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# THE COUNCILMAN

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



*Highlights from the Far West Ski Association*

*Promotional information for Far West Ski Association's  
89th Annual Convention,*

*Holiday Inn - Portland, Columbia Riverfront*

*Sponsored by Northwest Ski Club Council*

*June 9-12, 2022*



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Cover photo: Copper Mountain slope

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**GLORIA RAMINHA,  
PRESIDENT**

Greetings,

This will be my last article as FWSA President. I have decided not to run again knowing that my successor (who ever that might be) will do a great job. I was elected in 2018 and it has been an honor for me to be such a huge part of this great organization and to work with such an excellent Board of Directors and volunteers. I would like to thank everyone (Board of Directors, Trustees, Council Presidents, Committee Chairs, and all the volunteers) for all the work and support they continuously give to FWSA. We have many dedicated volunteers doing great work 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. Even though I won't be serving as President, I won't be going away, as I will still be on the Board of Directors as the Past President.

Things are getting sort of back to normal since 2020 when we got hit with the COVID Pandemic. Our travel programs are now back on a regular schedule, and we were able to hold the 2021 San Diego Convention last October.

I'd like to thank Nancy Ellis, our VP of North American Travel, her travel staff and Ski.com for a terrific FWSA Ski Week at Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado the end of January and early February. It was very challenging to make all the arrangements since COVID protocol continuously changed. Most of the normal ski week activities such as our welcome party and

farewell dinner were cancelled due to COVID protocols which did not allow us to hold events indoors with large groups. Nancy Ellis, her Travel Staff and the Council Trip Leaders made it work. The ski week turned out to be a great success. I'd 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. Our 2023 Ski Week will be held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, January 21st to 28th. Nancy will be working closely with Sandy Gaudette and Skigroup.net. Be sure to book your spot early with your council. There will be lots of skiing, boarding and some fantastic and fun FWSA ski week activities.

This year's Mini Ski Trip is in Utah, staying at the Zermatt Resort Hotel in Midway. Our members skied Deer Valley, Park City and Sundance. Gloria Saiya-Woods with Ski.com and I worked together organizing a fun filled trip of skiing and activities.

A big thanks goes out to Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel, who led approximately 40 participants on the Solden, Austria for the International ski week and a post trip to the Black Forest in Germany. Debbie worked closely with Holiday Ski Tours to create an excellent International winter ski trip and post trip. Debbie has gone through many challenging times organizing International trips with constant changes in COVID protocols. Please read Debbie's article in this issue of The Councilman which will cover more of the exciting

adventures of this trip. In 2023, Debbie will take our International skiers to Zermatt, Switzerland.

Our Athletic Scholarship Program continues to be a success under the leadership of David Krupp. With the generosity of our industry partners, Whitefish Mountain Resort, Kandahar Lodge and Grouse Mountain Lodge, and Schure Sports, Inc, the makers of the Karbon brand ski clothing and Far West Racing Association, we typically award \$15,000 to \$17,000 each year in scholarships to deserving junior racers. Unfortunately, with the COVID Pandemic we didn't award as much as we would have liked. Thanks to all who donate to this program, and please keep donating.

I want to thank Debbi Kor and the FWSA convention staff who have worked tirelessly planning our Annual Convention which will be held at the Holiday Inn – Portland, Columbia Riverfront, Oregon June 9th to 12th, 2022 and hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council. There is lots of planning to hold a Convention. Debbi and her committee are doing a great job of organizing the events so everyone can enjoy. This year, our keynote speaker will be Phil Mahre.

Be sure to go the [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) 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

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## Sheri Parshall Host Convention Chair

Hey Far Westers! We know it seems like just yesterday we were “Sailing Into San Diego” with our friends in the San Diego Council.

Well, we hope you’ve recovered, because it’s time to go “Rollin’ On The River” with your buddies Up North! Northwest Ski Club Council can’t wait to play host to all of our Far West Friends! Here are just a few river adventures we hope you’ll enjoy with us:

### **Mt. Hood Adventure Tour**

This will be a five-hour bus tour of the Mt. Hood Loop that will include a stop and tour of the historic Timberline Lodge, a visit to Government Camp and the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, a lunch at Cooper Spur (an old ski lodge on Mt. Hood’s east slope), a drive through scenic Hood River, kite boarding capital of the US, then following the Columbia River

to an ice cream cone stop at the stunning Multnomah Falls.

### **25th Anniversary Pub Crawl**

Yep, it’s been 25 years since the very first pub crawl, which also happened in Portland, in 1997. This year we’ll be visiting our across-the-river neighbor, Vancouver, Washington, with fabulous brews, dinner on (you guessed it) the Columbia River, and dessert on the brand-spanking-new Vancouver Waterfront District. Not to be missed!!

### **“It’s Not Your Daddy’s” Michael German Annual Golf Tournament**

This year, we’re playing 20 holes of par 3 executive course golf—you just need a pitching wedge and a putter, because you may need your other hand to hold a beverage or two. Located on a former poor farm with scenic views of the Columbia River Gorge, McMenamin’s Edgefield will

host this year’s tournament, followed by a barbecue at the home of Sheri and Dale Parshall (who live on a lake—are you getting the theme, here?)

### **Southwest Washington Wine Tour**

We’ll start you in a tasting room on the Vancouver riverfront, and then take you by bus to some of our favorite Southwest Washington Wineries. Lunch is included.

We have a great line-up of public affairs speakers, and SLA panels are being designed as I write. We’ve got a great band lined up to go “Rockin’ and Rollin’ on the River” on Saturday night, too.

Oh. I have two more words for you.

Phil. Mahre. Need I say more? Come to Portland!

Your NWSCC Host Convention Chair

Sheri Parshall



### **“The Voice of the Western Skier”**



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89<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Far West Ski Association  
Convention**  
June 9 - 12, 2022  
at the  
**Holiday Inn Portland  
Columbia Riverfront**



Hosted by the *Northwest Ski Club Council*

### **Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront**

909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217

#### **Reservations:**

Call **1-503-283-4466**, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association.**

**Room Rates per night plus tax** single or double occupancy —  
**\$154** per night

**Room Registration Deadline** May 10, 2022

#### **Hotel Features**

- Located on the Columbia River
- Breathtaking views of Mt. Hood & Mt. St. Helens
- Outdoor Pool and jacuzzi
- Riverside deck for Friday Night Happy Hour
- Restaurant & Lounge • JB's Night Club
- Business Center
- Fitness Center

#### **Transportation**

- Fly into Portland International Airport
- 12 miles to Hotel via Uber, Cab, Red/Yellow Max Line

### **Convention Highlights**

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

### **Optional Activities**

- **Thursday**
  - Mt. Hood Adventure
  - Pub Crawl in Downtown Vancouver
- **Friday**
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  - Wine Tour
  - Pool Party

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

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



## 89th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront  
Portland, Oregon – June 9-12, 2022

**“Rollin’ On The River”**



### Welcome FWSA Club Presidents and Convention Delegates:

Attached you will find the registration materials for the **Far West Ski Association’s Convention**, Thursday through Sunday, **June 9-12, 2022** at *Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront*, in Portland, Oregon.

#### **Deadlines:**

**May 10 is the deadline** for early registration of **\$179**. The price will go up to **\$189 on May 11, through May 19**. After that, the fees go up to **\$199**, beginning **May 20, until Convention**. **May 10 is also the deadline** for submission of **ALL** event fees. These include: Thursday’s Mount Hood Adventure, and Pub Crawl; Friday’s 15th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament and Northwest Wine Tour, along with a **FREE** Pool Party, at the *Holiday Inn Pool* in the afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00pm, before the evening events. Please submit all forms and payments to: **FWSA Registrar, c/o Jean McCCasey, 10635 Esmeraldas Dr., San Diego, CA 92124....or sign up online through [fwsa.org/connect](http://fwsa.org/connect).**

#### **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 May 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 Holiday Inn, Portland – Columbia Riverfront*. Per our contract, we have **NO RESORT FEES, FREE IN-ROOM WI-FI, & PARKING**. Refer to the enclosed flyer for the FWSA contracted room rates for our group. The *Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront* is located at 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon, 97217. Make your reservations by calling **503-283-4466**, 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 [Far West Ski - Holiday Inn Reservations](#). Make your room reservations before **May 12**, when the room block is released. **Once our room block is released, The Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront 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 \$154 from May 6 - 14 2022.**

#### **Transportation Information:**

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

#### **Theme – Rollin’ On The River:**

This year’s Convention theme is *Rollin’ On The River*, and features the Thursday evening Pub Crawl, across the river in Vancouver, Washington, and Friday evening Trade Show & Silent Auction. The Saturday Awards Banquet, with the theme “*Rock N Rollin’ on the River*” will be *Black-tie blue jean* attire.

#### **BIG CHANGE THIS YEAR, NO SEPARATE TRAVEL EXPO:**

The Travel Expo, which typically takes place on Saturday morning, will be combined into the Trade Show on Friday Night. Please bring your Club Profiles and business cards, and spend some extra time with your favorite resort partner planning a future trip.

#### **Contact Information:**

**Debbi Kor**, FWSA Convention Chairperson: [fwsadebbi@comcast.net](mailto:fwsadebbi@comcast.net) or 503-314-7078

**Sheri Parshall**, Host Council Coordinator: [cougskier@aol.com](mailto:cougskier@aol.com) 503-706-0522

**Jean McCCasey**, Convention Registrar [jlmcCasey@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmcCasey@yahoo.com), or 858-560-8722

If you have questions, please direct them to the appropriate person above. Welcome to the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual FWSA Convention.

**Debbi Kor, Sheri Parshall, Jean McCCasey**

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# 89<sup>th</sup> Annual FWSA Convention 2022

June 9-12, 2022, Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront



## 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: June 9 — Sun: June 12)

- Full Package** if paid by May 10, 2022    \$179 \_\_\_\_\_  
 – \$189 from 5/10 - 5/19, \$199 from 5/20
- Meetings Only** (No meals or parties)    \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Only**, Meetings & Lunch    \$55 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luncheon Only** (Must be purchased in advance)    \$45 \_\_\_\_\_
- Awards Dinner & Dance Only** (Must purchase in advance)    \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

### Extras

- Full Delegate Book** (All Reports)    \$13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 – Electronic copy available on fwsa.org
- Insulated Wine Mug**    \$16 \_\_\_\_\_  
 – with both the FWSA and NWSCC logo printed on it

### Optional Activities

Priority given to Registered Delegates/Industry

- Mt. Hood Adventure** (Thurs. June 9)    \$85 \_\_\_\_\_
- Pub Crawl - 25th Anniversary** - (Thurs: June 9)    \$81 \_\_\_\_\_
- "Not Your Daddy's" Golf Tournament** (Fri: June 10)    \$89 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specify Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ OR Novice  OR Last 3 Scores \_\_\_\_\_  
 Need Transportation to the Golf Course
- Club Rental (\$3): Left  or Right  Handed    \$3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Western Washington Wine Tour** (Fri: June 10)    \$79 \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

#### FWSA Convention Registrar

Jean McCassey  
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 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, 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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## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES



**\$85**

### Mt. Hood Adventure

**Thursday, June 9, 2022, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

Includes: Transportation, admission to all attractions, and lunch  
 Leader: Steve Coxen; [sacoxen2000@gmail.com](mailto:sacoxen2000@gmail.com); 503-679-9022  
 Sponsor: TBA



**\$81**

### Pub Crawl in the "Couve"

**Thursday, June 9, 2022, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

Includes: Transportation, 2 drinks, dinner, dessert  
 Leader: Shawn Storey; [irishcatty@gmail.com](mailto:irishcatty@gmail.com); 360-910-8709  
 Sponsor: Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation



**\$89**

### 15th Annual Michael German (Not Your Daddy's) Golf Tournament

**Friday, June 10, 2022, 6:30 am – 2:30 pm** at McMenamins Edgefield

Includes: Transportation, continental breakfast, golf clubs, lunch, awards  
 Leader: Sheri Parshall; [cougskier@aol.com](mailto:cougskier@aol.com); 503-706-0522  
 Sponsor: TBA



**\$79**

### Western Washington Wine Tour

**Friday, June 10, 2022, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm**

Includes: Transportation, wine tasting, lunch at Bethany Vineyard & Winery  
 Leader: Steve Coxen; [sacoxen2000@gmail.com](mailto:sacoxen2000@gmail.com); 503-679-9022  
 Sponsor: TBA



**Free**

### Pool Party

**Friday, June 10, 2022, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Includes: Fun and Games, snacks, 1 pool-side beverage  
 Hosts: Northwest Ski Club Council, Central Council of California  
 Sponsor: TBA

Sign up for 2022 FWSA Optional Activities by **May 10, 2022** using the **Registration Form** or **online** at [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org).





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***“Rollin’ On The River”***

**Thursday, June 9, 2022**

8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Mt. Hood Adventure – <i>Sponsored by</i>	Meet-Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only)	Weyerhaeuser
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration - Delegate Bags <i>Sponsored by Mt. Hood Meadows, Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, Timberline, &amp; Mt. Hood Skibowl</i> , Neck Wallets – <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Delegate Book - <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>	Ballroom Foyer
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Ballroom Foyer
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Pub Crawl Registration (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski &amp; Resort Corporation</i>	Ballroom Foyer

**Friday, June 10, 2022**

7:00 am - 2:30 pm	15th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at McMenamin’s Edgefield, Shotgun-Start at 8:00 am - <i>Sponsored by</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Silent Auction Room Set Up	Grand Ballroom
10:30 am - 2:30 pm	Wine Tour of Washington Wineries – <i>Sponsored by Brian Head Ski Resort</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Pod Party - <i>Sponsored by Aspen &amp; Snowmass Tourism</i> Hosted by <i>Central Council</i>	Red Lion Pool
3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Industry Registration and Booth Set Up	Grand Ballroom
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Ballroom Foyer
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Convention 101	Weyerhaeuser
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Meeting	Grand Ballroom
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Councils’ Volunteer of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only)	FWSA Suite
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Club Happy Hour	Red Lion River Deck
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party - <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area</i> , Beer <i>Donated by</i> , Wine Service – <i>Sponsored by Ski Group.Net</i>	JB’s Lounge (Alt)
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	36th Annual Snowsports Trade Show & Silent Auction	Grand Ballroom
10:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Exhibitor Booth Breakdown	Grand Ballroom

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Ballroom Foyer
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>	Grand Ballroom
8:00 am - 8:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session	Grand Ballroom
8:45 am - 10:25 am	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy	Clackamas
8:45 am - 12:15 pm	Councils’ Volunteer of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i>	FWSA Suite
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – 2024 FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Crown Zellerbach
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy	Multnomah
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Clackamas
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Far West Racing Seminar	Weyerhaeuser
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation - Luncheon <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> ; Beer, <i>Sponsored by Powder Mountain</i> ; Western Ski Heritage Award <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski &amp; Resort Corporation</i> , Safety Person of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area</i> .	Grand Ballroom
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Keynote Speaker - <i>Sponsored by</i>	Grand Ballroom
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy –, <i>Presented by: Todd Hood, Marc Galt</i>	Multnomah
2:40pm - 4:00 pm	Bid Presentation Review (by invitation only)	Crown Zellerbach
2:40 pm- 4:00 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Clackamas
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus – BAC / San Diego / NBS	Clackamas
	Intermountain / Northwest / Central / Direct Members	Multnomah

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6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	LAC / Orange / Sierra / Arizona Reception (No Host)	Weyerhaeuser Grand Ballroom
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Awards Banquet & Dance " - <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Councils Volunteer of the Year <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i> , Musical Entertainment "Thrillride" <i>Sponsored by TBD</i>	Grand Ballroom Grand Ballroom

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener - <i>Sponsored by FWSA &amp; Northwest Ski Club Council</i>	FWSA Suite
8:30 am - 10:30 am	FWSA General Meeting – Elections	Grand Ballroom
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch - <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities Awards, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway	Grand Ballroom
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	FWSA General Meeting Continued	Grand Ballroom
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	FWSA Board of Trustees and Board of Directors Meetings	Weyerhaeuser

*Delegates are welcome to attend all events unless otherwise indicated. PLEASE NOTE: Travel Expo is being combined into the Trade Show on Friday Night. ALL Trip Leaders should bring their Club Profiles and business cards to distribute. TWO Door prizes will be presented on Friday night. (Must be in attendance to win). Other prizes will be given away on Sunday morning.*



The girls at Tamarack, Mammoth Mountain. North Island Snowdrifters Candy Cowell, Lina Arnold, Deb Anderson

Photo Credit: Candy Cowell



Members of North Island Snowdrifters at Mammoth, Nick Cowell, Larry Klaasen, Tom Wascher

Photo Credit: Nick Cowell



Members of Ebony Ski and Racquet Club of Sacramento, CA survey the beauty of Snowmass Village at NBS Black Summit 2022

Photo Credit: Todd Hood



## **2022 FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 101 "HOW DO I GET THERE" FAQ'S**

### **What is the [FWSA Convention](#)?**

The Convention is the annual meeting of Far West Ski Association's council and club leaders and members, along with ski resort sales and marketing personnel from all over the world, snowsports personalities and more! The Convention takes place in late May or early June, and is usually hosted by one of FWSA's ten councils, at a property located within their respective regions.

### **What Happens at a Far West Convention?**

Events include a silent auction & trade show, educational leadership panel sessions, meet and greet with ski personalities like Phil Mahre or Billy Kidd, and the awards banquet and dance. There is also a business meeting on Sunday when officers are elected and other Association business takes place. All of these events (and meals!) are included in your registration fee. Also available (for an additional fee) are optional events such as the Thursday Night Pub Crawl, Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, wine tours, and sometimes hiking, biking, kayaking or other specialty trips. For 2022 there will be a Thursday Mt. Hood Tour, as well as a Friday Wine Tour.

### **I Just Joined a Club. Can I Go To Convention?**

Of course! Everyone can go to Convention! You don't need to belong to a snowsports club to enjoy the FWSA Convention, but since most convention events are keyed toward snowsports club activities and leadership, a snowsports club member would benefit the most from his/her convention experience.

### **What is a Delegate?**

"Delegate" is the term we use for snowsports club members or direct members who attend the Convention. There are voting delegates and non-voting delegates.

### **What is a Voting Delegate?**

A "voting delegate" is a club member who is assigned by their club to vote during the FWSA business meeting, including officer elections, by-law changes, and resolutions. Each club is eligible for a certain number of voting delegates, as determined by club size. Clubs are free to use their own method to designate their voting delegates. Delegates who are not appointed to be voting delegates are non-voting delegates. An officer of your club needs to complete and submit the Convention Credentials Form in order for you to be counted as a voting delegate.

### **What is a Non-Voting Delegate?**

A non-voting delegate is any club delegate who is attending the Convention, but not appointed as a voting delegate.

### **How do I Become a Delegate?**

It's so easy! You can sign up online on the [FWSA Website](#). Complete the forms, you can pay online or write a check, and either submit to your club president/delegate chairperson, or send directly to the FWSA Convention Registrar. That's all there is to it! You're in! Now make your hotel and plane reservations (if necessary), and you'll be golden!

### **I'm Here-What Do I Do First?**

First of all, check into your room, drop your luggage, and relax! You're here! When you're ready, head to the lobby and look for signs pointing to "FWSA Registration." If the Registration table is open, check in and get your packet and goody bag. If not, you'll meet lots of fellow conventioners in the nearest bar while you wait!

### **I'm Registered – What's Next?**

Open your delegate booklet, and look for the schedule of events. This is extremely important! You'll want to note when transportation for the optional events is departing, when things like the Silent Auction starts, when meals and free beverages are served, etc. Also find your coupon book. This has the tickets that get you into the events. **DON'T LOSE YOUR DELEGATE OR COUPON BOOKS! WRITE YOUR NAME ON BOTH!** Now the fun begins!

### **Thursday Night "Crawl" (extra cost)**

This event is SO much fun. Folks from throughout the ski industry always arrived on Thursday (because of the fun activities on Fridays) with nothing to do. In 1997, NWSCC invented the Thursday night "pub crawl" and it's been a tradition ever since. Ski industry and ski club revelers participate in this Thursday night gathering—it's a great way to start convention weekend for clubbers and industry.

### **Optional Activities (extra cost)**

Don't miss your bus! Whether you're golfing, kayaking, savoring wine or some other activity, the optional activities are the best way to enjoy some fun "down-time" with the industry. They really have a great time at these events because they don't have to have their "game faces" on (not until Silent Auction, anyway!), and really enjoy getting to know ski club members one-on-one. So have fun! And don't forget to thank them...they may have sponsored your event!

### **Friday Silent Auction and Trade Show**

Show up early for this event and collect your free beverage. This event is open to the public, and is a great time to gather information about the individual resorts or products our industry is sharing and what the heck—buy a ski vacation or two or other great items at the Silent Auction. You will find industry participants you do not get to meet at any other event. Trip planners, especially - bring an information sheet with information about you and your club and the type of trips you take to give to the representatives. This is your chance to collect information and brochures about ski areas your club (or you) would like to visit. In addition, you can speak with tour operators who have pre-planned trips or would work with you to set up your own ski club trip.

### **Saturday – Business!**

Saturday begins with a brief business meeting, including introductions of FWSA officers and other VIPs, as well as a call for interested parties to indicate their interest in running for FWSA board positions. Then we recess for...

### **Panel Sessions**

Here's where you can really learn the nuts and bolts of running a snowsports club, or some aspects of it. Knowledgeable club leaders are there to provide information and share resources with you to help you be a better club member. Other club members are there with ideas and suggestions, too. It's a great, round-table way to learn more about clubs. There will be a number of different panel sessions on Saturday, so check the schedule carefully. Sometimes you might want to be in two places at once, so your club might want to make sure that there is someone else from your club to cover overlapping sessions of interest.



## **2022 FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 101 "HOW DO I GET THERE" FAQ'S**

### **What is the [FWSA Convention](#)?**

The Convention is the annual meeting of Far West Ski Association's council and club leaders and members, along with ski resort sales and marketing personnel from all over the world, snowsports personalities and more! The Convention takes place in late May or early June, and is usually hosted by one of FWSA's ten councils, at a property located within their respective regions.

### **What Happens at a Far West Convention?**

Events include a silent auction & trade show, educational leadership panel sessions, meet and greet with ski personalities like Phil Mahre or Billy Kidd, and the awards banquet and dance. There is also a business meeting on Sunday when officers are elected and other Association business takes place. All of these events (and meals!) are included in your registration fee. Also available (for an additional fee) are optional events such as the Thursday Night Pub Crawl, Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, wine tours, and sometimes hiking, biking, kayaking or other specialty trips. For 2022 there will be a Thursday Mt. Hood Tour, as well as a Friday Wine Tour.

### **I Just Joined a Club. Can I Go To Convention?**

Of course! Everyone can go to Convention! You don't need to belong to a snowsports club to enjoy the FWSA Convention, but since most convention events are keyed toward snowsports club activities and leadership, a snowsports club member would benefit the most from his/her convention experience.

### **What is a Delegate?**

"Delegate" is the term we use for snowsports club members or direct members who attend the Convention. There are voting delegates and non-voting delegates.

### **What is a Voting Delegate?**

A "voting delegate" is a club member who is assigned by their club to vote during the FWSA business meeting, including officer elections, by-law changes, and resolutions. Each club is eligible for a certain number of voting delegates, as determined by club size. Clubs are free to use their own method to designate their voting delegates. Delegates who are not appointed to be voting delegates are non-voting delegates. An officer of your club needs to complete and submit the Convention Credentials Form in order for you to be counted as a voting delegate.

### **What is a Non-Voting Delegate?**

A non-voting delegate is any club delegate who is attending the Convention, but not appointed as a voting delegate.

### **How do I Become a Delegate?**

It's so easy! You can sign up online on the [FWSA Website](#). Complete the forms, you can pay online or write a check, and either submit to your club president/delegate chairperson, or send directly to the FWSA Convention Registrar. That's all there is to it! You're in! Now make your hotel and plane reservations (if necessary), and you'll be golden!



## Debbi Kor Convention Chairperson

### 90th Annual Far West Convention Returns to Boise

The 90th Far West Convention will be hosted by the Intermountain Ski Council and Bogus Basin Ski Club, June 15-18, 2023, in Boise, Idaho. We will be returning to The Grove Hotel and Boise Center for a weekend of adventure, fun and friends. I just learned that the Bogus Basin area had quite a history of gold mining...which turned out to be bogus, hence its name. (Thank you, Kim Hovren for that little tid-bit).

Some of the Optional Activities being planned for you all, include a Pub Crawl on Thursday evening, a day at Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area where you can hike, bike, zip-line, and even more. There will be white-water rafting and golf, as well.

The 37th Annual Snowsports Trade Show and Silent Auction will take place on Friday evening at the Boise Center. There have been some additions since we were there in 2017, so it will be fun to check out the 'new' space. On Saturday, we will have two or three Snowsport Leadership Ses-

sions, as well as a morning and afternoon Public Affairs Session, with some very special speakers.

Saturday evening will be the time set for the Annual Awards Banquet, where awards will be presented to many of our peers, our Industry Partners, and some other well known, and well deserving participants in the skiing world. Sunday morning will be our General Meeting, Elections and Brunch. We hope to see you there. Please put these dates on your calendar now and join us for a weekend like no other.

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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. The website also has information about the organization

and the different programs FWSA has to offer.

To all of you I extend a heartfelt thank you for your contributions to the success of your clubs, councils and Far West Ski Association. If you are looking to get more involved in Far West, please contact any

member of the FWSA board and our committee chairs.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Convention in Portland, Oregon.



Tom Arnold & Bob Caldwell, two of the founding members of Altair Ski & Sports Club, at Mt. Bachelor.

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## Sheri Parshall Councils' Volunteer of the Year

The programs created by Far West Ski Association to honor its volunteers have been many and varied. From the early days of skiwear-modeling beauty pageants in the 70's, when women were crowned Queen, the contest moved to a judged competition that included men. There became, then, a "Snow Queen and King." Even that didn't satisfy some in the crowd, and dissention resulted in the competition being cancelled in 1981 because it was "too sexist." Brought back in 1982 as the "Councils' Man and Woman of the Year," each council was allowed two candidates, a man and woman, who were then judged by a panel with representatives from each

council. This format remained in place through the 2021 Convention in San Diego. In 2020, the Council presidents considered changing the award, to bring the name of the award more in tune with changing socio-dynamics that sought a gender-neutral title, while maintaining the criteria the presidents continued to support. The award was renamed "Councils' Volunteer of the Year in 2021 and will be introduced for the first time at this year's convention in Portland, in June of 2022.

The deadline of this publication preceded the selection submission deadline for this year's Volunteer of the Year Award, so I'm not able to tell you about our 2022

honorees. Rest assured, based on past experience, Far West Ski Association will be able to continue to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding volunteers who serve its councils and clubs with their hard work and dedication.

Big White Ski Resort has been our program sponsor for over twenty years, and their participation has allowed the "Volunteer of the Year" to be one of the most sought-after awards in the Association. We thank Big White from the bottom of our hearts and look forward to sending our winning honorees to our friends in Canada for many years to come.

Photos courtesy of San Diego  
Council of Ski Clubs  
Aspen Snowmass





Joe Harvis  
VP Communications

It was wonderful seeing everyone again at the San Diego convention. Since then, we have had a bit of quiet time before we had to ramp up to prepare for the upcoming Portland convention and this issue of The Councilman. The team has been hard at work providing FWSA members with the NewsFlash, The Councilman and the Skier's Guide as well as our Social Media presence on Facebook and our Marketing Media slide shows and videos.

The 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.

Recently we have prepared many new pages to support the upcoming convention.

We also used ClubExpress to prepare and send the email notification to our councils and clubs along with the necessary forms with hopes that they share the information with their members. Travel pages are updated as new information comes to us.

All our clubs and councils can add their functions and trips to our events calendar. We have been reaching out to past membership vice presidents to get their files from past Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions so we can add the information to the website and make it available to our membership.

We are slowly migrating our revenue generating activities to the ClubExpress payment processing. We currently process

Direct membership dues and Dive trip payments within this system. Our goal is to begin to migrate other trips and the convention to the process and retire FWSA Connect. It will take some time but we will get there.

Currently it isn't necessary to log into the site but 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. Members who have registered 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 NewsFlash simply by checking the "NewFlash subscription" box under the "Interests" section of the Member Profile.

We hope everyone enjoyed reading last Fall's edition of The Councilman. The issue was somewhat rushed due to the convention being pushed to October; we held the fall issue in order to report on the convention. Nick Cowell, our editor, continues to do a great job bring this publication to you twice a year. Please send any comments or suggestions to Nick and me at [councilman@fwsa.org](mailto:councilman@fwsa.org). A big thank you also goes to our ever-ready proofreaders, Debbi Kor, Jane Wyckoff, and Jeannine Davis, Todd Hood and Jo Simpson.

Leigh Gieringer and Jane Wyckoff are preparing for the 35th annual edition of the

Far West Skier's Guide. This issue will again be digital only. 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 & Jane put numerous hours proofreading all the articles and formatting each issue. Please send comments to Leigh, Jane, and I at [skiersguide@fwsa.org](mailto:skiersguide@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, among her many other duties for FWSA, publishes the monthly the Far West NewsFlash. You can find current and past issues on the website under Publications. If you are not already receiving the NewsFlash in your email inbox you can subscribe simply by checking the "NewsFlash 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 NewsFlash simply by sending the information to Debbi at [newsflash@fwsa.org](mailto:newsflash@fwsa.org).

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

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## Chris Gill VP Council Services

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

The VP of Council Services held the Council President's meeting in January to go over the upcoming council and club program awards for the Far West Convention. This year one of the most significant changes was the title from Man & Woman of the Year to The Council's Volunteer of the Year.

The reason for the change was to not distinguish the award based on gender. Therefore, going forward there will be only one person representing their club or council. Again, we are happy to have Big White as our sponsor for this award.

We have also reformatted our Family & Youth Program. We have decided to make it a recognition type program to honor those clubs and councils who participate in exposing family and youth to the sport of skiing and snowboarding.

The council and clubs have been busy traveling to ski resorts around the western United States. A lot of club members attended the Far West ski week in Aspen Colorado. We were very fortunate to be able to stay at Snowmass. Members got to enjoy ski in and out accommodations, racing clinics, picnic on the mountain and wonderful conditions.

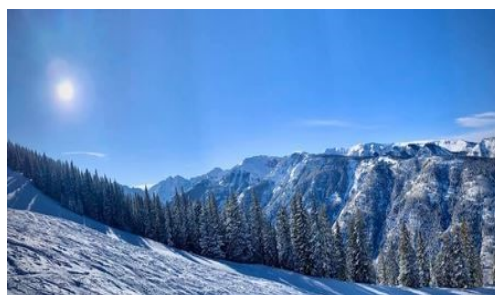
The VP of Council Services will be reviewing and judging all the communication awards for council and club newsletters, websites and social media Facebook engagement.

Video presentations will be on display at the convention for the Charity Recognition

program. Family & Youth will also be displaying their participants for this program.

The Council Volunteer of the Year program accepts applications from all the councils whose clubs have submitted their choice to be nominated at the convention. Applicants must provide a short biography and then go through an oral judging at the convention. All those who are nominated for this award are given a welcome reception on Friday afternoon and a special table at our luncheon on Saturday. The Council Volunteer of Year is announced at the Banquet on Saturday night. Both the chairperson (Sheri Parshall) and the representative from Big White Resorts present the award.

Council Services looks forward to being a supportive partner with the FWSA clubs and councils. Please contact me with your ideas and requests for information at [vpCouncilservices@fwsa.org](mailto:vpCouncilservices@fwsa.org). I look forward to hearing from you.



Photos courtesy of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs  
Aspen Snowmass Village



## Debbie Stewart VP International Travel

The only thing that is “Constant” is “Change”...and that is what we got to experience while traveling during the FWSA 2022 International trip to Sölden, Austria and extension to the Black Forest region in Germany.



Mountain tour group

Photo Credit: Kirk Miles

We were faced with the “Unexpected” and practiced the “Art of Pivoting” time and time again. While international travel is still in a flux situation, our FWSA International Travel Team excelled in taking care of our travelers to ensure an exceptional trip experience.

### **The 2022 FWSA Int’l Ski week to Sölden, Austria was a complete Success!**

There are many huge ski resorts in Europe and Sölden is certainly one of them. While staying February 25 – March 5, 2022 at the centrally located Tyrolerhof Hotel, the Giggijochbahn tram was within a short

distance, which made it very convenient for our skiers. Our skiers took 6 lifts to get to the top of the mountain, four gondolas and 2 chairs. This resort has state-of-the-art ski lifts including 8-person gondolas, 8-person chairlift and a very impressive gondola that seated 30 people with additional standing room. This was much nicer than the trams that are more common in Europe.

Once at the top, one saw stupendous scenery in every direction. The weather was sunny every day, so the photo opportunities were countless. One can see

why the U.S. Ski Team trained here for many years.

The ski runs were long and the popular glacier skiing at the top offered wide runs as well. The resort has plenty of blue, red (upper intermediate) and black runs for all skier levels. This group has several monster top level skiers; therefore, they too were incredibly happy. They enjoyed the excellent visibility all week due to the bluebird days.

Many skiers and non-skiers went to the Elements 007 James Bond Museum that is located right on the top at the Giggijoch area of the mountain. The movie Spectre was filmed there. The museum has several videos and displays that show how the movie was made. The museum even includes a plane, a jeep sitting along a ski slope, and other props from the film. Several people enjoyed eating lunch at the famous Ice Restaurant, which juts out over the mountain top to admire the expansive mountain scenery. The entrance to the museum is included in a 6-day pass which also made it very nice.

Additional ski areas are Obergurgl and Hochgurgl, which are only a 30-minute free bus ride from Sölden. It was smaller yet was less crowded with a good variety



Spectre Movie set

Photo Credit: Kirk Miles

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of ski runs and has a scenic lookout/coffee shop with terrific views. Some rode the 10-person gondola up to Europe's highest motorcycle museum located at 2200 meters (7218ft) elevation. The museum has 230 historic motorcycles from one hundred different manufacturers. The restaur-



Swarovski Crystal World - Innsbruck day tour

Photo Credit: Kirk Miles

rant itself was an adventure with motorcycles and memorabilia on display.

Solden, Austria is not just for skiers! Our non-skiers enjoyed the many cafes, restaurants, and retail shops nearby our hotel as well. If you did not care to dare the many picturesque slopes on this town, but still desire outside activities, you were in luck. The scenery of incredible peaks lure one into the out of doors for many reasons. One could enjoy cross-country trails, sledging hills, snowshoe trails and even nighttime tobogganing.

Veteran shoppers enjoyed the many retail locations offering name brand clothing and ski equipment. What shopping spree would be complete without the search of meaningful souvenirs?

Mikaela from the Otztal/Solden Tourism Bureau greeted our group upon arrival and

met us each evening to arrange tours and shared information regarding the local spots of interest. These included the Geothermal Aqua Spa, a sheep farm and workshop that demonstrated the steps in wool processing. One could hire a private guide who tailored a day of sightseeing to one's interests, be they historical, nature focused, or people oriented.

After all of these options, one can relax and enjoy the fabulous cuisine both at our hotel and many fine restaurants.

Solden is a wonderful area for all to enjoy and that is just what we did!

Mid-week thirty-two people went on the optional day tour to the Swarovski Crystal World factory in Wattens, then on to Innsbruck. On the bus ride, Freddie,

our guide told us about the Tyrol area in which Solden is a part of. The Tyrol area has a population of 850,000 people and ninety-six resorts for winter sports and summer activities. There are many luxury hotels, pensions, boarding houses, and rooms for rent located at various farmhouses. He pointed out fabulous houses built in the 1500's in a gothic style.

Even though we did not get to see how the crystals are made... that is a Secret, there are many magnificent chambers exhibiting amazing Swarovski Crystals – BLING, BLING, and more Beautiful BLING! Not only did the displays show incredible jewelry, costumes, statues, monuments, outdoor playground, and the largest crystal wall on earth. We learned that Crystals consist of basic shapes that unfold within the space as precisely as poetically, in a manner as simple as it is complex. What a treat it was to experience this unique facility. Then, off to Innsbruck which hosted

the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics. Some enjoyed a walking tour with Freddie to learn about this famous walled city including the Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof, which is the Innsbruck's landmark in the heart of the old town, built by Emperor Maximilian.

On March 5th, some left Solden to travel back to the U.S., others to travel Europe on their own and the remaining twenty of us traveled by bus to Titisee-Neustadt for our Black Forest Region extension trip.

Lake Titisee is Black Forest's most picturesque glacial lake. We visited the charming towns of Freiburg, Triberg, Colmar, Kayserberg, Heidelberg, Strasbourg and overnight in Frankfurt before flying home. We had guided city tours, visited the 12th-century Gothic Freiburg Cathedral landmark, Heidelberg Palace, museums, the Strasbourg Cathedral, and of course free time to explore on your own...to hunt for your own Cuckoo Clock or the "Best Black Forest Cake"! This was an experience like no other.



Restaurant at the top of Obergurgl-Hochgurgl

Photo Credit: Kirk Miles

### **FWSA's 11th Annual Cozumel Dive Trip – Iberostar Resort and Dressler Divers**

We are taking registrations...NOW! Once again, we are collaborating with the spe-

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Titisee Black Forest Cake

Photo Credit: George Stewart

cialists at Roatan Charter Inc. preparing another fantastic dive and vacation adventure. The dates are October 8-15, 2022.

The 5 Star All-Inclusive Iberostar Resort is located right on the beach within the Marine Park. They offer a variety of entertainment, three pools, including two lagoon-style pools. The resort also has a shopping area, spa, and pool hall. Every night there is something happening, from nightly performances in the theater to live music. Tennis, free nonmotorized water sports, archery, rifle shooting, beach volleyball, table tennis, basketball, water aerobics, gym, and full program of entertainment. Complimentary Wi Fi is also included.

The dive package will include 5, 2-tank dives, 2 Cenotes dives, 1 night dive, complimentary nitrox, roundtrip airport/hotel transfers, hotel service fees, resort fees & taxes, breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacks,

and specialty restaurants for you to choose from.

Their Dive Shop is a PADI CDC Center, and 25 years of services have an unstained historical safety record with 0% accident rate. Dressel Divers imparts training programs to its staff that have direct repercussion in higher safety for its guests. Their convenient dive center is on resort property and has equipment storage and a drying room.

Speaking of convenience...The Palancar and Santa Rosa Wall reefs surround the hotel and is a protective area within the marine park. This impressive reef is part of the Great Barrier Reef of the Western Atlantic, also it is known as the Great Mayan Reef. This diving area is second only to the Great Barrier Reef...you will not want to miss it!

### 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! Matter of fact...there is a waiting list!

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 16th 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 sixteen 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!

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

You asked...we will still deliver! Once again, due to the uncertain times, we have adjusted our travel schedule. But...we are planning the 2023 FWSA summer ski/adventure trip to Valle Nevado, Chile with additional skiing available at La Parva & El Colorado.



Deb & George in front of the waterfall

Photo Credit: George Stewart

Valle Nevado is South America's premier ski resort, offering access to over 7000 acres of terrain and has the most modern lift operation on the continent. They are

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proud of the fact that there are no lift lines, a laid-back environment with entertaining ambience and delicious gourmet food. The awe-inspiring peak of El Pomo towers above the twin valleys in which the three best ski areas of South America will be found. You will be flying into Santiago, then travel 90 minutes to the ski area of the world-famous Andes mountains. This area will provide you amazing views, varied terrain, and an incredible experience during our summer...their winter. This trip will be limited, so when the registration materials are available, do not hesitate to save your spot!

After Valle Nevado, we will be traveling to the Atacama Desert, which in some parts is compared to the surface of Mars. The Atacama Desert is a desert plateau covering a total area of 40,541 sq. mi, stretching 600 miles from southern Peru into northern Chile, west of the Andes Mountain range. The Atacama Desert is the driest place in the world, as well as the only true desert to receive less precipitation than the polar deserts. Most of the desert is composed of stony terrain, salt lakes, sand, and felsic lava that flows towards the Andes.

According to the New York Times, it is the #2 place to visit. It is a 2-hour plane ride from Santiago to Calama. Calama is known for the largest open pit copper mine in the world and the Atacama Desert receives worldwide recognition for its focus on astronomy. Astronomy prevails there because this desert sits at 6,000 feet, which offers exceptional skies and 330 clear nights each year. We will have the opportunity for hiking, biking, and adventuring out to see unique environmental landscapes. Their sand dune terrain makes you think of Mars. There are salt flats, lagoons inhabited with flamingos, areas with gey-

sers, unique flora and fauna, various animals to see and so much more!

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

We enjoyed skiing in Zermatt in 2014 and our trip participants voted to go back...so mark you calendar for FWSA Int'l Ski Week February 25 – March 4, 2023 with an extension trip So. Spain – Costa del Sol and 3 nights in Mallorca.

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. Zermatt is the home to 9 of the 10 highest mountains in Europe, this high altitude guarantees an excellent snow record in a long season, which makes Zermatt special. You will find many things to do and experience while sitting at the base of the Matterhorn.

#### **FWSA 2024 Int'l. 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 Pinzolo. 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. We hope to see the "Big 5" during this photographic safari trip and explore areas that FWSA has not been to in a very long time. Let's join together and experience the local culture as well as seeing the many magnificent animals in their natural habitat.

#### **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.

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FWSA Travel Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>



Debbi Kor

VP Marketing and Sponsorship

### Another Ski Season Has Come and Gone

This time last year, I said that with a Covid vaccine in place, and more people getting vaccinated, the 2021-2022 ski and snowboard season should be back in full swing. And, it has been! Resorts have been busy; the snow has been good.... maybe a little late in getting to some places.....but once it came, so did the crowds. All of our favorite resorts were busy, lodging was full, chairlifts were moving, and people were once-again enjoying time on the slopes.

Ski Week 2022 was held in Snowmass the last week of January. Far West had approximately 325 attendees, and while the large group get-togethers were limited, each Council found their own way to spend time together, to dine out or dine in, or just enjoy skiing the four mountains in Aspen/Snowmass. Mary Manning and Lisa Jennings, along with our Tour Operators, Ski.Com, Gloria Saiya-Woods and her team, made sure everyone had an excellent time. As usual, a big "thank you" goes out to them, and to our wonderful Far West Travel Team for all that YOU do!

Sandy Blackwell, LA Council President stepped in for David Krupp this year, assisting with selling raffle tickets for the Karbon clothing, benefitting the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program. Schure Sports, the maker of Karbon apparel, and very long-time sponsor of this program, agreed to donate a ski outfit to the cause.

The winner of the Karbon wear was Katie Bresee, of the Wailers Ski Club, Los Angeles Ski Council. Congratulations, Katie, and thank you to all who purchased tickets. Far West raised close to \$1,200 for the Scholarship Program.

For all those clubs and councils who took trips to Steamboat, Big White, Telluride, Mammoth Mountain, and many other winter resorts, we want to thank you, as well as thanking all of our industry partners who went out of their way to ensure our safety on the mountain, and throughout the town and resorts. It provided us a way to spend time with friends and family doing the thing that we all love to do the most!

Setting our sights on summer, it is time to draw attention to our 89th Annual Far West Convention. This is the Convention, which was to take place in 2020, but was so rudely interrupted by a nasty pandemic. We have turned our clocks ahead and are planning a renewal of what we had set up for you then. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Pacific Northwest this coming June 9-12, 2022 in Portland, Oregon, at the rebranded, remodeled and renamed Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront (formerly the Jantzen Beach Red Lion on the River)

The Northwest Ski Club Council has been hard at work, planning and putting together a fun-filled weekend for us all. We will

be kicking things off with a day trip to Mt. Hood and back through the beautiful Columbia River Gorge on Thursday, with the 25th Anniversary Pub Crawl on Thursday evening. These events will be followed by a variety of activities on Friday, beginning with the 15th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, and a Wine Tour through Southwest Washington, led by our own, Steve Coxen.

After the morning's activities on Friday, you can join your friends at the Pool Party before the Snowsports Trade Show &

Silent Auction on Friday night, and the usual convention activities throughout the remainder of the weekend, including three Snowsport Leadership Sessions and two Public Affairs Sessions before we head into Saturday evening and our "Rock-N-Rollin'" on the River Awards Banquet. Sunday morning will bring the Eye-Opener, which should get you all started with mimosas and Bloody Mary's before making your way to the Ballroom for the Annual 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!



## Nancy Ellis VP North American Travel

### 2022 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK--ASPEN SNOWMASS RESORT

314 Far West members had a fun time at Snowmass this year! The local county showed that COVID cases were in the red zone, so we cancelled our Welcome and Friday Après indoor events to reduce the risk of people being exposed to COVID. People received a \$50 gift card for the food costs from the Welcome and Friday Après appetizer parties. They redeemed it during the week at our event Chef's restaurant.

Our Thursday night event was a "Dine Around," so people had the option to eat at local restaurants and get discounted food and beverages. We cancelled the indoor dessert social and dance that followed the Dine Around and people received a coupon to use anytime on Friday to pick up a take-out dessert baked by Chef Martin of Mixsix, the caterer for our



Enjoying the boxed desserts at Mixsix--foreground--Sierra Council people and background on right are Los Angeles Council people

Photo Credit: Nancy Ellis

original dessert event.

We had events where our group could get together! We held the Giant Slalom races on Monday and the Council Challenge/ Costume Races were on Tuesday. Congratulations to Bay Area Snowsports Council for winning the Lake Louise Award for the



Eating lunch on Elkhorn Lodge at top of the mountain--Los Angeles Council participants --left--right--Masaka Masuda; Rick Harrington; Ronnie Schultz; Ditah Rimer; Joyce Hedlund; Nikki Rubio

Photo Credit: Sandy Blackwell

Council with the most points for racers doing the Giant Slalom race. The Joe Ross Award is given to the FWSA Ski Club getting the most points for the Giant Slalom races and Phoenix Ski Club received top honors. They will receive their awards at the Portland Convention in June.

The mountain picnic was held after the Council Challenge races at the Spider Sabisch picnic area. The servers did a wonder-

ful job keeping the food hot despite the freezing day. We had fajitas, beans, salad, and delicious cookies. It was nice to have something other than hamburgers! There was plenty of outdoor seating for our group and lots of smiles as people enjoyed



President's Dinner--left to right: Lisa Jennings, Snowmass Tourism, Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, FWSA, Gloria Raminha, President FWSA, Mary Manning, Aspen Snowmass Group Sales

Credit: Nancy Ellis

their meal and visited with one another.

It's traditional that the FWSA President have a dinner to thank the Resort for hosting our ski week. Gloria Raminha decided to host the dinner in the Travel Staff condo and BBQed steak and lobster for our honored Guests—Mary Manning, Aspen Snowmass Group Sales and Lisa Jennings, Snowmass Tourism. These two women did an outstanding job of connecting us with the personnel to set up our events, races,

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picnic, lodging, ground transportation, dine around, and general information. They were presented with the FWSA banner and Gold Medals at the conclusion of the dinner.



We modified the Friday Après event and Jackson Hole pre trip group checking out accomodations and venues for the 2023 Ski Week. Pictured are front row--Ken Calkins, Travel Staff. 2nd row--Laura Priess, LAC; Marilyn Sigler, Travel Staff; Lynnell, Calkins, Travel Staff; Mary Alexander, Travel Staff; Gail Burns, BAC. Back row: Gloria Raminha, FWSA President; Sandy Gaudette, Skigroup.net; Rod Robinson, NWSCC; Carlene Boutacoff, Sierra; Judy Thurman, Orange; Jenn Coutts, Intermountain

Photo Credit: Nancy Ellis

set aside time for the racers to pick up their medals at Mixsix restaurant. This was the same day set aside for people to pick up their take-out desserts or use remaining funds on their gift cards. People had opportunities to socialize and say goodbyes prior to Saturday departures.

It was a different kind of ski week with COVID protocols in place and people missed the larger group get-togethers. People appreciated our modified activities to protect everyone's health and reported

that skiing was fantastic! Many of the Councils did their own social activities such as happy hours and stuffed potato and potluck dinners throughout the week using their condos for smaller settings. I was amazed at the creativeness of our Council Trip Leaders in finding ways for their people to connect. It was a lot of work for the Trip Leaders and enjoyed by participants who were eager to feel some normalcy during COVID.

My thanks to all who attended our ski week, and especially the work of the following key people in planning the trip and making sure everything went well for our participants: Paul Chavez & Mike Terrey (Arizona); Gail Burns (BAC); Fran Long & Donna Webb (Central); Jenn Coutts (Intermountain); Bruce Lee (LAC); Rod Robinson (Northwest); Judy Thurman (Orange); MJ Lau and Chris Gill (San Diego); Carlene Boutacoff (Sierra); Gloria Raminha (FWSA President/Travel Staff); Mary Alexander, Marilyn Sigler, Bob Ellis, Ken Calkins, and Lynnell Calkins (Travel Staff); Mary Manning (Aspen Snowmass Group Sales); Lisa Jennings (Snowmass Tourism); Gloria Saiya-Woods (Ski.com); Kalman Thomas (Destination Residence); Jodi Church (Destination Hotels); Lynn Olson (Picnic); and Chef Martin (Mixsix Restaurant).

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

We filled the Zermatt Utah Resort trip and had 41 people on our trip. Utah had recently lifted their mask mandates and COVID restrictions, so we were able to have our indoor group events. We started the week with a Welcome Breakfast where the resort gave an overview of the amenities of the resort and local activities. Participants had the option to take a free shuttle to either Deer Valley or Park City, and we had a group trip to Sun Dance Ski Resort mid-week. Many in our group enjoyed the Homestead Crater, a short walk from the resort. This ancient beehive shaped warm

springs was a wonderful place to take a 45-minute relaxing soak after a day of skiing. We ended the week with a group dinner at Back Forty Ranch House Grill in Heber City.

The mini trip is always a fun trip. Thanks to Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, for leading this one!

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

We have an exciting trip planned to Denali National Park followed with a cruise on the Majestic Princess southbound through Alaska's inside passage. 42 people will be on the Denali pre-trip and 2 people will



Lunch at Elkhorn lodge sun deck

Photo Credit: Nancy Ellis

join this group so that 44 will cruise the Alaska inside passage aboard the Majestic Princess with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan.

We start the trip in Fairbanks, AL staying at Fairbanks River's Edge Resort for 2 nights while we tour the area and then travel by train to Denali Park Village where we will stay 2 nights while touring Denali Park. We then take a private bus exploring the beautiful Alaska countryside until we reach Whittier, where we board the Majestic Princess.

#### **Significant health and safety changes are effective for Princess cruises departing March 1st:**

Masks on board will be recommended and

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## Lina Arnold VP Public Affairs

Big things are coming for the resorts of the Alterra Mountain Company. They revealed that the major improvements will focus on five of their western resorts: Palisades Tahoe, Steamboat Resort, Crystal Mountain, Mammoth Mountain, and Deer Valley Resort. The \$344 million dollar investment will be its largest ever since Alterra's inception in 2018. Some of the new projects announced include more parking and a skier service building at Crystal Mountain and a new beginner high-speed chairlift at Deer Valley.

The completion of The Palisades Tahoe (Formerly named Squaw Valley) base to the base gondola: The highly anticipated \$65 million Base-to-Base Gondola at Palisades Tahoe will be completed for the 22/23 winter season. The gondola will connect the two mountains of the resort for the first time, giving skiers and riders a brand-new way to access a combined 6,000 acres of terrain

Steamboat's Project is an ambitious under-

taking the likes of which the resort has never seen. With plans for an après ski plaza, new restaurants and bars, new lodging, a ski beach and an ice rink.

Work will begin this spring at Crystal Mountain with a \$25 million investment in additional parking and a new 25,000 sq. ft. skier services facility, called Mountain Commons. The two-story building will replace the existing skier services building and will include a new guest services and ticketing experience, retail, dining, and an expanded slope-side beach area.

Groundbreaking of Deer Valley's Snow Park Village: The lifts at the base of the Snow Park Lodge (Snowflake, Carpenter, and Silver Lake) will be relocated further down the slope to make it easier for skiers to access them with this new setup. The parking lots will be redeveloped to include a hotel, residences, dining locations, retail spaces, entertainment, and underground parking garages that are below the newly developed building. Another portion add-

ed to the review is a potential in-town gondola that would have an unloading station at Deer Valley Resort's Snow Park base.

Mammoth Mountain will have lift replacements and Main Lodge redevelopment. In the Summer of 2022, we will see the beginning stage of ground and infrastructure work to facilitate the replacement of two key lifts, Canyon Express (Chair 16) at Canyon Lodge and Broadway Express (Chair 1) at Main Lodge. These new high-speed six-pack lifts are planned to debut in winter 23/24. In addition, Mammoth will initiate a multi-year upgrade at Woolly's Adventure Summit by re-orienting, expanding, and lengthening the tube runs and installing a summer tubing surface for year-round fun. Also planned for this summer are improvements to the popular Mill Café that includes expansion of indoor dining seats and restrooms.

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on our You Tube page. George Stewart continues to produce our videos and slide shows. As our multimedia chair, he produced marketing videos this past year for the Aspen/Snowmass, Sölden Austria, Zermatt Utah Resort and the Fall San Diego

convention. They can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>.

Jane Gutierrez, our Social Media chair, has worked with the Communication Awards Committee and Council Services to develop the new FWSA Social Media Award for clubs and councils that debuted at the San

Diego convention. 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)



## Bob Ellis VP Racing

So far this year, all the leagues have been able to run their races. In February, at FWSA Ski Week in Snowmass, we had a Council Challenge Race and a GS Race in great weather. The Snowmass Race Department did a fantastic job of preparing the racecourses, and the races were completed quickly.

The Lake Louise Top Council Award was won by BAC, second place went to Sierra Council, and third place was Arizona Council.

The award for the top club, which is the Joe Ross Award was won by the Phoenix Ski Club, second place was the Rusty Bindings Ski Club, and third was the Aerospace Ski Club.

In the Council Challenge Race, the first place team in time differential was Sierra Team 3 with only 3.55 seconds in differ-

ence, the second place team was Sierra Team 2 with only 3.95 seconds in difference, and the third place team was Sierra Team 1 with 4.18 seconds difference, so Sierra Teams swept the Council Challenge awards. The Costume Awards went to, Sierra Team 3 for the best costumes, and BAC took second place.

We finally got off a Far West Championship Race after 3 years, last one was 2019 when gas was cheap. The Championships were held at Mammoth Mountain on April 9 and 10. The Race Clinic was in the afternoon on April 9, and the slalom and GS was on April 10. Anybody that raced at Ski Week was eligible to race at the Far West Championships.

With very firm conditions on the racecourses, the Overall winner with 594 points was Sierra League, 2nd was Open

League with 410 points, and 3rd was Alpine/San Diego League with 366 points. The winner of the Roma McCoy Trophy for most points per racer was Alpine/San Diego League with 18.3 points per racer, 2nd place was Singles League with 17.33 points per racer, and 3rd was Open League with 16.4 points per racer.

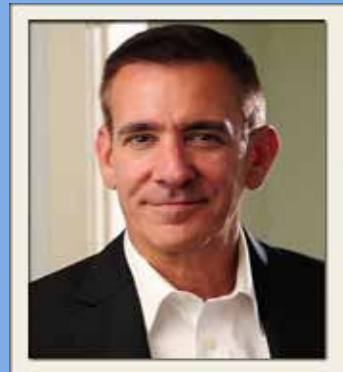
In the Junior Division, Sierra League won the Overall Points with 143 points, and Open League was 2nd Place with 95 points. In Points per Racer, Open League took 1st with 23.75 points per racer, and Sierra League took 2nd with 17.87 points per racer. The Mammoth Mountain Race Department did a great job of setting the courses and maintaining the courses throughout the day. Next year the Far West Championships will be in the Lake Tahoe area in late March.



League Race Directors: Front row, Left to right: Debi Phelps (Open League); Eileen Weiner (San Diego League)

Back row, left to right: Ken Kawahara (ULLR League); Nancy Ellis (Financial Officer); Nan Carnal (Sierra League); Laura Priess (ROKKA League); Bob Ellis (President)

Photo Credit: Nancy Ellis



## David Krupp Athletic Scholarship Chair

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program is in its 18th year, growing from an initial \$1,500 in scholarships in 2004 to \$7,650 and 14 recipients in the 2021-2022 season. The total awarded since the program's inception is over \$170,000 to 126 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 dryland 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 demands on their time are 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 a number of 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; Kandahar Lodge; 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).



Scholarship racers  
Photo Credit: FWSA





Sigrid Noack

Charities and Our Community Chair

Congratulations to all our FWSA ski clubs and councils, who are involved with charitable activities!

Almost all of our 150 clubs are presently doing some kind of charity work. It continues to amaze us, just how many charities and what a huge variety of organizations have been impacted by the generosity of our ski clubs. More than 200 charities have benefitted from the dedicated work of our ski clubs. FWSA very much appreci-



San Louis Obispo Skiers volunteering at the Oceano Dunes beach cleanup. Back row from left to right: Ron Tilley, Robin & Larry Guittard, Shawn Shurick, Robert & Laura Hyde, Kathleen O'Neill and her pup Millie, Steve Grupenhagen, John Long, Remzi & Melissa Mertogul. Front row from left to right: Pete Sarafian, Jeanne Potter and her pup Gus, Lloyd Kinney, Peter Jacobsen and Mike Salmon. Not shown is Susan Wallace.

ates all our members' efforts!

As you may know, Steve Coxen started all of this! During one of his early reigns as

president, Steve put charities into the forefront of FWSA by appointing me to head up this "Charities & Our Community" program. It has been an important and wonderful addition to FWSA and a great opportunity for our clubs and councils to support charities in our communities! The purpose of this charity program has been to encourage more of our member clubs to support their favorite charities. We have recognized our clubs and councils in many different ways throughout the years. Members used to bring beautiful photo display boards to our convention to show off their charitable activities. This was a great way to share and impress our industry partners and convention attendees. At that time, clubs and councils were competing with each other for top honors in their varying classes based on the number of members and the kind of charity work they were doing..

In 2019 it was time to revamp the charity recognition program. With used input from our member clubs and simplified the process for participation in the FWSA charity recognition program, making it more appropriate and user-friendly. Showcasing became our new program plan. With the new simplified program, we were able to recognize and honor all the clubs involved with any kind of charity work. No longer did clubs have to physically carry photo display boards to conventions or compete with other clubs for a top spot.

This is our third year of showcasing and our second year of making a charity recognition video! Last year we asked clubs to

send us photos and videos and any other club charity information, so that we would be able to produce an interesting and fun video. It turned out very well, and we showed it at the San Diego convention.



San Louis Obispo Skiers volunteering at SLO Food Bank. From left to right: Melissa Mertogul, Remzi Mertogul, Melissa Guise and Kathleen O'Neill.

Credit: Remzi Mertogul.

The video was quite impressive, showing that during the horrific couple of years of the pandemic, our clubs had continued to do an unbelievable amount of charity work. Charities were in extra special need of help, and FWSA clubs saw the need and continued on, doing what they do best,

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## Fran Long Environment Chair

### Sustainable Slopes

The Sustainable Slopes Program traces its beginnings to 2000 as a way for ski areas to commit to sustainable practices across their operations. Over 200 U.S. ski areas have signed on to NSAA's Sustainable Slopes program. They demonstrate their commitment to sustainability in 10 topic areas: Energy, Climate Action, Climate Advocacy, Transportation, Water, Design & Construction, Education & Outreach, Waste, Forest Health & Habitat, and Supply Chain.

The ski areas that [Endorse Sustainable Slopes](#) can access [sustainable artwork](#), use NSAA's comprehensive [badge program](#) to help green their operation, and apply for [sustainability grants](#) to support environmental projects.

Those ski areas and resorts that endorse the program take a "[Pledge](#)" as stewards of the environment and commit to the 10 topic areas outlined above. There is also a [Skiers Sustainability Code](#) so we, the individual skier and rider can get involved as well.

Do your part. Click on the above underlined links to learn more about this program and get involved.

### **Environment Award**

March 25, 2022 was the deadline to apply for the 2022 Environment Award which will be presented at the 89th Annual FWSA Convention in Portland, OR on Saturday, June 11, 2022. By the time you read this

you will have missed the entry deadline for this year but start preparing for next year's competition. I mention this here to give you plenty of time to think about what you might be interested in doing for the environment. Put your ideas into action and submit your award application. In addition to doing something positive for the sustainability of snowsports/the environment in general, there is a nice ski package offered to the winner of the award. Check out the information below to see if you are interested.

### **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 receives 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 Chair

The FWSA History Program has three objectives: (1) provide educational information to the membership regarding the roles of the Association and its members in the development of skiing and snowboarding, (2) to provide opportunities for members to make and be recognized for their snowsport histories, and (3) produce parts of the historical framework of snowsport.

To meet these objectives, the Association relies on several recurring activities:

- Produce a roster of clubs who have been verified as having operated continuously for 50 years and then can be called a FWSA Historic Ski Club (or Council) and use the historic medallion in their media; applications submitted by the spring deadline set by the Board of Directors. Certificate awarded at convention,
- Conduct a judging for recognition of a full club or council history submitted before the spring deadline to a panel of expert judges. Certificate awarded at convention, may include Historic designation and a modest cash award for the submitter to make to the charity of its choice, and
- Under a longstanding partnership with the historic Steamboat Ski Resort, the Association may award the Western

Ski Heritage prize for a submitted history work completed in the prior two years. The work may be submitted to the History committee by the author or a third party. It must fulfill the objectives set forth for the award and meet professional publication standards. A memento trophy or a certificate may be provided, presented at convention.

The Association's history is enshrined in the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and those of the Annual Meeting and the periodic or special reports of directors, committee chairs and program directors. The BOD and convention minutes meet requirements set by the state.

The Association has published its 90 year history in magazine format and is offering it for sale at a modest price. The research done for the 90 year history unearthed many other subjects and events worthy of further documentation. The Editor, John Watson, calls these "historic papers looking for authors."

A request from the Chair: PLEASE SAVE YOUR RECORDS, ROSTERS AND PHOTOS!!! Make sure custody is established and passed on. And try to attach captions to any significant photos, especially group or action photos. Try to back up with digital

scans. Contact your local ski or community museum for interest if you're looking for a more permanent repose for your records. California Ski Library could be such a possibility. With sufficient funding, the Library will expand its interior space for display of historic material and store material for researchers. Contact Ingrid Wicken at the Ski Library.

Let me give you an example of why records are important. Vic Hashers daughter Katherine Kaplanek put together his nomination for the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and said he raced and jumped at Olympic standards. Thanks to Ingrid Wicken's research of 1931 newspapers, the records of Olympic tryouts showed he indeed placed first in the two cross country (langlauf) events and second in the Nordic event (langlauf and jumping). He would have represented the USA, but he was still a German citizen. So his daughter's declaration of Olympic caliber was borne out.

And by the way, racing records basically don't survive unless reported to some journal or another. Racing requires a lot of energy by a lot of people. Despite all this, racing records are hard to find.



## Alan Christian Foundation President



I have assumed leadership of the foundation succeeding John Watson who reinvigorated and has led FWSF since 2009. Join me in congratulating and thanking John for his exceptional leadership and vision these past 13 years. Though he's recovering from a recent hip fracture, he will still be involved as Past President and you can be confident he won't hesitate to offer guidance.

Many are aware of our scholarship program for aspiring young ski racers which is guided by Dave Krupp. The foundation's tax-exempt status (501.c.3) facilitates donations providing tax deductibility for contributors. Although the original foundation focus was on assistance for aspiring racers,

today we support programs in four broad areas:

- RACING SCHOLARSHIPS
- ADAPTIVE SPORTS (including veterans)
- SNOWSPORTS HERITAGE
- WOMENS SKI JUMPING (unfunded by the national association in 2010)

There are currently 11 foundation trustees and all are engaged in fund raising as well as directing grants to deserving recipients. We've been active in 2022 with:

FWSA Ski Week in Snowmass fundraising (Sandra Blackwell \$1110.)

- Grant to California Ski Library

- Grant to Women's Jumping Team
- Grant to Challenge Aspen
- FWSF attendance at Tenth Mountain Division Parade, Vail

Foundation meetings are open and you are invited to attend. The next gathering will be at the FWSA Convention at 3 PM on Thursday June 9. We are looking to add trustees and encourage interested individuals to join us for our Annual Meeting in June in Portland OR. Consider including Far West Ski Foundation in your annual giving plan. Give a little back to the sport that has been such an important part of your life! [www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org)

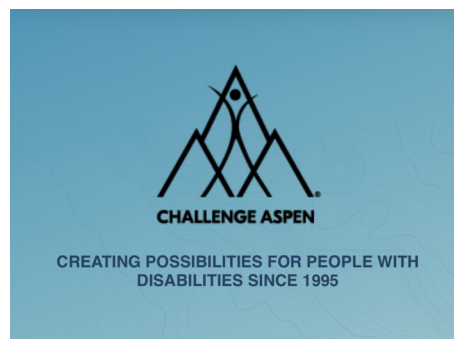


Left: Start of the 10th Mountain Division parade at Vail, Colorado.

Credit: Alan Christian.

Right: Foundation Trustees presenting donation grant to Challenge Aspen CEO Lindsay Cagley. Pictured left to right are Gloria Raminha, FWSA President & FWSF Trustee, Lindsay Cagley, Challenge Aspen CEO, John Reinhardt, FWSF Treasurer, Alan Christian, FWSF President and Sandra Blackwell, LA Council President and FWSF Trustee.

Credit: Anonymous staff person.



Challenge Aspen logo

Credit: Jeanne Reinhardt



## Monica Palmer Safety Chair

### VERTIGO

Websters Dictionary defines vertigo as a “disordered condition marked by dizziness” or “a sensation that the environment around you is spinning in circles.” For some people, vertigo may be a medical condition that can last for days, weeks, or more. Vertigo can also cause nausea, problems with balance and motion sickness.

Skiers with motion sickness or vertigo may trigger the vertigo symptoms simply from riding the chairlift or gondola, especially over high peaks or over canyons or from skiing downhill fast. If you are skiing in a snow storm with low visibility and the wind is blowing the snow, and possibly also fog, around, there is a real risk of developing vertigo. When skiers are lost during a storm, vertigo is likely a cause along with the poor visibility.

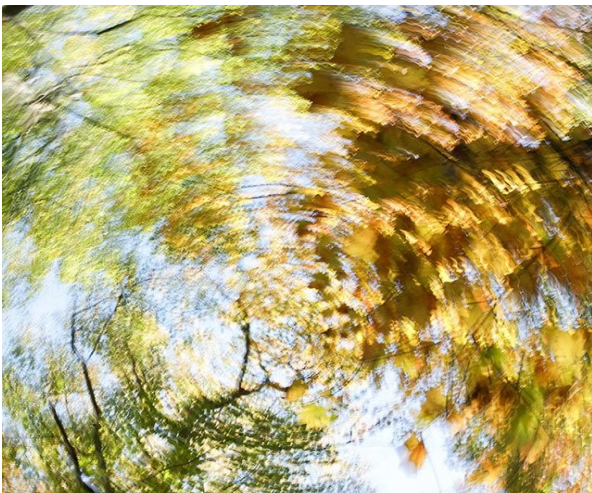
A 43-year-old skier went missing while skiing at Northstar on Christmas Day,

2021, during white out conditions. Unfortunately, he was not missed until he failed to show up for dinner, and the authorities were not advised until almost 10 that evening. By then, there was more new snow and poor visibility hampered search efforts. It is presumed that he may easily have been affected by vertigo. He had gone a considerable distance from the resort boundaries on the back side of the resort, where his body was found on January 8.

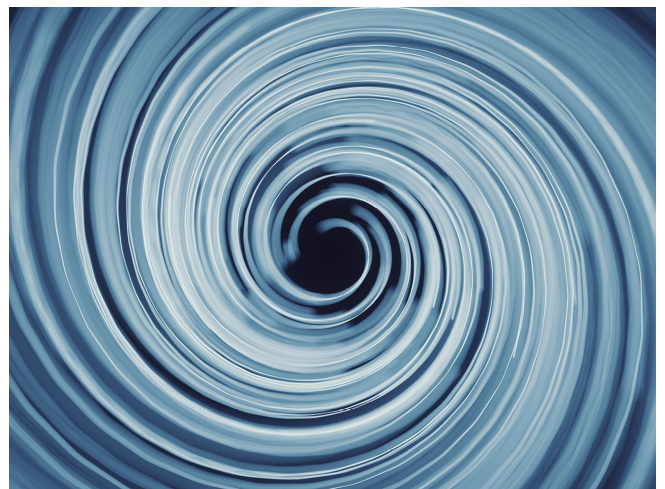
Vertigo can be experienced by anyone. I have to admit that it happened to me on a ski trip to Whistler-Blackcomb. It was almost the end of the vacation, so I went up the mountain with friends in spite of the poor visibility. I am normally a fair-weather skier. We had decided to head back to our hotel, which had ski-in/ski-out facilities. We were taking the cat track to get back to the run that led to the hotel. There were orange markers all along the uphill side of the track, so we used those

by vertigo from the swirling snow. In my mind, I could still see orange markers on my right, so in my case the vertigo had created an illusion. As a result, I had unknowingly skied off the track into a gully filled with loose snow for several yards before I realized what I had done. While trying to turn around in the heavy snow, I went down, and 1 ski came off. In order to turn around, I removed the other ski and began a slow trek back to the cat track while carrying my skis. It was exhausting. Luckily, some more friends from my ski club came by and stopped to help me out. One actually skied in close enough to me and carried my skis out. Another held out a pole and helped me back onto the track. Friendships are awesome. I thank them again.

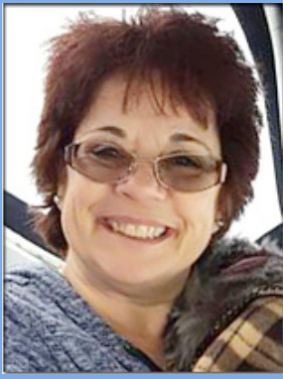
My advice to fellow skiers is to avoid skiing when storms deter visibility enough to create a dangerous situation. It is best to ski with a buddy and keep each other in site. I also recommend that you check the



to guide us, because it had become so hard to see. Unfortunately, I apparently became affected







Linda Coxen  
Family and Youth

The family and youth committee, along with the outreach committee and the council presidents have been working hard to define and implement a family and youth program. While ideas are plentiful, implementation and success is a little harder.

Many of our clubs and councils are currently offering family and youth activities and trips. Far West wants to recognize and

encourage these clubs and councils to continue offering these activities. That is why we are now starting a new recognition program to showcase these activities and the clubs and councils that put these events together.

Please send your club or council family and youth activities to: [family@fwsa.org](mailto:family@fwsa.org). We will be showcasing your activities at the silent auction at convention. Send lists,

pictures, stories, videos whatever you have to let others know and showcase what you do for family and youth fun.

We all love skiing for the fun and comradery. We also get ideas from each other for activities or trips. It is time to share ideas that involve families to bring them into our fold and pass the torch to a younger generation.

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not required. There may be certain venues and events where masks will be required.

Passengers must have their final dose of COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before the beginning of the cruise and provide proof at terminal check-in.

Passengers must provide proof at terminal check-in of a negative viral COVID-19 test taken within two days of embarkation.

It's been a two year wait for this trip and we will have a wonderful time!

**2023 JACKSON HOLE SKI WEEK—JANUARY 21—28, 2023**

Council trip leaders and representatives attended a site inspection of Jackson Hole properties and local amenities in preparation for selecting their lodging for ski week to Jackson Hole Resort. They have now received their lodging for the 2023 ski week and are now promoting their trip.

Participants will be staying at the 49er, Elk Country Inn, and Snow King Resort.

Our events will be at Snow King Resort in town, and the Giant Slalom races and picnic will be at Snow King Mountain next to Snow King Resort. The Council Challenge team races will be at Jackson Hole Resort.

There are many activities in the area and non-skiers are encouraged to attend. Activities include day trips to Yellowstone or Grand Teton, cross country skiing, snowshoe, tubing and mountain coaster at Snow King Mountain, spas, shopping, Elk Reserve Sleigh Rides, museums, and more.

We anticipate selling out early this year, so people should contact their Council Trip Leader early on if they want to get a spot on the trip and to get their preferred lodging. A list of Council Trip Leaders and their contact information is posted on the [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org) website on the North American Travel page. I hope to see you at Jackson Hole Ski Week!

**2024 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK**

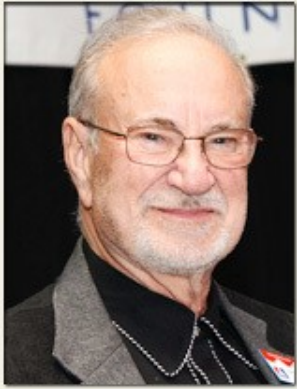
The bid presentations for the location of the 2024 North American Ski Week will be held at the Portland Convention on Saturday, June 11th. Each Council will have two representatives watching the presentations, and they will take the information back to their Council Board of Directors, who will vote on the resort they would like as the destination for the trip. The final destination will be selected by the FWSA Board of Directors at their July meeting.

**UPCOMING NORTH AMERICAN TRIPS**

**2024 Mini Trip TBD**

**2024 Adventure Trip TBD**

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 the FWSA North American Travel Program.



## Steve Coxen

### Nominations Committee Chairman

#### 2022 FWSA Officer Elections

Elections for officers will occur at the Far West Ski Association Annual Meeting & Convention June 9-12, 2020, to be held at the Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront. Voting will be held on Sunday, June 12. There are no By-Laws amendments currently proposed. Delegates attending the convention will elect people to the following positions:

#### Officers (1 year terms)

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

#### Trustees – 2 positions (2 year terms)

#### VP Positions (2 year terms)

- Communications
- International Travel
- Marketing
- Membership

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair, by email [pastpresident@fwsa.org](mailto:pastpresident@fwsa.org). Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of elections. All candidates must be members in good standing of FWSA.

FWSA Qualifications for Positions as approved by the Board of Directors are:

#### President:

1. Held a voting position on the FWSA Board for a minimum of four (4) years.
2. Attended at least three (3) FWSA

conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

3. Attended at least one (1) North American Ski Week within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

#### Treasurer:

1. Understanding of cost center accounting and GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).
2. Working knowledge of MS Excel and QuickBooks or the current FWSA accounting software.
3. Held the Treasurer position in a FWSA ski club or council or has demonstrated equivalent job experience as an accountant who has done financial preparation and analysis.

#### Trustee:

1. Held a voting position on the FWSA Board a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Strong business, financial, and leadership skills.
3. Attended at least three (3) FWSA Conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

#### VP of International Travel and VP of North America Travel:

1. Must meet either a or b below:
  - a. Held the position of club or council "Trip Leader" and led a minimum of 2 trips of 25 or more people, or
  - b. Served as an FWSA Trip Leader, assistant Trip Leader, or FWSA Ski Week staff member for a minimum of two (2) trips.
2. Assisted as a volunteer on at least one trip related to this position.

Desirable experience with the following:

- Standard accounting procedures
- California Seller of Travel Program
- Travel Budgeting generating an organizational profit
- Writing Requests for Proposals (RFP's), conducting a bid process, and writing and negotiating trip contracts
- May substitute other similar experience for any of the above

If elected to either VP of Travel position, the VP:

- May not receive personal financial or other benefit as a result of being a club, council, or FWSA Trip Leader for an FWSA sponsored trip. For example— a trip leader who works as a tour operator or for a travel agency may not receive compensation or other benefit for their business or company. They may not use FWSA participant contact information as a source for their personal or business marketing.
- Will oversee all FWSA trips assigned to their Travel position and attend those trips unless an FWSA Trip Leader has been assigned to coordinate/run that trip.

FWSA By-Laws, job descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). To find the link, click on the "About" tab, then click on the "Governance" tab.

All candidates will have access to space for flyers and election materials at the

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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 support our clubs and their trips. PSC and SSSC work together and have reciprocity between them. It is very 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 a number of activities. The pandemic seems to finally be behind us, and the clubs have been very active, with numerous ski trips and events, notably the Far West*

*ski week in Aspen, Park City, Purgatory and Copper Mountain. We did a charity event with Feed My Starving Children, attended the Far West Convention in San Diego in the fall with 11 delegates showing up. In the Fall, the Scottsdale Ski club is going to do a River cruise in France, Phoenix Ski Club is going on a June Tanzania safari trip and a Canada cruise. There are still several ski trips planned for the rest of spring from both clubs.*

*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'll 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/>*

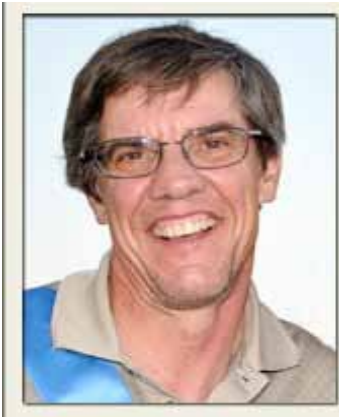
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registration area and on the tables on Sunday. In addition, each will have the opportunity to speak to delegates (see the Convention Schedule of Events for time and

location). The elections will be held during the general assembly on Sunday.

The Nominating Committee Chairman will oversee elections. Members for an elections committee will be solicited at the Convention. All elections will be by secret

ballot. Vote totals are confidential to the elections committee and records will be destroyed after verification by the committee and certified by a Trustee exercising oversight.



Paul Vlasveld  
Bay Area Snow Sports Council



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

It is refreshing that we can now have in person events. We are now having hybrid meetings with a combination in person and virtual. In January, BAC elected Paul Vlasveld as returning President of BAC.

70 BAC members had a great time skiing at Snowmass as part of the FWSA Ski Week. We are excited about the upcoming Italy Bike and Barge trip scheduled in August of this year. Clubs are starting to lead travel trips to both domestic and international locations. We are already planning for next year's Ski Week to Jackson Hole and other trips.

This year we are very proud to be represented by our BAC Volunteer of the Year. We had a in person dinner honoring all the Club Volunteer of the Year nominees. BAC congratulates all the club Volunteer of the Year nominees for their hard work, love, and dedication to their clubs.

The BAC Volunteer of the Year is Karen Albrecht from Inskiers. Congratulations to Karen for her years of service to both Inskiers and Singles League. She will be representing BAC at this year's FWSA Convention in Portland.

After 2 years of no racing, we are racing again. We had 5 successful and fun races this season. It was great to see familiar faces and compete. The competition is as

fierce as ever. We were a bit rusty. The final racing event of the season was the FWRA championships at Mammoth in April.

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.

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

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HELPING OTHERS. We showcased our 2020 and 2021 clubs' charity activities in this first charity recognition program video. At the convention, we showed the video all weekend, which was very enjoyable and gave our industry partners and show attendees a chance to view just how devoted our members are to supporting their favorite charities.

We are very proud of the video and of all the wonderful work our FWSA club members have been doing, especially during these difficult two years! Congratulations FWSA ski clubs and a big thank you to Paul Vlasveld, BAC president, who had volun-

teered to do the computer work. Please check out the video on our FWSA website or on YouTube or Facebook and take a look at our phenomenal FWSA charity involvements.

At our 2022 convention in Portland this June, we are planning to show our second charity recognition video. Ski clubs have been asked to send us photos and short videos, showing their charity activities. There are no other requirements for clubs to be included in the video this year. But clubs do need to send something to participate in the charity recognition program to show that they participated in some charity work this past year. Hopefully we will have many ski clubs honored in our video!

All participating clubs will also be receiving an FWSA certificate of recognition and a medallion, that can be used on their website and on newsletters and correspondence.

Our ski clubs and their members are the best and are all winners at FWSA!

Thank you all and congratulations! We are so thankful and proud of all of our ski club members, who spend a huge amount of time supporting so many favorite charitable organizations.

FWSA appreciates YOU!

Contact Sigrid for more information at [charities@fwsa.org](mailto:charities@fwsa.org).



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 had a full schedule of ski trips for the 2021-2022 season. Despite still dealing with the effects of the pandemic we moved forward with our trips knowing that issues may arise that could affect any or all aspects of the trips. Information on club's upcoming trips can be found by clicking on the individual 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, and a small number of our members had a great time at FWSA Ski Week in Aspen/Snowmass this past February. We are looking forward to Jackson Hole next season. 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 as well as our summer fun. As the snowsports season comes to an end, and our thinking turns to warm weather activities, check out our clubs' contact information below for planned summer fun and activities. Think hikes, bike rides, camp trips, etc.

**Fresno Ski Club:** Jeff W Lucchesi, [jwlucchesi@gmail.com](mailto:jwlucchesi@gmail.com)

**SLO Skiers:** Stacey King, [president@sloskiers.org](mailto:president@sloskiers.org)

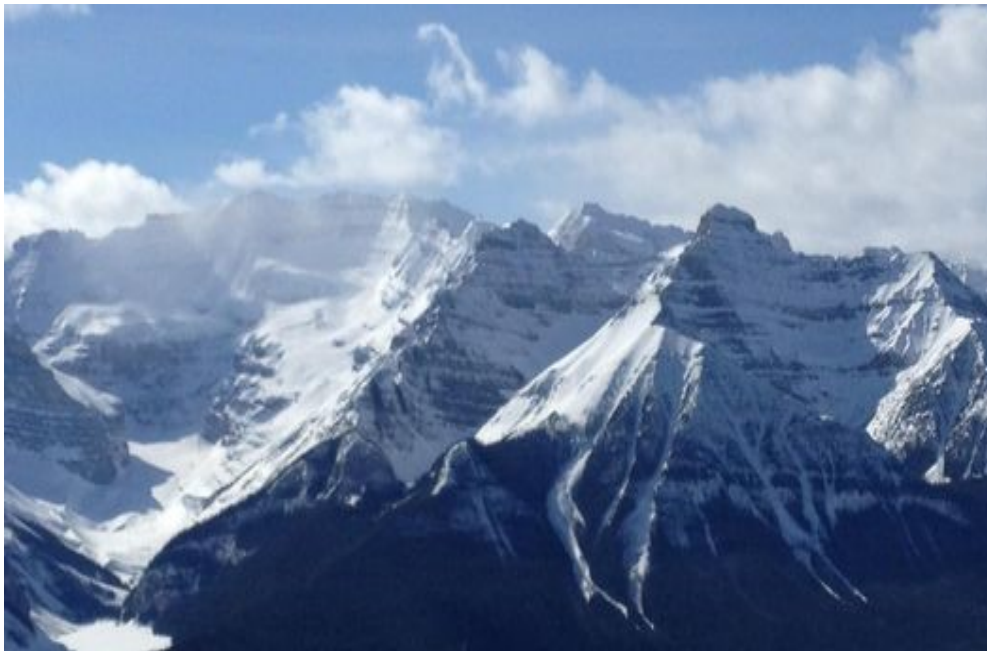
**Santa Barbara Ski Club:** Ginny Nixon, [president@sbski.org](mailto:president@sbski.org)

**Avalanche Ski Club:** Contact Donna Webb, [dblazekwebb@gmail.com](mailto:dblazekwebb@gmail.com)

**Camber Ski Club:** Contact Jayne [Camic](mailto:camicski@aol.com), [camicski@aol.com](mailto:camicski@aol.com)

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

**Clovis Ski and Travel Club:** Contact Kim Riehl, [kimriehl18@gmail.com](mailto:kimriehl18@gmail.com)



Banff Canada Ski Sunshine and Lake Louise

Photo Credit: CCCSC



# Jennifer Coutts Intermountain Ski Council



The Intermountain Ski Council (ISC) returned to Sun Valley this year for the annual ski trip. Approximately 60 people attended over the week of January 9-16, 2022. The council enjoyed an abundance of sunshine and freshly groomed trails followed by soaks in the large heated pool and hot tubs.



Four council members attended the Far West Ski Association Ski week in Aspen-Snowmass held January 29-Feb 5th. It was a fun week especially with the arrival of much-needed new snow during the week. The foursome enjoyed meeting other FWSA members, the on-mountain picnic and the fun GS races.

The ISC is made up of ski clubs across the Intermountain West and currently has 10 clubs in its membership. Zoom meetings are taking place every other month that include the board members and representatives of each of the member clubs. The meetings are also open to anyone who wishes to find out more about the ISC and/or provide their input and ideas to the

board.

The largest and most active member club is the Bogus Basin Ski Club in Boise, Idaho. They stay busy year-round with ski trips, bicycle excursions, socials, silent auction fundraisers and their annual Warren Miller film festival.

The Northern Wasatch Ski & Social Club in Mountain Green, Utah, is also a year-round club that enjoys skiing at the local resorts such as Snowbasin and Powder Mountain, snowshoeing, hiking in the Wasatch Mountain range, bicycle rides and monthly dinners.

The Cheyenne Ski Club in Wyoming offers exciting ski trips to places like Steamboat Springs and Copper Mountain along with backcountry and cross-country skiing excursions.



The Idaho Falls Ski Club skis at Grand Targhee and also organize trips to other ski resorts for both alpine and cross-country skiing. Their club offers discounts on

things such as lift tickets, lodging, equipment and food. The IFSC is also a proud supporter and donor of their local Education Foundation that funds ski lessons for 6th graders at Kelly Canyon.

The ISC will be planning another summer get-together for the member clubs that will be held in Thermopolis, Wyoming. As with last year's trip to Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, Thermopolis is famous for its hot springs, river rafting, golfing and fishing. There will be something for everyone and we hope for a large turnout for the trip this year.

You can learn more about the Intermountain Ski Council at [www.intermountainskicouncil.weebly.com](http://www.intermountainskicouncil.weebly.com)

1st Photo titled Snowmass 2022, taken in Snowmass during FWSA ski week, Feb 2022.

Left to right: J. Coutts, B. Coutts, C. Bright, R. Bright.

Photo credit: R. Bright

2nd photo: Titled Sun Valley Group, taken in Sun Valley Jan 2022.

Left to Right: S. Baker, B. Bryant, R. Rausch, E. Elliott, C. Elliott, D. Baker, H. Gonzalez, J. Liedke.

Photo Credit: Steve Strickland



## Sandy Blackwell Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



The Los Angeles Council (LAC) of Ski Clubs has about 24 clubs, which include snow sports, water sports, and of late, more social clubs due, in part, to aging membership. These clubs cover all of Los Angeles County – from the coastline out to Riverside, then north to the end of Palmdale and Ventura, and south to Orange County. LAC covers a big area and with such a large range of clubs there is something for just about everyone.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort is the go to resort for skiing for LAC, with its great variety of terrain, magnificent lifts, race-courses that are pretty challenging, and dining choices. Mammoth also offers their wonderful summer programs (jazz, mountain biking, hot springs and even camping and, oh yes, a bit of hiking, with Mt. Whitney just down the road a bit.)

SNOWMASS (Jan. 29 – Feb. 5, 2022) - Los Angeles Council always participates in the FWSA Ski Week each year and this year was no exception. Snowmass was the re-

sort of choice, and what a choice it was. Snowmass, and Aspen, had some of The Best Snow I have seen in years. And to keep it that way – it was a little cold. [One morning at 7:00 a.m. – it was negative 14, yes -14!!; so many waited a bit to go out to ski.] But the cold is what helps the snow stay great. Once again, unfortunately, there were some Covid issues; but Nancy Ellis (VP of North American Travel) and the Travel Team worked through all of them. We found this great restaurant in Snowmass (Mix 6) that worked with FWSA and many of the Councils – LAC included – and made it a great week! And, once again, I found that what really made this trip is the PEOPLE on the TRIP. Helpful, Gracious, HAPPY! And my thanks to Bruce Lee, President of Beach Cities Ski Club for leading this trip – without him, it would have been much, much different. My Thanks BRUCE!

And the Winner of the FWSA Foundation charitable drawing – with the winner pick-

ing a Karbon jacket/pants outfit – was Katie Breese (Wailers Ski Club). Congratulations Katie!

The Council’s quarterly meetings are still via Zoom, mainly because we get more people on them. So why ruin a good thing! Our latest meeting was held February 21st, after the Snowmass trip, and we had 14 people, a few I’ve not seen in a while. What we learned is that 3-5 of our Clubs are doing bus trips or drive up trips to Mammoth thru March and early April. See the list of available ski trips on the LAC website. A few clubs are working on their spring and summer events, and your council is planning on a summer event in lieu of the postponed Snow Gala. Our next meeting will be April 4th, and this is when we will elect 3 new officers for the Council. I know this meeting will do well.

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

Snowmass 2022 ski trip

Photo Credit: Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs





## Todd Hood National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region



Members and Supporters of the member clubs of the Western Region of the National Brotherhood of Skiers have been actively hitting it...on and off the slopes!



NBS Founders, Art Clay (left) and Ben Finley (right) acknowledge TeamNBS Athletes at the NBS Black Summit 2022 Opening Ceremony at Aspen Snowmass, CO

Photo Credit: Todd Hood

Over 100 snow enthusiasts attended "Embracing the Dream" the NBS Western Region Urban Winterfest in Copper Mountain, Colorado from January 13-17, 2022. Attendees were welcomed with open arms by Flyin' Brian Rice and Bryce Welch (Team NBS youth snowboard athletes that train at Copper Mountain, CO) and their respective parents and supporters. The hospitality shown by Noni Love and the entire staff of Copper Mountain was non-stop from the Welcome Party on Thursday to the Mountain Lunch at Solitude Station, and the "Longjohns and Leggings" Party hosted by DJ Al Your Pal of Denver, CO on Saturday. It was a special surprise to have Dustin Lyman, CEO of

Copper Mountain visit and address our attendees at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Breakfast on Sunday. Our event sponsors included New Belgium Brewing (Fat Tire), IKON Pass (Alterra Mountain Company), Ski.com, and Glen Park Healthy Living of Glendale, CA.

The regional event was a great warm-up to the 49th Annual NBS Black Summit where over 1200 registrants visited Aspen Snowmass, CO for a week of fun on and off the snow from February 5-12, 2022. Dignitaries from Aspen, CO, Snowmass, CO, The US Forest Service, and the Aspen Skiing Company kicked off the event by welcoming attendees at the Parade of Clubs and Opening Ceremony on Saturday. On Sunday, registrants were treated to great snow and a spirit filled Gospelfest event.

The week included food, fun, festivities, family, fashion, and friends. A mix of bluebird days, fresh snow, fog, winds, and mild temperatures made for a full experience on the mountain.

Attendees had the opportunity to meet many of the nineteen student athlete members of TeamNBS, corporate representatives from our many NBS Black Summit sponsors, and staff representatives from Aspen Snowmass and Ski.com our tour operator.

The NBS planned for special COVID protocols which included two venues for Après Ski Happy hour events, two Game Night sessions, the Mountain Lunch outdoors at the Spider Sabich Lunch Area with DJ Ike T and DJ B-Sharp of New Orleans, LA. Speak-

ing of Happy Hour, the NBS Western Region hosted a "Dialog of the Diaspora" theme featuring cultural attire, a slideshow depicting the expansion and impact of descendants of African peoples worldwide, and comedian Simply Shanell.

During and following the NBS Black Summit, the NBS Western Region hosted the NBS Black Summit Online Auction as an additional fundraising opportunity for sup-



All Seasons Ski Club of Oakland, CA celebrates 50 years at NBS Western Region Urban Winterfest at American Eagle Lift, Copper Mountain, CO

Photo Credit: Todd Hood

porters to contribute to the mission of the NBS to identify, develop, and support athletes of color, and to increase participation in winter sports among the Black community. The online auction included travel packages, snowsports gear, lifestyle products and fashion accessories, and collectible memorabilia. All totaled, the auction led by Teri Allard, NBS Western Region Director, attracted over \$20K in bids on 57

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## Chris Ciardi Northwest Ski Club Council



We are excited to host you at the FWSA 2022 Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 9-12, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Portland-Columbia Riverfront. The plans are moving forward. Be sure to come and see our wonderful city, state, and mountains. There will be several opportunities to enjoy the area. Watch for more news and invitations soon.

We continue to meet virtually, as the NW Council area is large. Our club members' participation at meetings has been encouraging, as more clubs from areas outside our Portland core now can join us easily. This winter, we introduced our member-

ship to many local mountains and our local industry partners. We've showcased mountain areas that may be a bit further away from our Portland base, but that our clubs in the region are visiting.

Our social media director is busy keeping the NWSCC Facebook page active and increasing our presence. We've increased club memberships, "page likes" and Facebook group membership by leaps and bounds. This growth continues to help our marketing to and for Industry partners. As always, we continue our advocacy for all members, clubs, non-profits, and industry.

PACRAT racers are still going strong. Three races have been completed, and the fun continues. Mother Nature just needs to cooperate with continued snow.

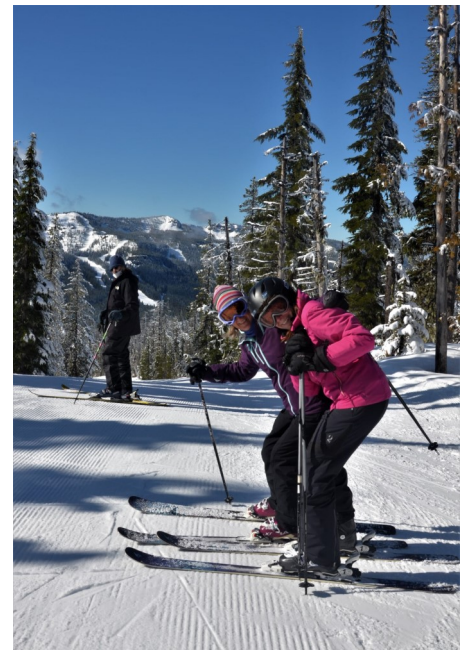
The NWSCC participants in the FWSA Ski Week in Aspen/Snowmass, January 2022 enjoyed a fun week. The challenges of in-person events were met with the usual creativity. The 2023 ski week to Jackson Hole/Snow King is already in the works.

We look forward to welcoming you to Portland this June!



Both photos of Northwest skiers at Mount hood

Photo credit NWSCC facebook page



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prizes with winning bids from 32 of over 60 registered bidders.

The Presidents of the NBS Western Region voted to bypass hosting Urban Winterfest in 2023 in order to focus attention on strategic initiatives such as the 50th Anniversary NBS Black Summit which has been announced to be held at Vail, CO from

February 4-11, 2023; supporting youth programs at the NBS Western Region club level in 2023; re-imagining the "regional snow trip of the future" and establishing programs to strengthen club and region leadership pipelines.



# Ira Lindenfeld

## San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



The 2021-2022 Ski Season started with a lot of snowfall at Mammoth Mountain in December. Unfortunately, the new snowfall did not continue through the rest of the season. Still, it was cold enough to allow for a good season for the local clubs

to enjoy. Many of the clubs travelled to Utah, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado in search of fresh powder. They had success finding it at Aspen, Copper Mountain, Whitefish, Jackson Hole, and Park City. After a season of restricted travel, our ski-

ers were happy to have their sport back.

In addition to the in-town club activities for members, the San Diego Council organized leisurely walks on our beautiful bay for all our clubs' members. Club members have been encouraged to attend and has been a great opportunity for everyone to meet members of other San Diego clubs. We have met after our walk for a casual breakfast, sometimes attended by those unable to make the earlier walk. We plan to continue the walks throughout the year.

Meetings have progressed from zoom to outdoor in person and as restrictions were lifted, indoor meetings were enthusiastically attended. Our annual holiday party for our Council was very well received as we recognized the past two challenging years.

See you on the mountain!



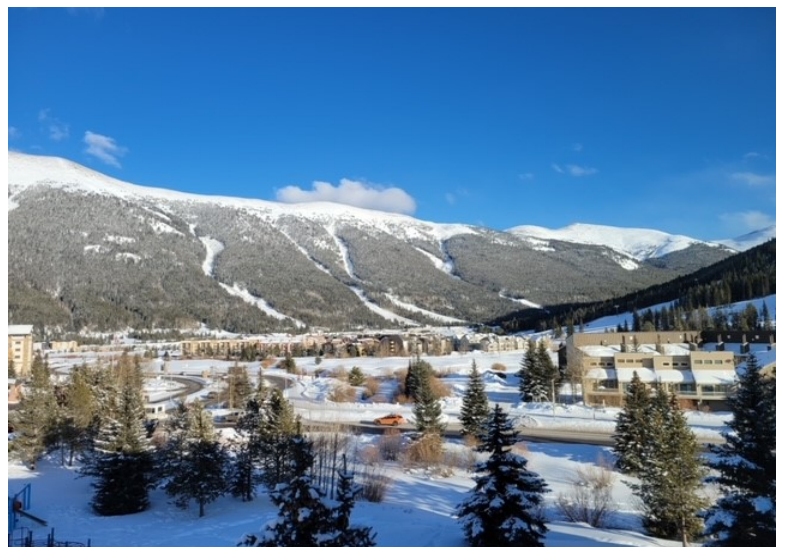
San Diego -Mission-Bay-Walk:

From left to right, me, Janie Lindenfeld, Marshall Wilson, Mickie Wilson, Karen Kjarsgaard, Rita Krueger, Donna Sorenson, Judy Schultheis, Anali Ford, Hobe Schroeder and Louise Oliverio. Credit: Debbie Schroeder

Credit: Ira Lindenfeld

Right: Copper Mountain, Colorado

Photo Credit: MJ Lau





Jo Simpson  
Sierra Council



### Sierra Enjoys Snowmass, Completes Race Season

Fifty skiers traveled to Snowmass with Sierra Council in January. Our trip leader, Carlene Boutacoff, did a great job of getting us organized and planning two council social gatherings that were spread between multiple condos to spread people out. Our three Sierra teams swept the council challenge races. Our costume team won first place, thanks to the creativity of Debi Phelps and Kat Severin. They also won the time match race and our other two teams placed second and third for time matches.

Our race season was cut short when Sugar Bowl canceled our scheduled March slalom races. To compensate we doubled up our March slalom races at Palisades, so we were able to hold five of the originally scheduled six races. We ended the season with the Far West Racing Association championships in Mammoth in early April.

Charles Zaretsky of Reno is the 2021-2022 recipient of our Frank App Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the FWSA scholarship program for promising junior racers. We are following AJ Hurt on the World Cup circuit, who was our recipient for the past several years until she aged out of the program.

Our larger clubs are returning to their pre pandemic social schedules and enjoying gatherings and skiing together.



Sierra Council Challenge Team A. L-R Ken Simpson, Jo Simpson, Beth Perryman, Bill Ramoni, Barbara Mauldin, Dick Mauldin.

Photo by Debi Phelps



Left:: Sierra Council Challenge Team B. L-R Paul Vandervoort, Lisa Vandervoort, John Schultheis, Mark Ostroff, Kat Sevrin, Scott Bradshaw.

Photo by Debi Phelps



Sierra Council's team won the costume competition at the FWSA Ski Week at Snowmass. L-R Debi Phelps, Charlie Delonley, Craig Windley, Denise Eaton-Lloyd, Michael Eaton-Lloyd, Marie Strassburger, Laura Lindsey. The theme was "The Olympics."

Photo by Bill Phelps

# *FWSA remembers John James*

The Far West Ski Association is saddened to learn of the passing of long time snow-sports volunteer, program and sponsorship pioneer John James on February 18th, just 10 days shy of his 89th Birthday. Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Karen, who he met on a Far West Ski Week, daughter Susan, and their entire family.

John was a licensed civil and structural engineer. He took early retirement from the City of Beverly Hills in 1984 and worked for the next 22 years as a consultant on many heavy construction projects. His very first project was the Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa Hotel in Palm Desert and was involved as a consultant on a wide variety of special construction projects over the years. John had a great sense of humor, always had a smile, and a very positive attitude.

John's achievements in Racing, Recreational Ski Weeks and Nordic Skiing were monumental during the 1970's and 1980's. He was responsible for the development of multiple key sponsorships providing a financial resource for these programs. He leaves a legacy of programs still in existence today.

John was a member of the Beach Cities Ski Club and also Edelweiss Ski Club, Los Angeles Council. As his Ski Club Race Chairman in Beach Cities, he soon took over as ROKKA League Chairman in 1972, developing

the Olympia Beer sponsorship. John originated the Beach Cities "Learn to Ski and Race Camp", which developed into the ROKKA League "Learn to Ski and Race



Camp" starting with working with Max Good of Mammoth Ski School in 1972, in an effort for Beach Cities to beat Westwood for the ROKKA title. The "Learn to Ski and Race Camp" is still conducted today.

Chuck Morse started Far West Ski Week in 1973, with John Rosenkranz and John and Karen James on staff for the first four ski weeks at Bear Valley, CA. Working closely

with Martha Perez of Sports Tours for many years, John planned, promoted and ran the trips from 1977 through 1987. He was successful taking the week to Europe twice: Neustift, Austria 1982 and Val d'Isere, France in 1985 (with over 500 participants).

John founded the ROKKA League Nordic Race Series with an Olympia Beer sponsorship in 1974, and in 1975 created the "High Sierra Nordic Race Series" with a sponsorship from Fischer of America. The purpose of the program was to reach cross country skiers and show them the benefits of joining the Far West Ski Association to promote and defend Nordic ski sport in the west. There were over 1,700 racer starts per season and John ran the program from 1975-1978. The Co-Sponsors of the program were Swix Wax and Fischer. John also served as the FWSA Director and then Vice President of Nordic Recreation.

John served as a Trustee on the Far West Board of Governors from 1982-1984, and as Chairman from 1983-1984. He was the recipient of the Far West Ski Association's Hans Georg Award in 1984 and the J. Stanley Mullin Award in 1988 for his outstanding dedication and contributions to the missions and goals of the Association. He was also presented with the Western Ski Heritage Award in 2012 for his history of ROKKA League and Far West Ski Weeks.

# In Memoriam

A prayer for our departed friends  
By John Watson

Let us remember the good times and best among them  
when we skied with friends under a brilliant sky  
with white clouds that were laid upon the dark canvas  
of deep space.

Let us remember the friends no longer here in person  
but who live on in our lives.

Let us cast our mantle of well wishes to those who deal  
or have dealt with trying circumstance alone or away  
And let us resolve to steer a course of wisdom and love  
To honor those who came before us.

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