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California Ski Association—

The organization of skisport in California was to a large extent the result of an effort to attract the 1932 Winter Olympics. In spite of losing the Olympic bid in Yosemite, the National Ski Association (NSA) gave the sanction to the California State Chamber of Commerce to organize the California Ski Association (CSA).

October 7, 1930, “Hall of Famer” **Wendell Robie** of the Auburn Ski Club, organized strong club support to form the California Ski Association. At the NSA convention in Chicago, December 14, 1930, CSA was accepted as an affiliated division, and California was awarded the 1932 National Ski tournament. The first sanctioned divisional meet was held by CSA in 1931.

January 18, 1931, CSA orchestrated a “traffic jam” demonstration that resulted in the authorization by the State of California for snow removal equipment on the roads that accessed California’s emerging ski resorts. Skiing was a new sport and thousands traveled to the snow in the winter. Ski Jumping was the daredevil sport of the period and ski clubs hosted huge spectator events. The ski industry began to develop from small club-operated hills to larger ski areas.

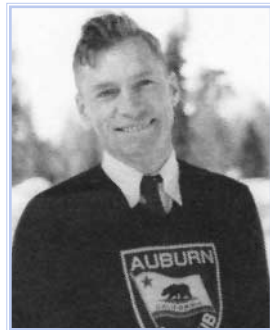
In 1946, the Area Development Committee was formed to concentrate on getting two ski areas approved — San Geronio and Mineral King.

At the Convention in 1948, CSA changed its name to the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) to have a name more representative of the geographical area it encompassed — California, Nevada and Hawaii.

Far West Ski Association—

In 1962, the National Ski Association emerged as the United States Ski Association (USSA) and FWSA became its Far West Division.

From the beginning, the focus of FWSA was on its race programs. In the early 60s, the orientation began to shift towards recreational skiing. The Far West Charter Flight Program, spearheaded by **Sutter Kunkel** of Grindelwald Ski Club, took the Association from 3,000 mostly competition skiers to 10,000 mostly recreational skiers in just two years! There was also an upsurge in recreational skiing following the 1964 Olympics at Squaw Valley. But it was the



Wendell T. Robie
1895 - 1984

blockage of the development of skiing at San Geronio and Mineral King by the Sierra Club that once again ignited the energies of FWSA.

By the mid 70s, FWSA expanded to the point where recreational skiers outnumbered the competitive skier. It wasn’t until 1976 that FWSA was divided into two operating divisions, one concentrating on the recreational and political aspects of skiing and the other directing the operation of sanctioned race programs that developed the youth of America for the US Ski Teams. The Far West Ski Competition, Inc., official sanctioning body for junior racers, was founded.

FWSA continued to develop programs for the recreational skier that included a Membership Benefit Book, Ski Theft Insurance, Ski Weeks, Flight Charters to Europe and within the US, Public Affairs and Intramural Racing. In return, the clubs sponsored events that raised money for junior racers.

The 80s brought considerable turmoil between FWSA and USSA, primarily over money and which programs should benefit from the dues being collected from the recreational skiers — recreation or racing. In 1980, USSA followed FWSA’s lead and organized into two divisions — Competition and Sports. FWSA was absorbed into USSA Sports Division under **Dean Lawrence**, the first president.

On November 6, 1984, an Executive Committee of FWSA met to decide on the direction FWSA should take. This committee proposed a non-political, non-controversial set of by-laws that were approved at the 53rd Annual FWSA Convention held at the Oakland Airport Hilton, May 17-19, 1985. FWSA ties to USSA were severed and FWSA was reactivated as an all volunteer organization. To encourage clubs to rejoin FWSA, dues were waived and are not required by clubs as long as they belong to a Council.



*FWSA sent 7 junior racers, with coach **Dave McCoy**, to Europe on one of the 1962 FWSA charter flights.*

Resources—

In 1969, the Auburn Ski Club, working with historian and ski writer **William B. Berry**, developed the *The Western SkiSport Museum* at Boreal Ridge, CA, as an exhibition of the ski history of Western North America. The mission of the Museum is to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of winter ski sports in the western United States. Much of the history of FWSA is preserved here.

Lost Sierra: Gold, Ghosts & Skis by **William B. Berry**.

FWSA Snow West, September 15, 1980, Volume 12, No. 4. ●

Term	President	Milestones of Note
2000-01	Steve Coxen	First Outstanding Web Contest.
1996-00	Harry Davis	New Mexico Council joins FWWSA. FWWSA becomes one of the founding members of National Ski Council Federation (NSCF).
1993-96	Norm Cullen	FWWSA took 500 skiers to Cortina, Italy. Adoption of the "Voice of Western Skier" added to FWWSA logo.
1991-93	Paul Arrigo	Ski Week bidding moved to the Convention. First Golf Tournament held at Convention. Northwest Council (formerly Portland) joins FWWSA.
1988-91	Mike Favia	First <i>Skier's Guide</i> since early 80s replaces <i>Ski Bug's Almanac</i> . First Leadership Seminar with instructional books at Convention. Initiation of Travel Carousel lift tickets. Mogul Mike's <i>Ski Sense & Safety</i> program debuts. Pilot "Learn to Ski" Program launched.
1987-88	Howard Wickersham	First <i>Far West Skier's News</i> . Travel Carousel returns to Convention.
1985-87	Janie "Frankie" Hansen	FWWSA approves new by-laws, severs ties with USSA, and becomes autonomous with no national affiliations and totally volunteer. First Silent Auction. Fall Forums moved to Convention. First Annual Joe Ross Memorial Race held at FWWSA Ski Week.
1981-85	Jane Wyckoff	FWRA founded. FWWSA sues USSA and settles out of court. FWWSA charter flight program ends.
1976-81	Ed Gehle	FWWSA divided into two divisions (race & sports). USSA divided into two divisions. FWWSA turns over staff & programs to Sports Division. First Sportsfest.
1973-76	Dick Croft	Skisport Defense Fund resurfaces as Far West Ski Foundation. First Travel Carousel. Far West Ski Competition Inc., official sanctioning body for Junior racers, was formed. Nordic skiing seen as fastest growing winter sport.
1971-73	John Watson	Southern (Los Angeles), Orange, Inland Councils incorporate. FWWSA serves as amicus curiae all the way to the Supreme Court in Mineral King suit.
1969-71	Richard Goetzman	Domestic charters added to FWWSA Flight Program. First Sno Queen contest held at Fall Forums. First Far West Ski Week to Bear Valley. <i>Far West News</i> debuts, replacing <i>Western Ski Time</i> . First <i>Councilman</i> published. Lido Travel named official FWWSA Travel Agent.
1968-69	Carl F. Grover	All major FWWSA races were electronically timed.

Term	President	Milestones of Note
1966-68	Stanley V. Walton, Jr.	Ski Instructors' Proficiency Tests developed by FWWSA adapted by all divisions of USSA.
1963-66	Leonard Speicher	FWWSA fights inclusion of San Geronio into Wilderness Preservation System. Skisport Defense Fund incorporated to support US Ski Team, Nordic development, ski safety & research. First FWWSA Race Leagues (Southeast & Rokka) founded. FWWSA develops marketing plan with a professional staff for recreational skiers. "Ski Western America" takes over running FWWSA charter flights.
1962-63	Sutter E. Kunkel	NSA changes name to USSA. FWWSA revitalizes Uniform Ski Tests.
1959-62	Byron Nishkian	European Flight Charter Program launched. First Fasching Party to send off FWWSA charters benefits US Ski Team & Far West Junior Racers.
1957-59	Ed Johnson	The office of VP of Recreational Skiing established.
1955-57	Wesley Hadden	
1954-55	Robert J. Schenck	
1952-54	Paul H. Smith	Nickel-A-Ticket (NAT) program splits funds of 5¢ from all-day lift tickets among NSP, FWWSA, NSA.
1951-52	Frank Ferguson	Far West Instructors holds its first free, dry-land LA Junior Chamber Ski School.
1950-51	Arthur Van De Kamp	Far West hosts Summer Jumping Championships at LA County Fair in Pomona, CA.
1949-50	Chris Schwarzenbach	
1948-49	Cortlandt T. Hill	CSA changes name to Far West Ski Association, becomes Far West region of NSA and is designated sanctioning authority for competitive events in Far West region. Southern Council of FWWSA formed.
1945-48	Albert E. Sigal	FWWSA opened membership to individuals.
1941-45	Frank Howard	Area Development Committee formed to make San Geronio and Mineral King into ski areas.
1938-41	James Connel	CSA incorporated. World Championships, hosted by Auburn Ski Club, are sanctioned by CSA and NSA. CSA standardized ski teaching with establishment of committee to work out a "Plan for Certification of Ski Instructors."
1935-38	Arnold Weber	Ski jumping held at Berkeley's Strawberry Hill.
1932-35	Cecil Edmunds	1932 National Championships hosted by CSA.
1930-32	Wendell Robie	Orchestrated a demonstration that resulted in snow removal on roads to ski tows.

FWWSA is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization acting as the “Voice of the Western Skier” with emphasis on skier safety, area development, clubs and communication. Established programs include Annual Convention, Leadership Seminars, Silent Auction, Travel Carousel, Annual North American Ski Week, Annual International Ski Week, Public Affairs Programs, Safety Programs, Intramural Programs, Periodic Publications, Industry Partnerships, Recognition Programs, and Award Programs. ●

FWWSA 2001/2002 Board of Directors—

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- Far West Racing Association (FWRA)
- National Ski Patrol (NSP)
- National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)
- National Ski Areas Association (NSAA)

Hans Georg came from St. Moritz, Switzerland, to the U.S. during the mid-thirties to become a pioneer ski tracker, rope tow operator and ski instructor. In 1938-39, Hans was instructing at Soda Springs when he was talked into becoming the head of the Eastern Sierra Ski Club School at the “Ski Ranch” near the McGee Creek Lodge.



Hans Georg
- 1968

In 1940, **Lloyd Nicoll** built a tow at Observation Point, on the east side of Mammoth on the road to Twin Lakes. The next year, he sold it to **Nyle Smith** who then sold it to Hans in 1946 after Hans returned from serving in the 10th Mountain Division during WWII. Hans would move his tow near the old Mammoth Tavern when the road to Observation Point was snowed in.

After WWII, the only two operators in the Mammoth area were **Dave McCoy** and Hans. In 1948, Hans installed three tows in Mammoth— one from Mammoth Creek to his cabin near the Valentine reserve, another from his cabin to the Lake Mary Road, and the third where Chair 15 is today. Although the tows remained until 1957, as they began to experience mechanical problems, Hans started teaching skiing at Dave’s lifts.

Hans taught thousands to ski, using the Arlberg technique. In 1940 and 1946, Hans attempted to develop a summer ski school at the 12,500-foot level eastern side of Mt. Whitney. He later wrote two books on skiing — *Reverse Shoulder Technique* and *Modern Ski Systems*.

The Hans Georg Award is given for distinguished Accomplishment and Long-Term Contribution to Skiing. This award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution over the years. ●

2001 Harry Davis	1987 Alan Christian	1975 Wayne Poulsen
2000 George Eachus	1986 Richard Goetzman	1974 Dave McCoy, Mammoth Mountain
1999 Randy Lew	1985 Jimmie Heuga	1973 J. Stanley Mullin
1998 Nic Fiore	1985 Ed Gehle	1972 Willy Schaeffler, U.S. Ski Team
1997 Norm Cullen	1984 John James	1971 Charles Fink
1996 Fay Mumbauer	1983 Bill Berry	1970 Billy Kidd
1995 Woody Hogan	1982 Joe Harris	1969 William Nagle, Jr.
1994 Andy Andrews	1981 Bruce Bell	1968 Ben Cole
1993 Dennis Agee	1980 Jane Wyckoff	1967 Walt Disney, W.D. Productions
1992 Pat Nangle	1980 Don Simpson	1966 W. S. “Slim” Davis, USFS
1991 Mike Favia	1979 Chuck Morse	
1990 Martha Perez	1978 John Watson	
1990 Mary Lou Bearden Reese	1978 Fraser West	
1989 Sutter Kunkel	1977 Russ Read	
1988 Janie “Frankie” Hansen	1976 <i>no award</i>	

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award



Courtesy Fay Mumbauer

"Schatzi" Wood
1897 - Sept 3, 1964

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood is one of the most recognized women skiers in the history of recreational skiing and the National Ski Patrol System. Born in the Bavarian Alps, she arrived in the US in 1920 as a governess to the children of the Miller family of Milwaukee.

A few years later she met her husband **Ernest Wood** while ice skating. She began skiing to be with her husband but only mastered the Sitzmark. Then in the 30s, when **Hans Georg** started to teach at McGee, Schatzi learned the modern ski technique.

In 1942, Schatzi was only the sixteenth woman to be named to the National Ski Patrol (NSP). In 1950, she was appointed section chief of the NSP at Big Pines. In 1951, she was awarded the National Ski Patrol's Yellow Merit Star for her work as an outstanding patrol-woman. Schatzi devoted 15 years of service, developing ways to make her sport better and safer, mapping her areas, applying first aid and conducting searches for crashed planes.

Schatzi was one of the leading women skiers during the formation of the California Ski Association. She was well known by skiers throughout Southern California as a strong skier who could outski most anyone, male or female. Her love for skiing continued to the day of her death at a grand old age of 67. While on a ski trip to Switzerland, Schatzi suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and two days later, she passed away in her sleep.

Schatzi was a long-time member of Grindelwald Ski Club. She was loved and admired by everyone. Hence, the nickname "Schatzi", which means "sweetheart" in German.

The Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award is given to the Far West woman who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. ●

2001 Nancy Sanford	1988 Fay Mumbauer	1974 Gloria Slate
2000 Lynnell Calkins	1987 Margo Thomas	1973 Jane Wyckoff
1999 <i>no award</i>	1986 Karyn Tablada	1972 Judy Fjeld
1998 Bonnie West	1985 Sallie Pritchard	1971 Thelma "Teddy" West
1997 Catherine Ohl	1984 Janie "Frankie" Hansen	1970 Sally Hudson
1997 Karen Davis	1983 Anita Omsby	1969 Gladys (Sandy) Poulsen
1996 Connie Smith	1982 Jessica Freeman	1968 <i>no award</i>
1995 Maxine Hanlon	1981 Billie Joy Wilson	1967 Mary Lou Bearden Reese
1994 Kathy Hoffmann	1980 Madeline Hunter	1966 Madeline Walton
1993 <i>no award</i>	1979 Jan Wright	
1992 Susie Vetter	1978 Nancy Ingalsbee	
1991 Karen Kimball	1977 Marlene Steinmeyer	
1990 Pat Nangle	1976 <i>no award</i>	
1989 Lauren Nagle	1975 Kathy Downer	

J. Stanley Mullin Award



J. Stanley Mullin
July 14, 1907 - July 24, 2000

J. Stanley Mullin, a Los Angeles attorney, was a pioneer Far West skier. As an avid competitive skier, he hiked up California's snow-covered mountains in the 1930s before the advent of ski lifts. He remained a strong supporter of the Far West Ski Association, USSA, and FIS (Federation of International Skiing).

Stan was an indefatigable sportsman, mastering horseback riding, skiing, sports car racing and rowing. He competed in the trials for equestrian jumping for the 1932 Olympic games. He was the first president of the California Sports Car Club and founded the rowing section of the California Yacht Club.

In 1939, Stan founded Southern Skis with **Corty Hill, Morgan Adams Jr., Otto Steiner, A. Andrew Hauk, Paulette Goddard** and others. Stan served as FWSA secretary for two years following WWII before being elected Vice-President of NSA. In 1952, Stan joined **Morgan Adams Jr., Bob Cray, Bob Cheesewright** and others in financing the Mount Baldy Ski Lifts.

Stan had a long association with the Olympics, serving on the Organizing Committee for the 1960 Winter Games at Squaw Valley and was a principal contributor to the Squaw Valley Olympic Committee, which brought the 1960 games to California.

In 1962, Stan was awarded the Blegen Award, USSA's highest award for service to the sport of skiing. He was a Vice-President of the FIS and represented USSA at FIS congresses from 1951 through 1967. He was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1973.

The J. Stanley Mullin Award is given to the Far West man who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. ●

2001 Ken Calkins	1987 Howard Wickersham	1974 Rolf Fromm
2000 Jim Ortiz	1986 Cloyde Howard	1973 Gar Bering III
1999 Tucker Hoffmann	1985 Mike Favia	1972 Carl Grover
1998 Mike Sanford	1984 Glen Adkins	1971 Russ Tiffany
1997 Sutter Kunkel	1983 Alan Christian	1970 John Watson
1996 Ron Anderson	1982 John Rosenfeld	1969 Richard Goetzman
1995 Gene Fulkerson	1981 Steve Williams	1968 Stanley V. Walton, Jr.
1994 Randy Lew	1980 John Rosenkranz	1967 Jerry Wetzal
1993 Norm Cullen	1980 Bob Clinco	1966 Byron Nishkian
1992 Louis Buhler	1979 Ed McArthur	
1991 Woody Hogan	1978 Ed Gehle	
1990 Paul Arrigo	1977 Dick Croft	
1989 Chuck Morse	1976 Bruce Bell	
1988 John James	1975 Russ Read	

Jimmie Heuga Award



Jimmie Heuga

Sept 22, 1943 -

In 1966, Jimmie finished fourth in the combined at the World Championships in Portillo, Chile. The following year he skied to a third place overall in World Cup giant slalom. He had two top-ten finishes at the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France. His ten years on the US Ski Team ended in 1968. Jimmie was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1976.

Jimmie's greatest challenge commenced with disturbing health indications in 1967 and a final diagnosis in 1970 as having Multiple Sclerosis (MS). After a period of indecision as to his course of action, he started a three-year personal program of rehabilitation in 1976. He created a program of cardiovascular endurance, stretching and strengthening exercises. He moved back to the mountains and resumed skiing. After this period, he started his own outreach program for persons with MS, founding the Jimmie Heuga Center in 1984. The center in Avon, Colorado is dedicated to "reanimating the physically challenged" to regain a quality of life. The center also supports scientific research.

The Jimmie Heuga Award is given to the individual who, like Jimmie, has demonstrated courage and skill in three arenas – the ski slope, the human body, and the courageous heart. ●

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| 2001 Billy Kidd, Steamboat Springs | 1990 Sallie Pritchard, Founder
California Handicapped Ski School |
| 2000 Mike Wellman | 1989 Douglas Pringle,
Tahoe Adaptive Ski School |
| 1999 Norm Cox | 1989 Lynne Haile, Pierce College
Handicapped Program |
| 1998 Candace Cable | 1988 Steve Kanaly, March of Dimes |
| 1997 Rick Van Aken,
Bear Valley Adaptive Ski Program | 1987 James Stacey |
| 1996 Jim Ortiz | |
| 1995 Sara Tully | |
| 1994 KelLe Malkewitz, Director
US Adaptive Recreation Center | |
| 1993 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School | |
| 1992 Hal O'Leary, Founder National
Sports Center for the Disabled at
Winter Park | |
| 1991 Linda Fryback, Unrecables | |

Jordan-Reily Award

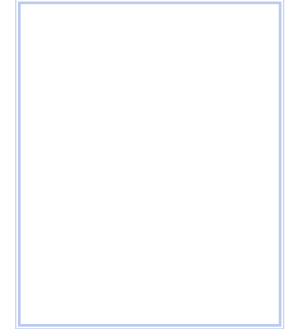
The award is named posthumously for two pioneers in the Association's Public Affairs program, **Bob Jordan** and **John Reily**.

Bob Jordan, a Guadalcanal veteran, trained as a journalist and was employed for many years in the forest products industry. Bob became FWSA's first paid Director of Public Affairs in 1975 and stayed on for nearly three years before returning to industry. His professional skills greatly enhanced the sophistication of the Association's activities and formed a foundation that has lasted to this day.

In the mid-50s, **John Reily**, treasurer for the Carnation Company and chairman of the LA Chamber of Commerce, built a cabin in Squaw Valley. Two years later, he acquired Southern Pacific's land at the top of Squaw's KT-22 lift and built a day lodge called the "Cornice." From this vantage point, John saw the potential for a new ski area, Alpine Meadows. John was a strong advocate for integrating environmental, financial, and skier demand into area development plans.

The Jordan-Reily Award recognizes a one- or two-year activity and achievement in the Association's Public Affairs programs – area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation, and transportation. This award may also be given to an individual in government or the ski industry. ●

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| 2001 Steve Reneker |
| 2000 Mike Sanford |
| 1999 no award |
| 1998 Catherine Ohl |
| 1998 Linda McGavin |
| 1997 Wayne Poulson |
| 1996 no award |
| 1995 Karen Kimball |
| 1994 Lee Olson |
| 1993 National Ski Patrol,
Southern California Region |
| 1992 Kermit Wagner |
| 1991 John Watson |



Bob Jordan



John McClintic Reily



Snow Summit, CA

Tommi Tyndall

Nov. 1910 - Dec. 27, 1964

FWWSA

Tommi Tyndall Award

Tommi Tyndall was a prominent force in the promotion of winter sports in the Big Bear area during the late 40s, the 50s and early 60s. He was a one-man whirlwind where skiing was concerned.

Tommi came to the US from Dresden, Germany, in 1939 to demonstrate his father's machinery at the NY World's Fair. With the outbreak of WWII, he stayed in the US and joined the Navy. His first paying job in the US was teaching skiing at Sun Valley. He became an American citizen in 1949.

In 1946, he was among the first member of the California Ski Instructors Association. He developed and supervised a group of instructors who formed the Big Bear Ski School. In 1949, he founded the Big Bear Winter Club and hosted Big Bear's first Winter Carnival. In 1952, Tommi opened Snow Summit with a mile-long double chair, two major ski runs and several rope tows. In 1961, after a few draught years, Tommi undertook the construction of a major snow making system at Snow Summit, which would be the largest in Southern California upon its completion in 1964.

At age 54, Tommi died in a tractor accident while grooming his beloved mountain.

The Tommi Tyndall Award is given to the ski area or ski area operator who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing in the past year or in prior years. ●

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| 2001 Silver Star Mountain Resort | 1982 Mammoth Ski Touring Center |
| 2000 Park City Mountain Resort | 1981 Mt. Rose |
| 1999 Ski New Mexico | 1980 Alpine Meadows / Nick Badami |
| 1998 Aspen Skiing Company | 1979 Boreal Ridge |
| 1997 Lake Louise Ski Area | 1978 Snow Summit / Jo Tyndall Alexander |
| 1996 Salt Lake City Convention & Visitors Bureau | 1977 Mountain High |
| 1995 Boreal Ski Company | 1976 Heavenly Valley |
| 1994 Park City Ski Area | 1975 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley |
| 1993 Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1974 Kirkwood Meadows |
| 1992 Mammoth Race Department | 1973 Yosemite Mountaineering School |
| 1991 Bear Mountain Ski Resort | 1972 Boreal Ridge |
| 1990 Mt. Bachelor Ski & Summer Resort | 1971 Mammoth Mountain / Dave McCoy |
| 1989 Vail / Beaver Creek | 1970 Mt. Rose |
| 1988 Steamboat | 1969 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley |
| 1987 Crested Butte Mountain Resort | 1968 <i>no award</i> |
| 1986 Mammoth Mountain | 1967 Mammoth Mountain |
| 1985 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley | 1966 Alpine Meadows |
| 1984 Snow Forest | |
| 1983 Mountain High | |

FWWSA

Bill Mackey Award

Bill Mackey's interest and love of the mountains manifested itself early in his youth, exploring the High Sierra trails. In the summer, he expanded his knowledge of geology and nature. With the first snow cover, however, Bill was ready to head for the ski slopes. As an experienced skier, his interest was divided between competitive racing, ski instruction and professional patrolling.

In the spring of 1970, he experienced the thrill of racing during a Lange Ski Race Camp at Mammoth conducted by **Jimmie Heuga**. He turned 21 soon afterward, making him old enough to start work as a full-time professional ski patrolman at Mammoth under the capable direction of **John Garner**.

In the autumn of 1970, his enthusiasm mounted as his skill in skiing and rescue work developed rapidly. A few weeks later, however, he met with a tragic non-skiing accident that brought his career to an abrupt end.

The Bill Mackey Award is given for outstanding Service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee. ●



Bill Mackey

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| 2001 John Frasca, Central Holidays/
A Far & Wide Company | 1983 Chuck Morse, Salomon On-Campus
Learn-to-Ski Program |
| 2000 Don Beaulieu, Sunshine Village | 1982 Jim Catlin, Mammoth Ski Tour Ctr.
Ueli Luthi, Mammoth Race Dept. |
| 1999 Jean Louis Villiot, Mammoth Mtn. | 1981 Mitch Vlad,
Canadian Gov't Office of Tourism |
| 1999 Sandy Best, Lake Louise | 1980 Harry Leonard, Ski Show Company |
| 1998 Mary Evans, Aspen Skiing Company | 1979 Bob Bergstrom, Sports, Ltd. |
| 1997 Joe Pettit, Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1978 Chuck Morse, Mountain High |
| 1996 Steve Orchin, Canadian Pacific Hotels | 1977 Chuck Morse, Mountain High |
| 1995 Brent Boblitt, Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1977 Jack Hardy, Tahoe Hyatt Hotel |
| 1994 Brad Wilson, Bear Mtn. Ski Resort | 1976 Bill Boardman, Squaw Valley USA |
| 1993 Julie Maurer and Mike Blide,
Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1975 Dick Parent, High Sierra Reservations |
| 1992 Elise Waddell, Mammoth Race Dept. | 1974 Knut Waarli, Cal-Nordic Institute |
| 1991 Jerry Simon, Ski Group | 1973 Peter Brinkman, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley |
| 1990 Jim Mott, Squaw Valley USA | 1972 John Garner, Mammoth Ski Patrol |
| 1989 Marilyn Branch, Coonskin Inn | |
| 1988 Mark Phillips, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley | |
| 1987 John Armstrong, Mammoth Mtn. | |
| 1986 Bob Settineri & Ron Roesch,
Sierra Productions South | |
| 1985 Randy Fahrback, Purgatory Ski Resort | |
| 1984 Nick Hudson, Heavenly Valley | |

Bill Berry Award



William Banks Berry
Snowshoe Flat, 1952
Apr 7, 1903 - Jan 1999

Bill Berry has reported winter sport news since the winter of 1916. He reported on more ski tourneys, both Alpine and Nordic, than any other reporter in the nation. Bill's career in the Sierra saw him on the slopes of Truckee and Lake Tahoe in 1926, covering events of the old National Ski Association.

Bill reported skiing for such papers as the *Reno Journal*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Sacramento Union*, *The New York Daily News*, and all the major wire services. He reported the skiing events for the 1960 Olympics and the FIS Championships in 1950 through 1964. In his last year of reporting, he covered over 100 Far West high school and intercollegiate races on the spot, a record that may never be equaled by any ski writer.

Bill was the Historian for Auburn Ski Club's Western America SkiSport Museum at Boreal Ridge, and was Historian Emeritus for the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ispeming, Michigan. In 1969, he was the recipient of the Blegen Award, the highest award given by USSA. He was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in the

Bicentennial year, 1976. He passed away in January 1999, active to the end.

The Bill Berry Award is for Media and Print Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing by the media, including cinematographers, photographers, radio or television broadcasters, and writers for the printed media. ●

Modern Media Awards—

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| 2001 Jerry Hoffman, Freelance Radio | 1987 no award |
| 2000 Don Fontana, KJAY, Reno | 1986 Suzy Chaffee, Video Producer |
| 1999 no award | 1985 Cecil Charles, |
| 1998 John Jay, Lifetime Achievement | “The Skier” Photographer |
| 1997 Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video | 1984 Warren Miller, |
| 1996 Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video | Warren Miller Productions |
| 1995 | 1983 John Hamilton, |
| 1994 Warren Miller Enterprises | KPAT, San Francisco |
| 1993 | 1982 Ken Nelson, KABC-TV |
| 1992 Warren Miller, “Born to Ski” | |
| 1991 AMI News Service (Radio) | |
| 1990 Bob Beattie, “Subaru Ski World” | |
| 1989 no award | |
| 1988 Gemini Productions, “Ski Scene” | |

Bill Berry Award

Print Awards— *Featured Article*

- 2001 no award
- 2000 Leigh Gieringer, Skier's Guide
- 1999 Gregory Dennis, Freelance Writer
- 1998 Ken Castle, Ski Magazine
- 1997 Luanne Pfeifer, “Gretchen's Gold”
- 1996 Diane Slezak Scholfield,
San Diego Union Tribune
- 1995 no award
- 1994 Glen Putman, Freelance Writer
- 1993 no award
- 1992 Robert Frohlich, Tahoe World
- 1991 Glen Putman, Freelance Writer

Print Awards— *Hard News*

- 2001 no award
- 2000 Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times
- 1999 Rodney Angove, Sierra Ski Times
- 1998 Sam Bauman, Sierra Ski Times
- 1997 Al Auger
- 1996 Bob Cox, Daily Breeze
- 1995 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
- 1994 Bob Cox, Daily Breeze
- 1993 Diane Slezak Scholfield,
San Diego Union Tribune
- 1992 Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times
- 1991 Garry Niver, San Mateo Times
- 1990 Susan Vreeland, Freelance Writer
Burt Sims, Skiing
- 1989 Wendell Benedetti,
Los Angeles Daily News
- 1988 Mary Wendt, Herald Examiner
- 1987 Garry Niver, San Mateo Times
- 1986 Clint Swift, Sacramento Bee
- 1985 Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times
- 1984 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
- 1983 Luanne Pfeifer, Freelance Writer
- 1982 Bob Lochner, Los Angeles Times
- 1981 Larry Christensen, Peppermint Mtn.
Harry Kaiser, Skiing Magazine
- 1980 Glen Kramon,
San Francisco Examiner
- 1979 Hal Roberts, Skiers Almanac

- 1978 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
- 1977 Ethel Van DeGrift,
Christian Science Monitor
- 1976 Hal Roberts, Skiers Almanac
- 1975 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
- 1984 Warren Miller,
Warren Miller Productions
- 1973 Joan Sweeney, Los Angeles Times
- 1972 Chap Wentworth, Sacramento Bee
- 1971 Russ Tiffany, Far West News
- 1970 Bob Lochner,
San Francisco Chronicle
- 1969 John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco
- 1968 Lee Klein, Western Skier
- 1967 Luanne Pfeifer,
Santa Monica Evening Outlook
- 1966 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner

Special Award

- 1992 John Rosenfeld, Research



Bill Berry
at FWWSA Convention
in Santa Clara, CA
June 2, 1996

Man & Woman of the Year



Dottie & Donn

FWSA recognizes its best volunteers. *The Council Man and Woman of the Year are chosen by their peers based on their contributions to Clubs, Council, Race League, FWSA and nationally.* In the beginning, the contest was purely a beauty pageant where the contestants modeled ski apparel. There were rounds of cocktail parties, publicity photographs followed by a hectic day of interviews, tours and parties. In those early days, the “*Sno Queen & King*” were chosen by noteworthy & impartial judges. ●

2001	Dottie Loader	Sierra	2001	Donn Bryant	Sierra
2000	Catherine Ohl	Los Angeles	2000	Dan Halcomb	Sierra
1999	Diane Hicks	Northwest	1999	Joe Loader	Sierra
1998	Karen Davis	Bay Area	1998	Ethan Chickering	Bay Area
1997	Kathy Hoffmann	Bay Area	1997	Mark Hanlon	Orange
1996	Connie Smith	San Diego	1996	Mike Sanford	San Diego
1995	Linda Keller	Orange	1995	Hal Richey	Los Angeles
1994	Marge Fons	Arizona	1994	Tucker Hoffmann	Bay Area
1993	Judy Sobel	Los Angeles	1993	Steve Ziomek	Arizona
1992	Susie Vetter	San Diego	1992	Randy Lew	Bay Area
1991	Debi Le Vine	Los Angeles	1991	Steve Smith	Los Angeles
1990	Julia Guifford	Central	1990	Norm Cullen	San Diego
1989	Pat Nangle	Orange	1989	Woody Hogan	Central
1988	Lauren Nagle	Central	1988	Dennis Doty	Inland
1987	Judy Purdom	Bay Area	1987	Bill Silliman	Orange
1986	Terry Mayle	Orange	1986	Cloyde Howard	Orange
1985			1985		
1984	Linda Walker	San Diego	1984	Robert Jiminez	Inland
1983			1983	Alan Christian	Bay Area
1982			1982		
1981			1981	John Davidson	Los Angeles
1980			1980		
1979			1979	Howard Wickersham	Los Angeles
1978			1978	Leo Style	Los Angeles
1977					
1976					
1975					
1974	Monica Alber				
1973					
1972	Linda Bergner Jones				
1971					
1970	Sharon Reece	Southern			

Outstanding Club Awards

Tollakson Award— Outstanding Club

Dave Tollakson's activities in club leadership, racing and committees mark him as the finest that organized skiing can produce. Dave's involvement in FWSA started in the mid-60s with the Rokka League. He trained, skied, took lessons and practiced.

Concurrently, he took up patrolling with the National Ski Patrol (NSP) at Goldmine and trained in first aid, evacuation and winter survival. He was a major force in the development of search & rescue and ski mountaineering with the Southern Region NSP. Dave's climbing was related to this activity and the climb on which he met his death on Mt. San Jacinto was in training with **Steve Reneker** for a 1995 assault on Everest. Steve completed the climb and carried the FWSA banner and Dave's ashes to the top. In 1995, the Outstanding Club Award was named in honor of Dave.

In an effort to recognize the recreational skier, FWSA awarded the first outstanding ski club in 1963. The criteria used then was based on the percentage of members who belonged to FWSA, amount of money donated to FWSA, number of members holding FWSA offices, and number of members passing the Uniform Ski Test. *Today, the Tollakson Award is presented to an outstanding club based on an evaluation of their structure, organization, skiing, sports, social events, and giving to the community.* ●

Wentworth Award— Outstanding Club Publication

Chapman “Chappie” Wentworth contributed to FWSA for over 50 years. Chap undertook committee responsibilities for the Association in the 1950s and served as Secretary of FWSA when the numbers of officers were far fewer. He was an editor of several Tahoe area newspapers and edited Bill Berry's book *Lost Sierra: Gold, Ghosts & Skis*.

A native of Boston, Chap graduated from Dartmouth, having skied on the varsity team. Chap was scheduled to participate in the canceled 1940 Olympics and was Southern California's Downhill Champion for 1941.

Chap and his wife **Janet** were always ready to lend support in the Bay Area or Tahoe raising funds for ski causes and the US Ski Team.

The Wentworth Award is given to the club whose newsletters are judged best based on layout, content, and club size. It was fitting that Chap be remembered for his dedication to FWSA by giving his name to the Outstanding Club Publication. ●



C. David Tollakson
Mar 30, 1935 - Apr 9, 1994



Chapman Wentworth
1918 - Dec 10, 1993

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
2001 <i>no award</i>	North Island	Bergfreunde
2000 Skiyente	Single	Bergfreunde
1999 Rusty Bindings	Century City	Bergfreunde
1998 Skiyente	Single	Bergfreunde
1997 Bota Baggers	Century City	Après
1996 Tri Valley	Century City	Bergfreunde
1995 Inskiers	Century City	Après
1994 Inskiers	Single	Balboa
1993 Inskiers	Century City	Balboa
1992 Rusty Bindings	Snowchasers	Balboa
1991 Snowchasers	<i>no award</i>	Balboa
1990 Snow Drifters	Single	Balboa
1989 Inskiers	Single	Balboa
1988 Irvine	Single	Balboa
1987 Inskiers	Snowchasers	Balboa
1986 San Francisco	Snowchasers	Balboa
1985 San Francisco	Sundance	Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	<i>no award</i>	Balboa
1983 <i>no award</i>	Single	<i>no award</i>
1982 Wailers	Single	Après
1981 Wailers	Single	<i>no award</i>
1980 Wailers	Single	<i>no award</i>
1979 Wailers	Single	Après
1978 Wailers	Westwood	Après
1977 Wailers	Single	Après
1976 Wailers	Single	Hughes
1975 Wailers	Single	
1974 Wailers	Westwood	
1973 Vand Bakke	Westwood	
1972 Single	Westwood	
1971 Single	Westwood	
1970 Single	Fresno	
1969 Wailers		
1968 Edelweiss		
1967 Buddy's Angels		
1966 Buddy's Angels		
1965		
1964		
1963 Grindelwald		



Jonnie Johnson & Bob March



Steve Coxen & Marilyn Siegler

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
2001 Auslich	Pacific Rim Alliance	Après
2000 Grindelwald	Pacific Rim Alliance	Après
1999 Grindelwald	Century City	Bergfreunde
1998 Wailers	Grindelwald	Balboa
1997 Wailers	Santa Barbara	Après
1996 Tri Valley	Santa Barbara	Bergfreunde
1995 Tri Valley / Inskiers	Santa Barbara	Après
1994 Powderhounds	Santa Barbara	Balboa
1993 Powderhounds	Santa Barbara	Balboa
1992 Schi Laufers	Santa Barbara	Balboa
1991 Schi Laufers	Don Diego	Après
1990 Wailers	Auslich	Balboa
1989 Wailers	Auslich	Balboa
1988 Irvine	Century City	Balboa
1987 San Francisco	Single	Torrey Pines
1986 Camber	Hump Jumpers	Balboa
1985 Century City	Single	Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	Single	Torrey Pines
1983 Powderhounds	Single	Torrey Pines
1982 Wailers	Single	Après
1981 Wailers	Westwood	Torrey Pines
1980 Powderhounds	Auslich	Torrey Pines
1979 San Francisco	Auslich	Après
1978 Wailers	Westwood	Après
1977 Snow Drifters	Westwood	
1976 Wailers	Westwood	
1975 Wailers	Après	
1974 Wailers	Santa Barbara	
1973 Century City	Fresno	
1972 Single	Fresno	
1971 Single	Hughes	
1970 Wailers		



Bonnie West, editor



Catherine Ohl, editor



Dorothy Pantel, editor

Outstanding Club Web Site

FWSA

It became clear that over the years the clubs have adapted their communication styles to meet the needs of their membership and changes in technology. 2001 marked the inaugural judging of the club's web sites. *The Outstanding Web Site Award is given to the club whose web site is judged best based on layout, content, usefulness, navigation, and club size.* ●

Class A

2001 Bonnie West, Auslich



Bonnie West, webmaster

Class AA

2001 Larry Davis, Century City



Larry Davis, webmaster

Class AAA

2001 Steve Olson, Balboa



Steve Olson, webmaster

President's Award

The President's Award is given to the individual who the President of FWWSA feels has done the most to advance the immediate goals of the Association during the previous year. ●

2001 Daron Rahlves, US Ski Team	1987
2000 Jane Wyckoff & Karen Davis	1986
1999 Phil Mahre	1985 Joe Ross
1998 Leigh Gieringer	1984 Mike Favia
1997 Barbara Razo	1983 Robert Jimenez
1996 Harry Davis & Jane Wyckoff	1982 Bobby Moreno
1995 Kyle Rasmussen, US Ski Team	
1994 Randy Lew	
1993 Judith Miller	
1992 Jeff Hamilton,	
US Ski Team Speed Skating	
1991 Alan Christian & Paul Arrigo	
1990 John Watson	
1989 Tamara McKinney, US Ski Team	
Jane Wyckoff	
1988 Cathy Gentile & Greg Manino,	
US Handicapped Ski Team	

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Terry Smith Award

Terry Smith was a strong supporter of intramural (club) racing and helped advance these programs as a member of the Mammoth Mountain Racing Staff.

Terry died in a tragic accident while operating an earth moving machine at the top of Chair 3 at Mammoth in the summer of 1975.

Terry's Run, one of the blue trails off Chair 19, is named in honor of Terry.

The Terry Smith Award is bestowed on the outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of intramural skiing. ●

Terry Smith
- 1975

2001 Robb Margrave
2000 Mark Hanlon
1999 Marty Purmort
1998 Lynnell Calkins
1997 Bob Bernard
1996 Ken Calkins
1995 no award
1994 Bob & Debbie Warzynski
1993 Herb Schraibman
1992 Bob Ellis
1991 Carol Weaver
1990 Ralph Lehotsky
1989 John Ulrich
1988 John Armstrong
1987 George Eachus
1986 John Catozzi
1985 Alan Christian
1984 Ellen Loe
1983 Jessica Freeman
1982 Dennis Agee
1981 Karyn Tablada
1980 Ueli Lufhi
1979 Joe Harris
1978 John Rosenkranz
1977 John James
1976 Bruce Bell

Joe Ross Memorial Race



Joe Ross at age 99

May 8, 1886 - July 17, 1985

Joe Ross came to the US from Frankfurt, Germany, at the age of 21. He was a very accomplished ice skater and was a member of the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club.

Joe started skiing in 1935 at the young age of 52, when some friends from Austria came to visit and he put on his first pair of skis at Snow Valley. He especially loved Sun Valley and traveled there many times by train. He skied all over Europe, particularly Austria and Switzerland.

Joe belonged to Grindelwald Ski Club, Far World Ski club and the FWSA for over thirty-five years. His first NASTAR race was at Jackson Hole at the age of 84. He was featured by **Harry Reasoner** at age 88 on national TV when he won his gold NASTAR at Aspen. In his early 90s, he was featured in a **Warren Miller** film. He also appeared in **Ripley's Believe It or Not** for being one of American's most remarkable skiers as the oldest downhill skier in the US. It was Joe's most earnest goal to ski until the age of 100. However, his goal came to an end at age 97 when he suffered a stroke while skiing at Aspen. Joe died shortly after his 99th birthday.

Joe was an inspiration to every skier with his vim, vigor, love of life and dedication to the sport of skiing. His spirit will continue forward in the FWSA Joe Ross Memorial Race. *The Joe Ross winner is the club champion of the "qualifier" GS race at the annual Far West Ski Week.*

2002	Code 3	Copper Mountain, CO
2001	Code 3	Sun Valley, ID
2000	Castro Valley	Whistler, Canada
1999	Castro Valley	Lake Louise, Canada
1998	Castro Valley	Jackson Hole, WY
1997	Castro Valley	Steamboat, CO
1996	Castro Valley	Mt. Bachelor, OR
1995	Balboa	Whistler, Canada
1994	Castro Valley	Banff, Canada
1993	Century City	Aspen, CO
1992	Century City	Vail, CO
1991	SLO Skiers	Breckenridge, CO
1990	Grindelwald	Telluride, CO
1989	Sequoia	Banff, Canada
1988	Grindelwald	The Summit, CO
1987	Sequoia	Park City, UT
1986	Edelweiss	Jackson Hole, WY



Joe Ross

Skiing NASTAR at age 84
1971

The first Sportsfest was organized in 1979. The first Softball Tournament was held in 1981. Tennis was added to Sportsfest in 1988. Golf made its debut in 1990.

	Softball	Volleyball	Tennis
2001	<i>not held</i>	<i>not held</i>	<i>not held</i>
2000			
1999			
1998			
1997			
1996			
1995	A Humpjumpers C JPL	B Humpjumpers D Century City	A Humpjumpers
1994			
1993	A Hughes C Humpjumpers	B Edelweiss II	
1992			
1991	A Edelweiss C JPL	B Sequoia	A BAC
1990	A Tyrolean C JPL	B Beach Cities	A Fresno B Fresno B Edelweiss
1989			
1988	A Sequoia C Auslich	B Wailers	A Camber B Sequoia A Century City
1987	A Wailers	B Fagowees	A Sequoia
1986	A Edelweiss		
1985			
1984			
1983			
1982			
1981			
1980			
1979			

The FWSA Safety Award has been graciously sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company since its inception in 1998. The first year, the award was presented to the person who coined the phrase that would best sum up the FWSA safety position. **Jim Ortiz** contributed the appropriate tag line — a clever safety acronym for FWSA.

ASPEN SNOWMASS

• **Ski With Pride • Watch All Sides • Let It Ride •**

First With Safety Awareness

In subsequent years, the Safety Award has been bestowed on the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs. The winner is awarded a week of skiing in Aspen with air, lodging, lift tickets, and rentals. ●

- 2001 Richard Lubin, Bay Area
- 2000 Denise Vance, San Diego
- 1999 Catherine Ohl, San Diego, Los Angeles
- 1998 Jo Henry, San Diego

Western Ski Heritage Award

The purpose of the Association's Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of skiers and non-skiers alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of skiing— competitive as well as outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to the communities in the West.



The Western Ski Heritage Award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation for the first three years. *The Western Ski Heritage Program will recognize the best effort to find, preserve, document and share the history of skiing in the West.* The winner is awarded a week of skiing in Steamboat with lodging and lift tickets. ●

- 2001 Chris Miller, Northwest, Cascade Ski Club History
- 2000 Sutter Kunkel, Los Angeles, FWSA Charter Flight Portfolio

Every effort has been made to research all aspects of FWSA history. In the process, I have begged and borrowed every publication by FWSA or about FWSA that I could find. Frankly, there's a whole lot more out there. These publications are being used to build both a paper and electronic library. In addition, I have begun to compile a data base of biographies of FWSA personalities. There is still a tremendous amount of work to do. If you have any FWSA publications (*Far West News, Western Ski Times, Councilman, FWSA Snow West, Convention books & minutes, Ski Bug's Almanac, Far West Skier's News, The Skier, Southwest Skier, etc.*) that I could borrow or have, please contact me. I appreciate any help. ●

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“There is no greater high in the world than
to stand on the top of a mountain.”

David Tollakson



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