#### [Sport 2050: Snowless snow sport? How climate change could impact winter sports](#)

*Skiing without snow, ghost-town resorts, and repurposed ski jumps?*

*Climate change, and the warmer winters it will create, has cast doubts on the future of winter sports as we know them.*

If you find this article regarding environmental issues interesting, many more can be found on the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Click on 'Member Corner', 'Public Affairs', and scroll down to 'Environment'.

### Environment Award

Are you interested in doing something to affect the negative changes that are taking place in our environment, especially our snowsports environment? Would you enjoy spending 5 days skiing at Aspen/Snowmass with your lodging, lift tickets, air, and rentals all paid for you upon arrival? The FWSA Environment Award is graciously being sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant Aspen, and The Crestwood

Condominium Hotel, Aspen/Snowmass. As an early leader in the ski industry reducing their carbon footprint, this award was proposed for FWSA in 2015.

If you haven't already submitted your application, it is most likely too late for this year, but you can certainly be thinking about next year and what you might do in the area of snowsports environment.

### About the Award

The Environment Award is designed to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made an impact in the community.

Conduct or arrange an event(s) for your club, council, or the general public that focuses on the principles of "Protect Our Winters (POW)". The mission of POW is to engage and mobilize the snowsports community to lead the fight against climate change with a focus on educational initiatives, advocacy, and community-based activism. Stage an event based on one or more of the seven actions of the POW pledge. Learn more about POW at: [www.protectourwinters.org](http://www.protectourwinters.org).

Work with your club or council and your local ski area to develop or improve your ski area's "Sustainable

Slopes" program. This program was adopted by the ski industry in 2000. It provides an overarching framework for ski areas on sustainability and enhanced environmental performance.

Learn more about Sustainable Slopes and NSAA's Environmental Charter at: [www.nsaa.org/environment/sustainableslopes](http://www.nsaa.org/environment/sustainableslopes).

### Who is Eligible?

The Award is open to any individual who is a member of a Far West Ski Association club or council.

The winner of the 2021-2022 award will receive a 5-night ski/board package for two that includes:

5 nights lodging split between The Gant in Aspen and The Crestwood Condominium Hotel in Snowmass.

Air

5-day lift ticket good at Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk

5-day equipment rental

Half day group lesson

*Lodging is based on space availability, and restrictions may apply.*

Additional information can be found on the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org); or by contacting Fran Long, Environment Award Chair: [environment@fwsa.org](mailto:environment@fwsa.org).





## John Watson History Report

Our History program started in the early 2000s when we recognized we had a 75<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up in 2005. There had always been members who could speak of people, incidents, and times past. President Mike Sanford took the initiative to formalize an added committee concerned with our skiing history and he recruited several members to lead it off, including Catherine Ohl, Chuck Morse, and me (there were and are many others who have gems to share). Mike later captured a sponsor for one piece of the program in 2004 – Steamboat.

Why have a history program? There are several threads. First, to expose or educate members to the dynamic history of their sport. Second, to provide educational material for public use. Third, to promote the establishment, growth, and continuance of preservation in learning centers and museums. Fourth, to provide opportunities for research into snowsport history.

We started with the Ski Club/Council Recognition (there was objection to calling it an award) patterned after the outstanding club competition. We laid out a detailed template for guidance on what could be in such a history.

The competing entries would be judged by an expert panel. Criteria include support activity in the public community (also a criterion in the Athletic Scholarship awards). Such histories show the pace of Association development (within the larger universe of ski industry development), inform members – and conceivably (the dream of Bill Berry) be patched together into a broader history. It can be used for outreach and recruiting.

The amount of work that must go into a substantial history discouraged participation and caused us to create a recognition other than the original. So, we started the Historic Ski Club program for clubs who could prove operation for 50 years or more. This is a Recognition with a small r. Note that this now means formation before and operation since 1971. Just provide the History Chair an application available on [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), your proof of founding date and a good hi-res color logo. The HSC program proves the enduring attraction of clubs and the need for them to provide a basic information center at the grass roots. Clubs started in North America in 1861 with the Alturas Snowshoe Club (could also be considered a league) but the longest operating clubs are the

Cascade Ski Club of Portland and the Yosemite Winter Club, both in 1928. We know though that there were exercise clubs in Seattle in 1930 who may have had skiing as part of their programs. There is even the collaboration between clubs there that could be proto-council.

The Western Ski Heritage started as an award and then became a prize based on the Steamboat sponsorship. Steamboat is an historic odyssey. It was designed to recognize recent work which designed to show the role of snowsport in the larger community. We have recognized many authors and research projects, all shown on [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

There is still work to be done in the preservation of Association records and the trends that could be gained from them. If you read through our new 90<sup>th</sup> history and fact book, you will see several possible historic sketches that need authors. Using the Secretary's minutes and reports from councils and committee chairmen, an annual narrative could be written. All good for recruiting.



## Far West Ski Foundation

The Foundation remains the sister fund raising organization for the Association. And the targets for September through December need your planning attention NOW.

You can designate your contribution or make it unrestricted and aimed where most needed, or designate it toward one of the following missions.

- Scholarships for young (U20) ski racers
- Supportive grants, including scholarships to adaptive skiing schools.
- Supportive education and preservation grants to museums and projects concerning history of snowsport.
- Supportive grants to Womens' Ski Jumping USA (now a part of USA Nordic)
- Incidental grants to eligible organizations that support snowsport.

Traditional support from partners and sponsors enabled the Foundation to make scholarship grants despite the pandemic. Unfortunately, we have little or no backup for adaptive ski schools or museums and education. So, we do seek your help as individuals or from your organizations for these purposes.

We have about 30 adaptive ski schools and a half dozen museum type organizations and facilities in FWSA territory. There is always the possibility of a worthy snowsport research project as well. We need to play catch up in all of our objectives.

The best way to do this is through your PayPal account or by sending a check to the FWSF Treasurer John Reinhardt. If you use PayPal, send to Far West Ski Foundation and no fees are charged. If by check, send to John O Reinhardt, Treasurer FWSF, 6105 SW Sheridan Street, Portland, Oregon 97225. Don't forget to make your check out to FWSF.

On other matters, the Foundation will elect a new President and other officers and elect some new trustees by the time of the October convention of the Association. Meanwhile, we are looking to expand our sources of revenue to include industry and major donors and to expand our objectives in snowsport.

We are looking for Trustees or Friends to address the administrative requirements of the Foundation and a chair for a new Marketing and Planning initiative. Send your suggestions – on any matter – to John Watson prior to October 2021. Email [fwsfpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fwsfpresident@gmail.com).

Stay safe and get ready for a spiritual renewal this season.



Left Photo: Gloria Raminha overseeing the FWSF Wine Auction.

Right Photo: Joe Harvis, working the FWSF Wine auction table.

Both photos courtesy Eric Van Pelt Photography.





## Fran Long Safety Chair

### **FWSA Safety Person of the Year Award**

By Fran Long, VP Public Affairs

The Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year application deadline was extended to July 18, 2021. Hopefully, you got your application in on time! If not this year, start now thinking about what you might be doing, or want to do, in the area of snowsports safety. Implement your plan and apply for this award next time around.

So, who can be the FWSA Safety Person of the Year? Any person who is associated with FWSA can apply for the Safety Person of the Year Award. This yearly award honors the person who has done the most to promote safety consciousness within the association. This can be done through a variety of methods including safety articles, on mountain activities, presentations, public speaking, working ski patrol, creating posters or banners, and many other activities.

The Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year Award is designed to encourage others to take action in making snowsports safer for everyone, and to recognize outstanding efforts in this area. Small things can have a significant impact. What might you have done, or thought about doing, for your favorite resort, for your club members, or for snowsports participants in general, that potentially supports safety in our sport?

The 2021 Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year will receive four night's lodging in a king room at Mammoth Mountain Inn, and (2) 4 of 6-day adult lift tickets for the 2021-2022 season. Thank you, Mammoth Mountain Resort for your sponsorship of the 2021 award. We anticipate a similar awards package for the 2022-2023 season.

### **Who is Eligible?**

The Award is open to any individual who is a member of a Far West Ski Association club or council. You too could be the recipient of this award and potentially a generous ski package as well.

Additional information, and the award application, can be found on the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org); or by contacting Fran Long, VP of Public Affairs: [vppublicaffairs@fwsa.org](mailto:vppublicaffairs@fwsa.org).







## Kristy Welsh

### Arizona Ski Council



**The Arizona Ski Council (ASC)** was formed to promote skiing and friendship among the clubs. Our mission has been to promote activities, promote safety on the slopes and build camaraderie of fellow skiers and adventurers. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, bikers, and social members/adventurers, in the state of Arizona. ASC currently represents 2 ski clubs, with members primarily in the Phoenix metro-area.

#### **Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)**

#### **Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SSSC)**

The Arizona Ski Council does not directly run any ski trips but supports our clubs and their trips. PSC and SSSC work together and have reciprocity between them. It is quite common to see our skiers attending events with both clubs. It is great that our clubs support each other.

In the past, the Arizona Ski Council has hosted several activities. Due to the Covid Pandemic, those events fell to almost nothing. We are slowly starting up our activities, beginning with the Prescott Pub Crawl, the Topless Road Rage, and a bowling event. Never fear we are staging a 'comeback'. We are making a comeback:

The **Phoenix Ski Club** is more than just a ski club. PSC is an active adult social club, which just started up its monthly meetings and is on its way. This active adult social club will be going full speed ahead with its year-round, non-profit, social, and outdoor activities. They have always prided themselves in offering a variety of amazing activities, to appeal to everyone. They even have 'spur-of-the-moment' events, which are mind-boggling. They did it all

and will do it all.

For more information and events: <https://www.phxskiclub.org/>

The **Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club** is a premier activities club, making their come-back. SSSC is oriented towards active adults 21 years and older.

SSSC is a year-round, non-profit, volunteer-run social and outdoor activities organization with a variety of events designed to appeal to just about everybody. They have weekly happy hours and many other events like hiking, bicycling, kayaking, skiing, camping, golfing, cruising, concerts and both domestic and international trips.

Check out their activities and ski trips. You will find SSSC a friendly group, and constantly on the go. Subscribe to their email mailing list for up-to-date information on the activities. <https://sssc.clubexpress.com/>

Don't just dream of having an exciting life, join one of our clubs and make it happen. If you can dream it, we can do it.

For other exciting Arizona Ski Council events or links to our club web sites, please access:

<https://arizona-ski-council.org/>





## Paul Vlasveld Bay Area Snow Sports Council



***You will always hear how proud we are of the volunteers and clubs within the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)!***

This past year has been a challenging year for the Council. However, we have been able to make some changes that have produced positive results for the Council. By holding general meetings virtually, there has been a higher attendance by the clubs. This has enabled all the clubs to benefit from the changes implemented by the clubs.

***With this issue I would like to highlight some of our member clubs:***

### **Santa Rosa Ski Club**

I would like to welcome the Santa Rosa Ski Club as the newest member of BAC.

In 1940, The Santa Rosa Ski Club began as the Santa Rosa Skating Club, formed by a group of skaters who met regularly at the old Grace Brothers Brewery alongside Santa Rosa Creek where the Hyatt Vineyard Creek hotel now stands. At the time, there was an ice-skating rink in the neighborhood as well.

The Santa Rosa Ski Club owns a lodge in Truckee. The rustic lodge has three military style dormitories, one each for men, women and children and families with children. A living area provides ample comfort where members gather themselves by the fireplace and discuss all things skiing. There is also a mudroom with lockers providing storage for equipment, and a hot tub that members can relax in after a hard day on the slopes. There is a commercial grade kitchen and a family style eating area where members often share family-style meals and mountain-style friendships. <https://santarosaskiclub.com/>

### **The Alpineer Club**

The Alpineer Club was formed and built in 1940 by a group of polka-dancing, outdoor enthusiasts. They built the building themselves! The club continues today as a four-season club for people who love the outdoors.

The Alpineer Club is a family friendly, fun loving, membership-run organization for outdoors enthusiasts with a lodge

near Donner Summit and Sugar Bowl. The club is open year-round to families and singles with an interest in skiing and other outdoor activities.

The club has a continually active and competitive race team that has won numerous awards.

<https://thealpineerclub.com/>

### **Marin Ski Club**

Welcome to The Marin Ski Club! The club is a sporting and social organization of individuals and families from Marin County and the greater San Francisco Bay area, who enjoy winter sports, summer activities, and social events. Our ski lodge is located on Donner Pass Road in Soda Springs, California, between Sugar Bowl and Royal Gorge ski areas. It's an easy 3-hour drive (160 miles) up Interstate 80 from the San Francisco Bay Area.

The club was founded in 1938 as the Marin Skate and Ski Club. In 1958, the Club purchased property in Soda Springs, California near Sugar Bowl Ski Area and Donner Summit. Over the next several years, members designed and built a 3,300 square foot Lodge from the ground up.

Several members possessed needed building skills that guided and taught other less skilled members, enabling the Lodge to be first opened for use for the 1960-1961 ski season.

<https://www.marinskiclub.org/home>

BAC has had another busy and successful year even with the challenges that the pandemic presented. This is in no small part due to the dedicated cadre of volunteers that have the passion and drive to make BAC the fantastic Council that it is and will continue to be.

I would like to welcome home following BAC Board of Directors that were elected at our April BAC General Council Meeting:

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## Fran Long Central Council



Central Council is made up of six member clubs. Our mission as a council is to build friendships, and support our larger organizations, Far West Ski Association, and the National Ski Council Federation. Visit our Meetup site for council information, and links to our member clubs' information: <http://www.meetup.com/Central-Council-Ski-Clubs>

Central Council ski clubs, like all other clubs, cancelled most of their ski season planned activities. While organized, club sponsored trips were cancelled, scattered members of various clubs got together to ski in small groups. We are all looking forward to a more 'normal' ski season in the coming year. Trips are in the planning stages now, but information can be found for each of our clubs by clicking on the links below.

Central Council does not directly plan/organize ski trips. Our clubs do a fine job of that on their own! As a council, we do support the FWSA travel program. We are currently actively recruiting for the FWSA North American ski week to Snowmass in 2022. Information on all FWSA travel destinations is passed on to our clubs for their encouraged

participation.

We are a group that loves our winter sports, but we love our fun in the sun just as much. Check out our clubs' contact information below for planned summer fun and activities. Think hikes, bike rides, camp trips, etc.

Fresno Ski Club: [www.fresnoskiclub.com](http://www.fresnoskiclub.com)

SLO Skiers: [www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org)

Santa Barbara Ski Club: [www.sbski.org](http://www.sbski.org)

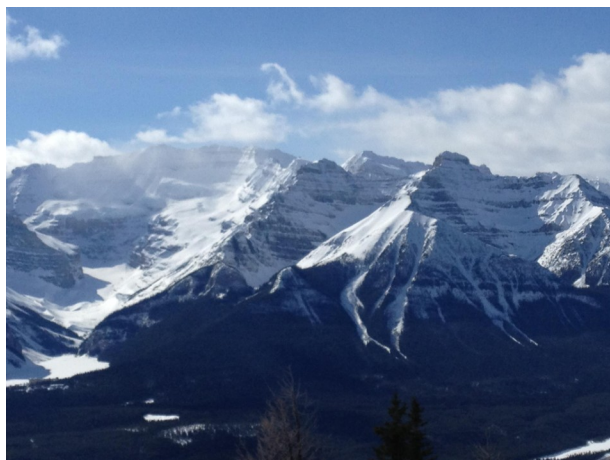
Avalanche Ski Club: Contact Donna Webb, [blazek-webb@gmail.com](mailto:blazek-webb@gmail.com)

Camber Ski Club: Contact Jayne Camic, [camic-ski@aol.com](mailto:camic-ski@aol.com)

Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts: Contact Bob Strickland, [bstrick60@att.net](mailto:bstrick60@att.net)

Clovis Ski and Travel Club: Contact Kim Riehl, [kim-riehl18@gmail.com](mailto:kim-riehl18@gmail.com)

Photo provided by: Central Council of  
Ski Clubs







## Jennifer Coutts Intermountain Ski Council



The Intermountain Ski Council (ISC) has come a long way from summer 2020 when it nearly disbanded to where it is now: meeting regularly with a functional board, new website and social media pages and we are currently planning a get-together in Lava Hot Springs, ID for the first weekend in August. The by-laws have been reviewed and amended for the first time since 2008 and we have also agreed to host the 2023 FWSA convention in Boise, ID. As with all councils, the COVID-19 pandemic halted a lot of activity and some of the earlier efforts to revive itself but now the future of the ISC is looking brighter with each passing month. We are thankful for the folks within the FWSA and the clubs of ISC who have been helping to make that happen! The ISC serves ski clubs in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, S. Dakota and Colorado and we currently have 10 member clubs.

The members of the **Bogus Basin Ski Club** in Boise enjoy skiing, biking, hiking, whitewater rafting, community service projects, athlete sponsorship programs and social outings. With the exception of 2020 of course, for 55 consecutive years they have presented the annual Warren Miller movies which draws a nice crowd and is a good fundraiser for the club. They have been recognized by FWSA as a historic ski club, serving its community since 1937.

The **Cheyenne Ski Club** in Wyoming found clever and fun ways to stay active during the uncertainty of the past year. They organized backcountry outings, charitable giving opportunities, a socially-distanced Christmas cookie exchange and Zoom learning sessions on things like tuning skis and reading terrain. This club is also one of FWSA's designated historic ski clubs and has been moving and grooving since 1959.



The **Sublette County Ski & Snowboard Association** in Wyoming provides ski/snowboard activities to members, sponsors events like races and ski swaps and scholarships to youth & teens. It also offers discounts on tickets to Grand Targhee, Snow King and Jackson Hole resorts in addition to select sporting goods stores. Earlier this year they held 2 races at White Pine Resort: the annual Sunny Korfanta G.S. and the Flamingo Cup G.S. where they had over 200 pink flamingos on the hill!

The newest club to join the ISC is the **Northern Wasatch Ski & Social Club** in Mountain Green, UT. This club officially organized in November 2019 and was promptly slowed down by the pandemic just a few months later. However, since September 2020 it has successfully organized hiking trips, group ski days, snowshoeing, bike rides and dinner socials. They invite anyone 21+ who loves to explore the Utah mountains, snow covered or not, to join this small (and growing!) fun group.

Several of our member clubs have some exciting summer activities planned and we are also looking forward to representing our council at this year's convention in San Diego. Our annual general council meeting is also scheduled to be held in November. You can check out our new website at [www.intermountainskicouncil.weebly.com](http://www.intermountainskicouncil.weebly.com).

Photos provided by: Intermountain Ski Council





## Sandy Blackwell

### Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (LAC) consists of 24 clubs, which include snowsports, water sports, and a bit more social type of club, that covers a large area from Santa Barbara to the north, the Inland Empire to the east and just south of Long Beach.

Snow skiing/boarding, sailing, biking, socials, movie premieres, ski patrol, you name it, we have a club that does it – and we can because we have the most diverse area that can encompass ALL those activities.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort is the Best place for skiing for LAC. It is a five-hour drive from central Los Angeles and offers an exciting mix of outdoor activities year-round (skiing, biking, hiking, camping, jazz concerts, hot springs, and fishing) for the club members. The 2020 ski year ended abruptly mid-March due to Covid, and of course after that Mammoth got 10 feet of snow. Come the end of 2020 and skiing opened again, our LAC skiers were back at Mammoth individually or in small groups having a great time starting in December 2020. This continued until the end of April 2021 with some of the best skiing anyone has seen.



*The Councilman, Summer 2021*

#### **Sun Valley, 2021**

At the end of January, into February, a few intrepid and enthusiastic skiers from most of the FWSA councils headed to Sun Valley Ski Resort – one of the premier ski resorts in the United States. A total of 105 participants heads an interesting trip to Sun Valley and some of The Best Skiing they could ask for, and no racing because of Covid, meant more skiing.

This was such a different ski week with an assortment of challenges – no welcome party, no council night dinner, Thursday dinner dance – came in a box and you went back to your room, no après party on Friday, no cocktail hour, due to Covid. The Resort kitchen and Concierge staff did a great job of putting this all together, and the food was fabulous. FWSA staff - **Nancy Ellis**, and her husband, **Bob Ellis**, and **Marilyn Sigler** worked hard, as events changed daily. What I noticed all week, despite what we could not do, despite event changes and issues, *Everyone Was Having A Great Time! Everyone Was Gracious! Everyone Was Patient.* All of these qualities from the entire group made this such a wonderful week!

#### **Snowmass**

Next year, 2022, Los Angeles Council will be heading to Snowmass, Co. We are thrilled to have one of the club presidents as our trip leader for the Snowmass trip, Bruce Lee, Beach Cities Ski Club, is doing a great job for us. Todd Hood, LAC VP of Travel, continues to keep us updated on what events that FWSA is doing and I am

glad he is continuing on with LAC.

Los Angeles Council is also involved in a well-organized race season within Far West Racing Association, with the ROKKA Race League, headed by Laura Priess. Included on the schedule are the Ski, Ride & Race Week, three race weekends, the SoCal Championships, and the Far West Championships, usually held in Mammoth, CA.

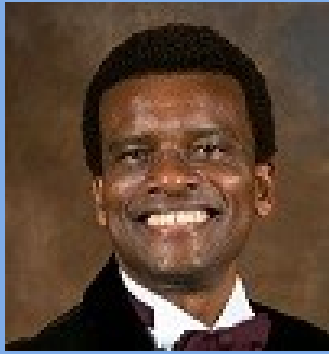
The Council is planning on its annual (except for last year – due to Covid issues) Snow Gala. This event also has the honor of finding out which man and woman from all the clubs that nominate – will be the Council's Man and Woman of the Year Honorees in June 2022 in Portland.

The Council's monthly meetings were held via Zoom over the last year, and I thank all the clubs and persons that participated. These will continue via Zoom, but on a quarterly basis.

For details regarding all the Los Angeles clubs and activities, please visit us at [www.lacouncil.org](http://www.lacouncil.org).







## Todd Hood

### National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region



The National Brotherhood of Skiers successfully hosted its first Virtual Black Summit February 26-28, 2021 to substitute an in-person event due to the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The online event included an opening ceremony and a parade of clubs, happy hours and parties with DJ's, leadership meetings, a comedy show, the annual Gospelfest spirit-filled celebration, an online auction, a movie night featuring a popcorn fundraiser, a game night, an online brunch featuring a wine tasting, and a PSIA continuing education workshop. The NBS Sno Pros service club were officially inducted to the NBS and the Western Region as the first club to cater to snowsports industry professionals (instructors, ski patrols, resort personnel, etc.). This first event of its kind has set the stage for future NBS Black Summits, especially the 50th anniversary in 2023. Sponsors of the 2021 NBS Virtual Black Summit include the United States Ski and Snowboard Association, Alterra, Epic Pass, Fat Tire, LamontJosephWhite.com (an artist in residence at Snowbird Ski Resort), Aspen/Snowmass, Spyder, Smartwool, Matek, Progression Brands, and Ski.com.

The club leaders and regional board of the NBS Western Region recognized April 24, 2021 as "Haymon T. Jahi Leadership Excellence Day" in memoriam of Haymon Jahi, a former national NBS President, NBS Western Region Vice President, NBS Western Region Director, and President of Fire & Ice Ski Club of San Jose, CA who passed due to complications caused by COVID-19 following the NBS Black

Summit in Sun Valley, Idaho in March 2020.

On May 1, 2021, the NBS Western Region hosted a Zoom workshop on "Facebook for Snowsports Clubs" that was moderated by the Northwest Ski Club Council Social Media Chair and FWSA Woman of the Year, Becki Robinson. On June 5, 2021, NBS Western Region Operations Improvement Seminars Chair and Director of Education, Afarah Board moderated a leadership development session via Zoom, "Are You Ready to Get Back to Normal? Let's Not - Let's Rise to the Next Level!"

The National Brotherhood of Skiers Western Region is committed to working with other snowsports organizations to pursue initiatives to cultivate cultural harmony including, and not limited to establishing goals for supporting athletes, beneficiaries, and vendors of color; conducting programs including and not limited to inviting guests and speakers of color for keynote events; considering people of color for employment and membership roles, highlighting activities and achievements made by people of color in snowsports; and conducting panels and workshops highlighting issues concerning people of color. Interested sponsors are welcome to contact [sponsorship@nbswr.org](mailto:sponsorship@nbswr.org) to investigate ways they may partner with the NBS Western Region.

The NBS Western Region is joining with the Far West Ski Association to increase the "level of welcome" in snowsports on and off the slopes as

part of the NBS Western Region's Cultural Harmony Initiative (CHI). In addition to promoting athletes of color, the organizations will seek opportunities to educate and expose member clubs and councils to the concepts of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The NBS Western Region will moderate a session at the Far West Ski Association Annual Convention Snowsports Leadership Academy on October 9, 2021 in San Diego, CA named "Race to the Finish - How to be a JEDI on and off the Slopes". This session will present questions and answers for participants to exchange input and insights about race, gender, sex, and a myriad of characteristics that divide us, in order for us to unite for fun, adventure, and successful relationships, on and off the slopes. We will not solve the problems of the world, but the Far West Ski Association hopes to positively impact our small section of it.

Just like the phoenix, the member clubs of the NBS Western Region will rise! In 2022, we expect to attend the 49th anniversary of the NBS Black Summit (<http://www.nbs.org>) in Aspen Snowmass, CO from February 5 - 12, 2022, and the NBS Western Region Urban Winterfest (<http://www.urbanwinterfest.net>) from January 13-17, 2022.

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## Chris Ciardi Northwest Ski Club Council



We are proud to report that our Racing League PACRAT was the only FWSA league that was able to actually race in 2020/21. Their board of directors worked hard with our local ski resorts to be sure that we met the Oregon state COVID restrictions for the safety of both racers and resort employees. Resorts could not accommodate weekend racing due to capacity restrictions. Therefore, league racers were split into two weekday groups: afternoon and evening. They were able to complete 4 afternoon and 4 night races. It was the first time for night racing which was yet another challenge. After parties will be back next season.

The ski season in the Pacific Northwest was fantastic. All resorts had restrictions on capacity, with different methods of limiting participation. Several limited parking, many had online lift ticket sales, and one only did night skiing. The area resorts were very happy to have so many skiers and boarders. Returning the full capacity and full amenities is anticipated for the 21/22 season. We are happy that the season went off smoothly and the summer activities are starting nicely.

Although NWSCC did not participate in Ski Week 2021, preparations are going strong in support of the FWSA Ski Week in Aspen/Snowmass, January 2022.

Board of Directors meetings for NWSCC, as well as, our Council meetings for all club members continue to be virtual. One fantastic advantage of virtual meetings are the increased participation from member clubs in the Seattle area. We have a new BOD member, Marc Galt from that area which has been a great addition. He is bringing his social media expertise in Facebook to help market the Council, our activities, our industry partners, and creating more interest overall. We now have a NWSCC Group where individuals can share information, photos, etc.

Succession planning is still a priority for our council board of directors. Elections 2021 will be electronic again. We have been encouraged with additional participation by clubs not in our immediate area. Thanks to technology and the pandemic for some new faces and perspectives.

FWSA 2022 Convention planning is now moving forward. NWSCC and Portland, Oregon are looking forward to hosting the FWSA family of skiers, boarders, resorts, and other industry members.





## Ira Lindfeld San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



San Diego Council is enthusiastically working on the upcoming FWSA Convention to be held in San Diego from October 7-10, 2021. After postponement from our original June 2021 date, it is progressing well.

Chris Gill and Barbara Blase, are our Host Council Convention Coordinators. They assembled their group of committees in early 2020. Using strategic planning and ongoing committee meetings, this will be a highly creative and successful Convention. All our local clubs have been involved in this effort. We are looking forward to all of the events we have planned to include:

### Wednesday, 10/6

Kickoff event with a visit to Coronado.

### Thursday, 10/7

Sail around San Diego Harbor  
Bike Ride by the Beach  
Taste of San Diego Oktoberfest Pub Crawl

### Friday, 10/8

14th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament  
Aqua Adventures Kayak Tour  
Trolley Tour of La Jolla including Mt. Soledad Memorial  
Happy Hour & Silent Auction

### Saturday, 10/9

Travel Expo  
Luncheon with guest speakers  
Snowsports Leadership Academy  
Public Affairs Panels  
Awards Banquet

### Sunday, 10/10

FWSA General Meeting and Elections

The 2020-21 Ski Season was different, to say the least. Skiers are known for their adaptability and responded well to new regulations to enjoy their favorite sport. In California, once the hotel protocols were eased, the season had more normalcy. A late snow season allowed people to enjoy the controlled conditions. North Island Snowdrifters were able to offer two Mammoth bus trips with appropriate social distancing. They also offered a fly away trip to Utah, which was well attended.

All the San Diego clubs held zoom meetings that evolved to outdoor gatherings as the tier system allowed. Recently more outdoor activities were held with limited capacity. Everyone seems ready to get back to normal.

We are proud to have you 'Sail into San Diego' and look forward to showing you our beautiful city. See you in October.

Snowdrifters Ski Club

Mammoth Mountain

Photo by: Neil King





## Jo Simpson Sierra Council



After a year of quarantining and Zoom meetings, we are looking forward to summer outdoor activities. Our larger clubs are looking forward to picnics and barbecues, hiking, biking and camping.

While traveling to ski was curtailed, those of us who are fortunate enough to live near the slopes were able to enjoy a welcome social outlet skiing with friends. We dealt with the restrictions and tolerated booting up in the parking lots to enjoy the sport we love.

Racing didn't happen for us this season, although some of our racers participated in masters race training programs operated at some Tahoe resorts.

Our Travel VP Carlene Boutacoff did a wonderful job of marketing and remotely managing Sierra's participation in the FWSA ski week at Sun Valley. She was ably assisted by Barbara Mauldin who provided day to

day onsite management of the trip.

A number of those on the trip pitched in to help, as well. Bill Ramoni transported snacks and beverages and dispensed them from his condo with the Donellan's. Betty Donellan organized a bowling party that was enjoyed by many. Paul Vandervoort provided entertainment at one of the FWSA sponsored events. We are grateful for all our trip participants who pitched in to make the trip enjoyable.

We are thrilled to have AJ Hurt return for the fourth year as the Sierra Council Frank App Scholarship winner. She is attending Dartmouth College and has finished her fourth season on the World Cup circuit at just age 20! She scored points in four disciplines this past season—parallel, slalom, GS and downhill. She has been named to the USSA B Team for 2021-2022.

Copper Mountain

Photo by: Debie Frickie





(Continued from page 29 Bay Area Snow Sports Council)

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The BAC is moving forward with having events during the non-ski season to continue a focus on what our council represents and validate why clubs should be part of us. In turn, we are also sharing why people should join our Member Clubs.

The FWSA Ski Week in Sun Valley, Idaho was another big hit! Even though fewer club members went on the trip, those that did had a great time. The snow conditions were very good. I would like to thank **Gail Burns (BAC Travel Director)** for coordinating the event for the Council during these challenging times. Thank you also to **Ms. Nancy Ellis (FWSA VP of North American Travel), and the Entire FWSA Travel Staff** for all their contributions and efforts in making this a successful and fun trip!

The FWSA Ski Week to Aspen/Snowmass in 2021 is already full for the Council.

The Italy Bike and Barge that had originally been scheduled in August 2020 has been rescheduled to August 2022. The trip is already full, with a waiting list. I see everyone is anxious to travel after being vaccinated and as the Pandemic recedes.

This year we are very proud to be represented by our BAC Man and Woman of the Year. Our BAC Woman of the Year is Marci Lyzun from Inskiers Ski Club. Our Man of the Year is Don Shaver from Modesto Ski Club.

In closing . . . I have had the honor and privilege of representing The Greatest Council in FWSA. The dynamic and diverse people who have been and currently are members of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Far West Ski Association Board of Directors that continue make BAC a thriving and successful Council.

(Continued from page 3 President's message)

Joe Harvis, VP of Communications, has done a great job at keeping our website up to date. The new website allows FWSA to better manage our membership, conventions, trips and much more. Please go to the website and check it out.

I would like to thank everyone (Board of Directors, Trustees, Council Presidents and Committee Chairs) for all the work and support they continuously give to FWSA. We have held several virtual Board and Committee meetings during this time with the COVID restrictions and we have gotten a lot of great work done due to the many dedicated volunteers doing working to improve our FWSA programs. Thanks for your countless hours and continued outstanding efforts in helping to maintain the success of the Far West Ski Association.

Be sure to go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) often to see what is happening in FWSA. The website offers information on our travel programs, conventions, memberships, and more, plus our publications such as the annual *Far West Skier's Guide* and *The Councilman* are also on the website.

I hope to see everyone soon, as the country starts to open back up and we can get together again.

Gloria Raminha  
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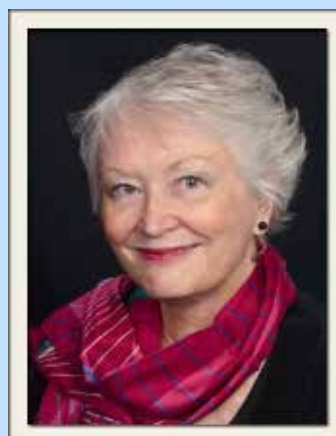
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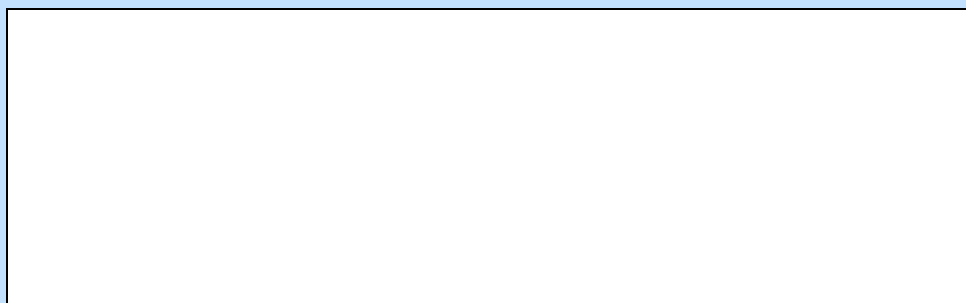


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