

Far West News *Flash*

AUGUST 2021

Far West Ski Association

FAR WEST CONVENTION – 2 MONTHS AND COUNTING: OCTOBER 7-10, 2021. If you haven't already, put these dates on your calendars **NOW!** We want to see you all in San Diego. The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is busy, busy with plans for the *88th Annual Far West Convention 2021*. Online and mail in registration is available. The cut-off date is SEPTEMBER 10, for most activities, so don't wait! Registration fees will go up from \$175 to \$185 on September 11th, so get your registration in **NOW!** We will have several optional activities on Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday prior to the Kick-Off of the Silent Auction and Trade Show on Friday night. We have some exciting guests this year, including **Bruce Campbell** and **Howard Koch**, former members of the *10th Mountain Division*, along with three other World War II vets: **Tom Rice**, **Gil Nadeau**, and **Andre Chappaz**, who will be sharing some great stories of their times in the service, on Saturday afternoon. A factful Public Affairs Session on Climate Change with Meteorologist, **Shawn Styles**, and GM of Tamarack Resort, **Jon Reveal** will take place on Saturday morning. **Chris Anthony**, film maker of the recently named Best Historic Film at the Cannes World Film Festival, 2021 "*Mission Mt. Mangart*" will be our Keynote Speaker on Saturday, following lunch. Room reservations **ARE AVAILABLE NOW** at: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1616103971646&key=GRP&app=resvlinko>

BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT SOLD: *Blue Mountain Resort*, which has been locally run for more than four decades, is now — or soon to be — under the management of the private equity-backed company that operates Camelback Resort in the Poconos. KSL Resorts will manage Blue Mountain Resort, located in one of the Poconos' most spectacular settings and is the ideal complement to Camelback's numerous indoor and outdoor adventures. KSL is going to infuse it with a lot of cash, add on some new and exciting attractions and be able to move forward with a lot of their plans that they have put on hold for quite a while for various reasons. It will be a big help to them and will create more jobs in the county.

EXTELL, UTAH EYES PARTNERSHIP WITH DEER VALLEY: The developer of the *Mayflower Mountain Resort* says it could have skiers on the slopes in less than three years. Whether those slopes access Deer Valley Resort remains to be seen. Extell, Utah, the developer of the Mayflower Mountain Resort, hopes to start lifting skiers onto the back side of Deer Valley for the 2023/24 winter season. Mayflower is next to Deer Valley on the west side of the Jordanelle reservoir. The intent of this would be a state-of-the-art, beautiful lift that would take you right from the base of the ski beach, between the Mayflower existing lift at Deer Valley and the Sultan base, so you would have the ability to ski to either of those or back down toward the ski beach at Mayflower. Stay tuned for future news.

INDY PASS ADDS MORE RESORTS: *Snow Valley*, Calif., *Ski Marmot Basin*, Alberta, *Titus Mountain*, N.Y., and *Montage Mountain*, Pa., have all joined the Indy Pass roster for winter 2021-22, bringing the Indy Pass coalition up to 72 resort partners in 27 states and provinces. In addition, the Indy Pass is expanding beyond North America with the inclusion of four Japanese resort partners: *Geto Kogan*, *Tazawako*, *Okunakayama Kogen*, and *Shimokura/Panorama*, giving the Indy Pass holders up to eight days of skiing and riding in the Tohoku region of Japan's main island, Honshu.

FAR WEST ELECTIONS

FAR WEST OFFICER ELECTIONS 2021: The Far West Ski Association Annual Meeting & Convention will be held October 7-10, 2021, in San Diego, CA. Voting for FWSA Officer and Trustees will occur on

Sunday, October 10. ALL Board positions are up for election. Listed below are names of those who have committed to run at this time. We will continue to add names as they come in.

Officers – 1-year terms:

- President - Gloria Raminha (incumbent)
- Secretary - no **declared candidate**
- Treasurer – Randy Lew (incumbent)

Carryovers from 2020:

1-year term remaining:

- Trustee (2 positions) - Linda Westlund (incumbent), Tucker Hoffman
- VP Communications - Joe Harvis (incumbent)
- VP International Travel – Debbie Stewart (incumbent)
- VP Marketing - Debbi Kor (incumbent)
- VP Membership - **no declared candidate**

Positions open for 2-year terms:

- Trustee (2 positions) - Tom Bundgard (incumbent), Sheri Parshall
- VP Council Services - Chris Gill (incumbent)
- VP North American Travel – Nancy Ellis (incumbent)
- VP Public Affairs – Lina Arnold

If you have an interest in serving as an Officer or Trustee, please contact Steve Coxen at pastpresident@fwsa.org or phone (503) 679-9022. For a copy of FWSA Qualifications for the positions of President, Treasurer, Trustee, VP of International Travel, and VP of North American Travel, please contact Steve Coxen. All candidates must be members in good standing of clubs affiliated with FWSA or a direct member of FWSA. Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of the elections.

FWSA By-Laws, Job Descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. Click on the “About” tab, then click on the “Governance” tab. For information or advice on running for any FWSA office contact a member of the FWSA Nominating Committee:

- Steve Coxen, Nominations Committee Chair, pastpresident@fwsa.org
- Todd Hood, Succession Planning Committee Chair, successionplanning@fwsa.org

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FAR WEST 2021 DIVE TRIP: *3 spots still available!* The 2021 Dive Trip will be October 9-16, 2021 to the wonderful *Anthony’s Key Resort* in *Roatan, Honduras*. We have great pricing for their top-of-the-line Key Deluxe lodging, meals, and 6 days of 3 tank boat dives. *We currently have a single man looking for a roommate.* Only 1 room left!! The registration forms and additional information are available on the website or contacting Randy Lew at divetrips@fwsa.org

FWSA SKI WEEK 2022: *Aspen/Snowmass Resort* will be the destination, **January 29 – February 5, 2022** for the annual Far West Ski Week. We will be staying in Snowmass Resort and participants have a choice of ski in/ski out lodging or units a short walk to the ski hill. The Snowmass base area has many new restaurants, lodging, and activities such as a climbing wall and ice rink. The *Alpine “Breath-taker” Mountain Coaster* now traverses the mountain slopes. Put the dates of this trip on your calendar and contact your Council Trip Leader for more information.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK: *Space Available* - *Solden, Austria* will be the setting for the 2022 International Ski Week. Dates are **February 26 - March 5th** and will include 7 nights lodging at the 4-Star *Tyrolerhof Hotel*, including daily breakfast & dinner at the hotel. We’ll be offering an optional day tour during

the week if one chooses to explore the local culture. There will be an extension to the *Black Forest*, Germany, **March 5-11, 2022**. If one chooses to not go to *Solden*, but wants to do the *Black Forest extension*, we will fly you from the US to join us for the extension trip – we call this the “Stand Alone” trip. For more information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net.

FWSA MINI SKI WEEK: The *Zermatt Utah Resort* Mini Trip has now been set for **March 20 - 25, 2022**. Participants will have the option to ski/ride *Deer Valley, Park City, and Sundance Resorts*. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: garski2011@gmail.com; 661-800-8229. Stay tuned for further Information.

FWSA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE 2022: There's still plenty of time to sign up for the *Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise*. Participants can sign up for the *Denali Tour, June 21 – 25, 2022* or *Alaska Inside Passage Cruise, June 25 - July 2, 2022*, or for the combined two trips. The Denali Trip starts with two days in Fairbanks, AK, followed by two days in Denali, and ends in Anchorage for those doing this portion only. The Inside passage Alaska Cruise starts in Whittier and travels southward with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan before docking in Vancouver, BC. Trip information and registration available on the FWSA.org website or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL “ADVENTURE TRIP”: The Trip to Croatia has now been set for **September 2 to September 11, 2022**. Departure date from the U.S. will be September 1st. For further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net.

FAR WEST FOUNDATION

FAR WEST FOUNDATION SEEKS DONATIONS: The overarching objective of the Far West Ski Foundation (FWSF) is to sustain snowsport to ensure that the inspirational experiences of snowsport will remain for future generations. The snowsport umbrella includes training and competition in alpine disciplines, cross country skiing, jumping, and snowboarding. Snowsport also includes enabling the disabled as well as research and educational programs. The Foundation makes long term investments to meet its objective and mission areas by raising funds from individuals and organizations. It then grants funds to those recipient organizations that conduct programs in the Foundation’s several mission areas.

Please consider supporting our efforts by donating whatever you can. We appreciate the support received from our many friends throughout the Far West Ski Association, it’s member councils, clubs and yes, its individual members like you. Donations can be made via check or credit card using PayPal directly through our website, www.farwestskifoundation.org. Contact John Reinhardt, treasurer@farwestskifoundation.org to donate or for more information.

NOTE: The Far West Ski Foundation needs an experienced grant writer to volunteer to help the foundation search out and apply for all grants available to aid our efforts to continue to our support snowsport mission. If you are someone with this background or know of someone who is, please contact FWSF president, John Watson, president@farwestskifoundation.org soonest.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

INTERMOUNTAIN COUNCIL: The Intermountain Council hosted its first annual summer club get together at Lava Hot Springs, ID. President Jenn Coutts, Treasurer, Barbara Hill, and Secretary Lynda Clark did an awesome job of putting it all together with help from the attending clubs.

The clubs that had representation were: The Northern Wasatch Ski and Social Club, Bogus Basin Ski Club, Idaho Falls Ski Club, and the Cheyenne Ski Club. In all, 15 members enjoyed the weekend from Friday – Sunday with all the Lava activities. We had a golf tournament (Bill Coutts- winner), Horseshoe tournament (Bill

Coutts and Nate Hill-Winners), water cannon shooting (Steve Strickland and Cliff Sell) along with floating the river and just relaxing in the hot springs.

We had a wonderful barbeque dinner (thanks to Bill and Tom for cooking) Saturday evening in the Garden Park where we had a corn hole tournament. It was a terrific time that we all can build on for next summer.

Stay safe! Stay healthy!