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Breckenridge, Colorado--“Powder skiing with town in the distance below”
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The history of FWSA began with the founding of the California Ski Association in 1930. Over the course of 86 years our organization has grown to become one of the largest snowsports associations in the U.S. We are a non-profit membership organization of 9 regional councils, 150 clubs, and approximately 50,000 members in 12 western states. We depend on volunteers to manage and support our organization. We are funded by the generosity of the ski industry through their donations to our Annual Silent Auction, their sponsorship of our programs, and the revenue from our very successful travel programs.

We are always seeking new volunteers. If you are interested in joining this special group we want to hear from you. You can contact me or any other member of our Board of Directors, Trustees, Council Presidents and Committee Chairs. All board contact information is on our website at www.fwsa.org.

Our relationships with our ski industry partners are very important. We look for ways to get involved in issues and projects that will help grow their businesses and improve the snowsports experience for all of our members. Recently we launched an Environmental Award program to encourage our club members to get involved in climate change issues. Ski area members of the National Ski Areas Association are making improvements to their areas under the guiding principles of the NSAA Sustainable Slopes program and some ski resorts are supporting the cause of Protect Our Winters. Aspen Snowmass is supporting our program by sponsoring a one week ski trip for two to any individual who, through their club or council, demonstrates significant activity in either of these programs. If you are interested in getting involved in this activity please contact me.

We have exciting travel opportunities in the year ahead. Randy Lew will be running his annual Dive Trip in Sep-Oct. This year the destination is Fiji. Our annual North America Ski Week is to Breckenridge in Jan-Feb 2017. Our Mini Ski Week will be to Sun Peaks in March. Our annual International Ski Week will be to St. Anton in March and we have planned an adventure trip to Valle Nevado, Chile in the summer of 2017. All of our trips are very popular. They are available to members of all FWSA clubs and direct members. For more information look at the travel articles in this edition of The Councilman or visit our website.

Our 84th Annual Convention was held in June 2016 in Scottsdale, Arizona. We had an awesome time. There were more optional events this year beginning on Thursday. The Silent Auction on Friday was very successful and the leadership seminars on Saturday were well attended. Jordan Romero, our keynote speaker, and the youngest person to climb Mt. Everest presented a fascinating account of his story. Our awards presentation at the Saturday banquet was shorter and smoother than it has ever been. The same is true for our elections on Sunday as all positions were uncontested. I would like to give a huge thank you to our friends in Arizona Ski Council who did an excellent job as hosts of our Convention.

The 85th Annual FWSA Convention will be held June 7-11, 2017 in Boise, Idaho. I know that this Convention will be one that you shouldn’t miss. Intermountain Ski Council has been working on this for several years and they have plans for some exciting new activities for all attendees. Check out the Convention article in The Councilman.

FWSA has a very strong and experienced Board of Directors who are committed to working hard for our membership and industry partners. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President for another year and I encourage any of you to share your ideas with me and other members of the FWSA Board of Directors.

Steve Coxen, President
85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention
June 7–11, 2017
Boise Centre
850 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
208-336-8900 • www.boisecentre.com

hosted by
Bogus Basin Ski Club &
Intermountain Ski Council

The Grove Hotel — Downtown Boise
245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702
www.grovehotelboise.com
Reservations call 888-961-5000 or 208-489-2222 Option 1
Group Name Far West Ski Association
Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy — $134
Room Registration Deadline May 16, 2017

Hotel Features
• The Grove Fitness Center and Spa
• Emilio’s Restaurant
• The Bar
• NO resort fees, FREE Wi-Fi in guest rooms
• Self-Parking $10 / Valet $16
• Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention
• Walking distance to shops, restaurants, museums, theaters & more.

Transportation
• Air Transportation is via Boise Airport (BOI), located 10 minutes from Boise Centre.
• Rental cars and shuttle services are available at the airport.

Convention Highlights
• Silent Auction
• Travel Expo
• Snowsports Leadership Academy
• Celebrity Speakers
• Public Affairs Panels
• Saturday Awards Luncheon
• Saturday Awards Dinner
• Far West General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities
• Wednesday
  ◦ “A Taste of Idaho” (Hot Springs & Dutch Oven Dinner)
• Thursday
  ◦ White Water Rafting Payette River
  ◦ Boise River Green Belt Bike Tour
  ◦ Albertson Stadium & MK Nature Center Tour
  ◦ Downtown Boise Pub Crawls
• Friday
  ◦ 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  ◦ Day at Bogus Basin Mountain
  ◦ Fountain Party (Grove Plaza)

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The 84th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention was held at the beautiful DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley-Scottsdale, June 9-12, 2016, hosted by Arizona Ski Council. The resort is an AAA Four Diamond property located only minutes from downtown Scottsdale, in the Phoenix Metropolitan area. Guests enjoyed cooling off in the outdoor pools, and visiting nearby attractions for great dining, nightlife and shopping.

The convention fun started on Thursday morning with An Old Town Scottsdale tour via Segway, providing a glimpse into the town’s western history, modern infrastructure and upscale venues. Others chose another Western Journey, a visit to the Museum of the West, with a private guided tour of the Lewis and Clark exhibit, followed by a Mexican Buffet luncheon at Los Olivos. The always popular Pub Crawl, held on Thursday evening, featured hot spots in Scottsdale’s entertainment district.

Our golf enthusiasts beat the heat with a 7 a.m. shot gun start on Friday, for the 10th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Others enjoyed a visit to the Musical Instrument Museum with a private guided tour offering an overview of the world’s music, focusing on cultures in each geographical region. The Spa Day was also popular, with pampering and relaxation and a champagne toast, at the luxurious Spa Lamar, located next to the DoubleTree Resort.

The Pool Party on Friday afternoon at the Resort’s South Pool, surrounded by lavish courtyards, cactus and tropical palm trees, provided an opportunity to cool off and connect with ski club and industry friends. Central Council once again hosted this event, and offered fun and games. Phoenix Ski Club and Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club members were out in force for the early evening Ski Club Happy Hour, ready to bid on great packages at the 31st Annual Silent Auction and Snowsports Trade Show. Ski industry and resort representatives from North America as well as International destinations were present to share information about snowsports and other outdoor activities, and their properties and products. A portion of the proceeds from the Silent Auction were donated to the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, whose volunteers served as bid runners. The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy champions the sustainability of Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve for the benefit of this and future generations. Following the Silent Auction, there was dancing to great music provided by DJ Mikey Pro.

Saturday kicked off with a continental breakfast and a brief opening General Session. Next was the Travel Expo, where club members met personally with resort representatives and tour operators to discuss planning their group’s next ski and adventure trips. During our luncheon, Jordan Romero, an American mountain climber and the youngest person to summit Mount Everest, spoke to us about his preparation and adventures. Jordan was just 13 at the time he reached the summit of Mount Everest, and since then, he became the youngest person to complete the Seven Summits at the age of 15 in 2011. Jordan is the co-author of: No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits. Other highlights of every FWSA Convention include Public Affairs panels and Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions, providing our members with training and tools to enhance and expand their clubs. This year’s topics were Who Are You, and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand, and Safe

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Event Sponsors
84th Annual FWSA Convention
by Debl Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association’s 84th Annual Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of this year’s Convention. By offsetting convention costs through the sponsorship program, we are able offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans.

Program Sponsors

Ski Heritage Award
Since 2000, Steamboat has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, a tour and half day lesson.

Man & Woman of Year
Since 2001, Big White Ski Resort has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging and lift tickets to the Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year winners.

Athletic Scholarships
Since 2004, funds for the scholarships are provided through contributions from Whitefish, Grouse Mountain Lodge and Karbon.

Safety Award
Telluride and Mountain Lodge are the sponsors of the Safety Award. They are offering a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, rentals, and 4-day lift tickets.
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Silent Auction & Travel Expo
2016 Participants
by Jeannine Davis and Fran Long

The Far West Ski Association and the Arizona Ski Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 31st Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners.

Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2016-2017.

Aspen/Snowmass, CO
Aspen Skiing Company, CO
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, NV
Banff Lodging Company, Canada
Beqa Lagoon Resort, Fiji
Big Sky Resort, MT
Big White Ski Resort, Canada
Bike Tours.Com, TN
Boise Centre, ID
Breckenridge Ski Resort, CO
Brian Head Resort, UT
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID
Copper Mountain Resort, CO
Cowboy Adventures, ID
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO
DoubleTree by Hilton, OR
Deer Valley Resorts, UT
Destination Snowmass, CO
DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel
Paradise Valley, AZ
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Canada
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada
Girolibero Tours, Italy
Grand Targhee Resort, WY
Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT
Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ
Huntley Lodge, MT
Hyatt Place Park City, UT
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY
Kandahar Lodge at Whitefish, MT
Lizard Creek Lodge, Canada
Mammoth Mountain Inn, CA
Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, CA
Mayflower Tours, IL
Mt Bachelor, OR
Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites
at Sun Peaks Resort, Canada
Pacific Coach, Canada
Pillsbury Wine Company
Resort Quest Whistler, Canada
Riverhouse on the Deschutes, OR
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Silver Star Mountain Resort, Canada
SKI.COM, CO
Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Canada
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Snakedance Condominiums, NM
Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, UT
Snowmass Destination Residences, CO
Snowmass Ski Resort, CO
Snowmass Tourism, CO
Sports America Tours, CA
Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., CO
Sunrise Park Resort, AZ
Sunshine Village Resort, Canada
Sun Peaks Ski Resort, Canada
Sun Valley Resort, ID
Taos Ski Valley Resort, NM
Telluride Ski Resort, CO
The Listel Hotel Whistler, Canada
The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT
The Transportation Network, UT
Turquoise Bay Dive & Beach Resort, Honduras
Vail Resorts, CO
Val D’Isere Condos, CA
Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Winter Park Resort, CO
Wyndham Vacation Rentals, CO

2016 MILESTONE PARTICIPATION AWARDS

15 Year Award
Brian Head Resort

20 Year Award
Big White Ski Resort
Whistler Blackcomb

25 Year Award
Grouse Mountain Lodge

Grouse Mountain Lodge

30 Year Award
Crested Butte Mountain Resort
Mammoth Mountain Ski Area

Door Prize Donors

Kiss My Face Skin Care
Screamer Ski Wear
Park City Ski Resort
Whistler/Blackcomb
Transpack Ski Bags
Sunrise Park Resort
Buff Headware
Roatan Charters
Inventure Foods
### Convention Volunteer VIPs

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**FWSA Awards**

- Service Awards Chairperson: Catherine Ohl
- Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson: Crissymarie King

**Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year Recognition**

- Chairperson: Gene Fulkerson
- Reception Hostess: Candee Marsh Hull

**Graphics and Design, Pins, Shirts**

- Catherine Ohl
- Lee Lambie

- Arleigh Meiners, Bonnie West

**Registration**

- Convention Delegate Registrar: Karen James
- Registration Tote Bags: Karen Bonine
- Delegate Registration Volunteer Coordinator: Bonnie West
- Celebrity Guests and VIP Registration: Randy Lew
- Celebrity Guests and VIP Hostess: Barbara Lee Blase

**FWSA Convention Treasurer**

- Cindy Krupp

**Snowsports Leadership Academy, Credentials Chairperson**

- Jane Gutierrez

**Optional Events**

- Western Journey Museum: Dodi Bailey
- Scottsdale Tour via Segway: Wanda Himler
- Scottsdale Pub Crawl: Arleigh Meiners
- 10th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament: William Risk
- World Music Experience: Carla Kramer, Marie Grillo
- Spa Lamar Day: Judy Upton
- Pool Party: Fran Long
- Ski Club Welcome Party: William Risk
- Transportation Coordinator: Arleigh Meiners
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**Social Events**

- Publicity: Tim Avedovech
- Convention Videos: George Stewart
- Photographer’s Assistant / Scribe: Maxine Hanlon
- Entertainment and Awards Banquet Decorations Coordinator: Marge Fons
- FWSA Event Signage Coordinator: Debbi Kor
- Convention Website - Webmaster, Convention Multimedia Presentations: Catherine Ohl
- Delegate Book Editor: Jo Simpson
- Nominations: Sylvia Kears
- Elections: Linda Westlund, Tom Bundgard
- Parliamentarian: John Watson
- Resolutions: Randi Lew
- Convention Photographer – Azy’s Photography: Azy Scotten
- Awards Banquet DJ – Mikey Pro: Michael Protocollo
- Signage - Starbright Creations: Emilio Trampuz
### 2016 Communication Award Recipients

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2016 CONVENTION SPONSORS - Debbi Kor, VP Marketing, Presenter

Gloria Saiya-Wood, Russell Wood, with Jane Gutierrez

Bert Witsil, Nancy Ellis, Mike Hibbard, Andrew Kwang and Connor Hourihan

Sigrid Noack and Terese Jarvis (Mt. Bachelor)

Danielle O’Grady and Andrew Kwang (Vail Resorts)

Brant Giovanetti, Conner Hourihan and Ryan Billiett

John and Joanne Douglas (Cahilty Hotel & Suites, Sun Peaks)

Alyssa Cartmill & Larry Young (Steamboat) with Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing

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2016 CONVENTION SPONSORS - Debbi Kor, VP Marketing, Presenter

Patrick Rothe & Kyle Lusk (Telluride Ski Resort) with Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing

Stephen Remillard (Mammoth Mountain) with Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing

Debbi Kor with Mary Ann Mudge (Brian Head Resort)

Debbi Kor, FWSA VP Marketing with Lisa Edens (Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau)

Bert Witsil (Limelight Hotel) with Nancy Ellis, FWSA VP North American Travel

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CONVENTION AWARDS WINNER PICTURES

SERVICE AWARDS

Debbi Kor is presented with the Hans Georg Award by Linda Westlund, the 2015 Hans Georg Award recipient.

Jo Simpson, 2015 Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award winner, with Karen James, the 2016 Award recipient.

Steve Coxen, FWSA President, presents the Jordan-Reily Award to Jo Simpson.

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CONVENTION AWARDS WINNER PICTURES

SERVICE AWARDS

Katie Balkwill is presented with the Bill Mackey Award by Steve Coxen, FWSA President

George Kish, 2015 J. Stanley Mullin Award recipient, presents this year’s award to Norbert Knapp

Kyle Lusk and Patrick Rothe of Telluride Ski Resort accepted the Tommi Tyndall Award on behalf of the resort

Dave Ludwig, Jimmie Heuga Award Recipient

Bob Ellis, Far West Racing Association President, presented the Terry Smith Award to Dale Parshall. To the right of Dale is Nancy Ellis, FWRA Financial Officer

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CONVENTION AWARDS WINNER PICTURES

SNOWSPORTS BUILDER AWARDS

Jimmie Nunn, recipient of a Snowsports Builder Award, with his family. Seated with Jimmie is Steve Nunn. Standing L to R: Kathie Nunn, Terri Myers, Eric Nunn, Ryan Sloyan and Sly Myers

John Watson presented a Snowsports Builder Award to Jerry Gloshay and Jerold Al-taha, who accepted on behalf of Ronnie Lupe

Bob Wilbanks received the Snowsports Builder Award from Randy Lew

MEDIA AWARDS

Steve Coxen, FWSA President, presents the Bill Berry Featured News Award to Linda LeBlanc and Jordan Romero for their book, “No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits.”

Linda McGavin was the winner of the Bill Berry Hard News Award, presented by Steve Coxen, FWSA President. Linda is the Editor of the Northwest Snowsports Guide.

Bill Berry Modern Media Award - Not in Attendance

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CONVENTION AWARDS WINNER PICTURES

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

Steve Coxen, FWSA President, presents the President’s Award to Jeannine Davis, the FWSA Silent Auction Chair.

Billy Kidd, Olympic Champion and Director of Skiing at Steamboat Ski Resort, presents the Western Ski Heritage Award to Jane Jackson, on behalf of the program sponsor. To the right is John Watson, FWSA History Chair.

Steve Nyman, U.S. Ski Team Member and Olympian President’s Award Recipient.

Richard Lubin, D.C., FWSA Safety Chair with Sue Rimkeit, Safety Person of the Year. The award was presented by Patrick Rothe of Telluride Ski Resort, program sponsor.

PROGRAM AWARDS

Mike Ferketich, Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Colleen Stroeder, Northwest Ski Club Council, were named the 2016 FWSA Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year. Katie Balkwill presented the awards on behalf of Big White Ski Resort, sponsor of the recognition program.

Photos courtesy of Azy’s Photography www.azphotovideo.com
Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year
Gene Fulkerson, Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year, Chair

The Far West Ski Association recognizes top volunteers from each council during the Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year recognition program at the FWSA Annual Convention. Councils honor dedicated men and women who have made significant contributions to organized skiing within their club, council, community, race league, FWSA and nationally.

In my second year as chair, I continued to work closely with the Council Presidents in an effort to bring this recognition down to the grass roots level. In 2016, the council presidents agreed to reduce the window of service to the past five years. There was more grassroots participation this year, as was the intention.

Participation remained at the same level as last year. The notable difference is that there were only 4 men while we had 8 women. Only one council did not have a nominee.

We appreciate Big White Ski Resort for their continuing support and sponsorship of the Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year program since 2001. Our winners were awarded a 2017 ski vacation for two at Big White that includes 5 nights lodging, lift tickets and rentals.

Congratulations to this year’s FWSA Councils’ Man of the Year—Mike Ferketich, Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Colleen Stroeder, Northwest Ski Club Council.

Scoring and judging was handled electronically again this year. Thank you judges for scoring the submissions prior to the Convention, spending all Saturday morning in the interview process and sharing your experiences with the process. Judges were Marge Fons, Karen Bonine, Wanda Ross, George Stewart, Rosie Rosco, Norbert Knapp, Barbara Pressentin, Colleen Sterner and Barbara Blase. Thanks also to my tabulation partner, George Kish, and my personal secretary, Catherine Ohl.

COUNCILS’ MEN AND WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Arizona Council  Wanda Himler, Scottsdale
Bay Area Council  Mike Ferketich, Rusty Bindings
Central Council  Kim Riehl, Fresno
Intermountain Ski Council  Paul Markowitz, Bogus Basin
Los Angeles Council  John Gray, The Unrecables
Northwest Council  Colleen Stroeder, Skiyente
Orange Council  Terry S. King, Balboa
San Diego Council  Rick Bonnett, North Island

The Councilman, Fall 2016 17
It is exciting to be a part of the organization in another capacity as your new V.P. of Communications, and I am definitely learning a lot!

Connie Burdette publishes *The Councilman* twice per year, and we have changed to an electronic format. Leigh Gieringer is working on publishing another beautiful *Far West Skier’s Guide* this year, and Debbi Kor puts together and sends out the *Far West News Flash* every month. If you want to be kept up on what FWSA is doing, sign up at [http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/NewsFlash/NewsFlash.html](http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/NewsFlash/NewsFlash.html) and enter your email address. You can also see current and past issues on that page.

George Stewart continues to produce more multimedia programs, which are posted at [https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc](https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc).

We are also looking for volunteers to help us post on Facebook and Twitter. If you are willing to help us connect with our members, let us know!

Catherine Ohl is managing the website ([http://www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)) which is updated frequently. If you have any questions or comments about the website, please direct them to me ([cindy.krupp@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.krupp@gmail.com)).

We are also working on improving our PayPal features to include payment options for more trips, services, etc. As a reminder, FWSA Connect, Far West’s interactive portal located at [https://connect.fwsa.org](https://connect.fwsa.org) continues to include not only Far West trips and online payment options, but also Council and Club trips are posted there, too. All of the Councils and Clubs hosting trips they want to advertise are encouraged to post them. To post trips, leaders will need to create an account on FWSA Connect and then let me know to add them to the list of members authorized to post trips – probably the most reliable way to contact me is to send an email to cindy.krupp@gmail.com with the subject “FWSA Connect Help Needed”. Once authorized, you can post, update, and remove your trips. You can upload fliers and brochures, as well as links to websites with more information. We look forward to seeing your trips on FWSA Connect!

If you have any other questions, comments, or feedback, please let me know!
Council Presidents Address Future of Club and Council Communications and Outstanding Club Awards

The council presidents’ primary topic of discussion at their July meeting was how to proceed with the Club and Council Communications and Outstanding Club Awards program in 2017. Submissions have been low for the past 3 years, with the lowest number yet in 2016.

At the April meeting, the council presidents discussed canceling the competition for 2016 because of the low number of entries limiting meaningful competition. However, most of those present strongly felt that the clubs and councils who had taken the considerable time to enter should not be penalized. So, an ad hoc judging committee was formed to judge the entries that were received and the awards were presented.

Moving forward, the council presidents or their representatives to the meeting decided to put out a “help wanted” notice to seek volunteers to administer that awards program. The goal is to try to recruit at least two people, one to administer the judging and another to handle the technology of the online application process. Each would have full creative license to create a new application and judging process.

Our hope is that dividing the work will encourage interest. Anyone who is interested in either of these opportunities may contact me at jo_simpson@sbcglobal.net. I look forwarding to hearing from you.

A final decision about the program will be made at the December Council Presidents Meeting. If no one comes forward, sadly, the program will be discontinued.

On a happier note, the Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year program, in its second year with Gene Fulkerson as chair, held a successful competition and a great reception for candidates and judges put on by the Arizona Council. Seven councils sent candidates.

The Charity Awards, under Sigrid Noack’s leadership, had four entries for 2016, two in each of the categories—Diamond and Double Diamond.

FWSA membership cards for 2016-2017 have been printed and distributed to councils for further distribution to their member clubs.
International travel is among the most exciting and rewarding experiences in life. It opens minds and changes lives. The FWSA International Travel Team strives to inspire those of you who travel the world seeking a well-managed trip experience so you can revel in new freedoms, have the challenges answered and produce the finest trip experience of all times!

People travel for a variety of reasons and some of those include: adventure travel on land and water, cultural enrichment, new culinary experiences, “biking” is the new golf, experiential travel, spiritual travel, philanthropic travel, nature-based experiences…essentially travel is educational and transformative.

FWSA offers various types of travel opportunities including our Annual International Ski Week with an extension trip, a unique adventure trip every two years and special travel opportunities such as skiing in South America during our summer.

**FWSA’s 2016 Adventure Trip to England and Ireland**

Adventure travel can offer you the opportunity to lose yourself and find yourself. It is when we are the furthest from home when we can become the most of ourselves. We can experience new things, grow, share and unite with others…our fellow group travelers.

In September, FWSA’s adventure trip to England and Ireland with an optional bicycling extension was a tremendous success. Twenty-two participants enjoyed the Main tour while visiting the must-see attractions in London including Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the Tower of London, Westminster Abby and free time to explore this regal city on our own. England, for such a small country, has an amazing concentration of historic and cultural sites. There were many fascinating places and sumptuous scenery along the way while traveling by motor coach. We ventured to the countryside to enjoy the picturesque villages in the Cotswolds region, then off to the birthplace of William Shakespeare – Stratford-upon-Avon. Our journey then took us to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Our next stop was the elegant Georgian town of Bath, to visit their 2000-year-old elaborate Roman Spas. We had time to enjoy and stroll through cobblestone streets and soak in the old-world atmosphere before continuing on to the Welsh capital of Cardiff and took in the beautiful countryside of Wales before sailing across the Irish Sea by ferry to Ireland.

Once we arrived in Ireland, we explored the meandering routes, the intriguing detours to our destination in Waterford. We toured the New House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor’s center and the largest retail store housing the largest selection of Waterford Crystal in the world. We then traveled to the historic Blarney Castle where one could lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone where, legend has it, you will be blessed with

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the “gift of eloquence.” We marveled at some of the most glorious vistas while wandering along The Ring of Kerry. The magical scenery was created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages.

Our night’s stay in the beautiful Cabra Castle in Kingscourt was an experience of its own thinking about how it must have felt hundreds of years ago. Then a change of scenery and ambiance took place as we ventured to the “Fair City” – Dublin. We discovered the past and present during our guided city tour highlighting the must-see attractions including the famous Guinness Brewery and Storehouse. We concluded our main tour with a farewell dinner with our travel mates and vowed to travel together again.

Fourteen of us participated in the bicycling extension tour where we experienced Ireland from the viewpoint of two wheels. This leisurely bicycling tour on the stunning west coast of Ireland was completely guided and included a full Irish breakfast at each hotel, entrance to Kylemore Abbey, a ticket for Killary Harbour Cruise, and transportation of your luggage between all accommodations. We traveled on the Sky Road from Clifden to the Renvyle which brought us to the very edge of Connemara with soaring views over the rocky Atlantic coastline. Pausing at the vantage points we saw all of Clifden Bay and its many islands stretching out before you. Further along the way we passed by the Connemara National Park in the village of Letterfrack where some took a break from the bike and enjoyed a walk in the park, climbed Diamond Hill or took a look at the informative visitor center. This was truly spectacular. From the Renvyle Peninsula, we passed through the charming traditional thatched cottages in the village of Tullycross and soon came to Kylemore Abbey, one of Ireland’s top visitor attractions.

After leaving Kylemore we enjoyed the full majesty of the Twelve Bens mountain range as we passed beneath their brooding peaks. Dramatic Killary Harbour (Ireland’s only fjord) appeared as we rounded a corner. Our last day we cycled 34 miles through some of the most spectacular scenery, along the shores of Killary Harbour, past Ashleigh Falls and through Delphi and Doolough valleys with their glacial lakes and rugged sandstone hills. The peaceful silence of these areas were mesmerizing. Finally, we arrived at our charming hotel in Westport where this heritage town blends the contemporary with the modern. We felt very humbled and excited to have had the opportunity to experience Ireland the way we did - on two-wheels.

**FWSA’s 7th Annual Scuba Dive trip to Fiji**

Our scuba dive trips are becoming more popular for both the scuba diver and the non-divers who want to have an outstanding vacation experience. Our first week, September 24 - October 1, 2016 we stayed at the very popular Beqa Lagoon Resort. Divers enjoyed 3 days of 2 tank boat dives and 2 days of 3 tank boat dives while the non-divers enjoyed themselves relaxing and gave themselves time to savor their getaway vacation experience. Week two we were at the beautiful Paradise Taveuni Dive Resort, October 1-8, 2016 as an extension or a “Stand Alone’ trip for those could not make week 1. We flew them from the U.S. on Sept. 29th to join the group! Our members enjoyed 2 beautiful resorts, experienced the Fijian culture and entertainment, created new memories with new and old friends and much more.

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Another “Awesome” Far West Convention

Another summer has come and gone. Fall is here, and it is time to say “hello” to cooler weather and start thinking about what’s ahead for the coming season. Will it be another El Nino year, or La Nina? Or, will we just get some good dumps of snow occasionally that we can all be happy with?

Many of our friends kept busy during the off-season going biking, picnicking in the park, camping, white water rafting, and simply enjoying the summer weather. Trips to Europe, trips to the Caribbean, across the U.S., and extended trips in Phoenix were taken by a number of our members who attended Convention in June.

The 84th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention was held in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona. Hosted by the Arizona Ski Council, this four day get-together included such fun activities as a Segway Tour in Old Town Scottsdale, a trip to the Museum of Musical Instruments, and the ever-popular Pub Crawl on Thursday. Friday morning began with many of our attendees participating in the 10th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, and a very fun two-hour long Pool Party, sponsored by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, and hosted by those always-fun ladies from Central Ski Council. Friday night was devoted to the Silent Auction and Trade Show, hosted by Telluride, Ski, Com, and Taos Ski Valley Resort. The Silent Auction was a huge success, with a portion of the proceeds going to the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy in Scottsdale. McDowell provided our bid runners for the Silent Auction this year, and did a wonderful job.

Saturday morning was the time for the Travel Expo. There were some good, positive meetings held and a great many trips planned for the coming season. The delegates attending the Expo were kept busy, as were all of the Industry Partners meeting with one another, and getting these fantastic trips set up for future travel.

Saturday’s luncheon, sponsored by Vail Resorts and hosted by Pillsbury Wine Company, Big Sky Resort and Sports America Tours, was the time to recognize a number of our guests, and to listen to our Keynote Speaker, Jordan Romero. Jordan is the youngest person to scale Mt. Everest, doing so at the ripe old age of 13. Two years later, he experienced climbing each of the seven summits in 2011. Jordan, now at the age of 19, is carrying on with a new mission, bringing safe water to Nepal. Through his fund raising efforts with Water Missions, an international organization working to install sustainable water-treatment solutions around the world, he hopes to leave this as his legacy. Thank you, Jordan, and thank you to Mt. Bachelor, Riverhouse on the Deschutes and Double Tree by Hilton, Bend, for sponsoring Jordan. What a remarkable young man!

Saturday evening’s Awards Banquet, sponsored by Boise Centre and Boise Convention & Visitors Bureau, Aspen Skiing Company, Breckenridge Ski Resort, and Cowboy Adventures, was devoted to honoring our many industry
Unleash the Power of Membership

It has been a productive year being involved with the FWSA family. Arizona presented an exciting 84th Convention at a fantastic location. I continued my introductory role by presenting “Convention 101”, a PowerPoint presentation for new attendees which details the whole weekend festivities. We presented our Snowsports Leadership Academy on Saturday, a forum of topics by experts in their fields speaking on a particular topic related to the industry. This year we focused on marketing our organizations and taking care of ourselves on the mountain.

The morning session began with Todd Hood, Vice President of Membership of Los Angeles Council, member of Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena, and Treasurer of the National Brotherhood of Skiers Western Region. Todd, an expert in reorganization and management, spoke on how ski club and council leaders can manage the brand of their organization. Perception is everything, and how you present your clubs to the public can determine how you recruit and retain membership.

The afternoon session’s topic of safety on the mountain began with Barbara Razo, an accomplished ski patroller for Snow Summit and Bear Mountain at Big Bear, California. Barbara is an expert in emergency preparedness, and spoke about altitude sickness, physical preparation for mountain activity, and much more. Richard Lubin, D. C. FWSA’s Safety Chair, finished up the topic with discussing the type of physical injuries that can occur on the mountain and ways to prevent them.

The FWSA Board of Directors has made some changes! Our direct membership cycle is now from May 1st through April 30th of each year so that your annual membership can be better utilized for the wonderful travel perks that we offer. We are also developing an online payment system for those of you that want immediate financial results in the signup process. Joining a club and obtaining a membership is wonderful, however, if direct membership is your choice, there are many advantages of obtaining one. You can attend the FWSA’s Annual Convention, experience the Snowsports Leadership Academy, travel to great locales with generous discounts, have access to vendor discounts and numerous informational literature. Finally, you will also have access to more discounts through the National Ski Council Federation’s link system!

What more can you ask for! Check out our website, download the direct membership application and we will go from there. Welcome in advance!
COLORADO SKI WEEK

Breckenridge Ski Resort, Colorado is the location for our 2017 Ski Week, January 28—February 4, 2017. The town of Breckenridge has a colorful history full of gold mining, saloons, booms, and busts. There are many historical tours, activities, stores of all kinds, bars, pubs, and restaurants from casual to classy to keep skiers and non-skiers busy for the week.

The ski area, located just west of the Continental Divide in Summit County, is the most visited ski resort in the Western Hemisphere. Its five peaks span 2,908 acres with something for all abilities and interests. All beginner and intermediate runs are groomed nightly. The resort also features the Gold Runner Alpine Coaster, Starlight Mountain Top Dinners, and the Spa at Breckenridge.

All of our lodging is close to the ski hill and a short walk or shuttle to town. Councils are offering both hotel and condo lodgings: Beaver Run Hotel and 2 bedroom condos; Double Tree Hotel; The Village at Breckenridge Hotel and 2 bedroom condos; and Thunder Mountain Condos and Townhouses. There is something for everyone! Contact your council trip leader or go to the Far West website, www.fwsa.org, for information on signing up for this trip. It’s one not to be missed!

BRECKENRIDGE SHIRTS

We are selling shirts for the Breckenridge Ski Week. Shirts are a K-Wick Unitex Sports long sleeve ¼” zip pullover T-Neck. We have both men’s and women’s shirts and women’s is berry color and men’s is charcoal color. Price is $42.00 and they will be handed out during registration on Saturday, January 28th. Shirts are available on a first come, first served basis for sizes. Go to the FWSA website, fwsa.org, to download the shirt order form. Pre-order by January 20th to guarantee receiving a shirt at registration. Extra shirts will be sold during registration by check (payable to “FWSA”) or cash and sizes will be limited to those on-hand.

2017 MINI SKI TRIP—NANCY GREENE’S CAHLITY HOTEL & SUITES, CANADA

On-line registration is now open to sign up for the March 21—26 trip to Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites in British Columbia, Canada. This property offers all the amenities and services you need for an enjoyable stay and relaxing time while skiing at Sun Peaks Resort. It’s located in the heart of the village just steps from the ski hill. It is a ski in & ski out property that offers the following amenities:

- Outdoor Hot Tub; Indoor Hot Tub; Sauna Rooms
- Fitness Room
- Slope-side secured Ski Storage

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Sun Peaks Resort is located in southern British Columbia, 40 minutes from Kamloops, and is serviced by airports in Kamloops, Kelowna, and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. It has everything across all three mountains-gladed areas, bumps, steeps, long cruisers, and alpine bowls.

**Trip Includes:**

- Welcome Party
- Farewell Party
- Lodging at Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites (dbl. occ.)
- Lift tickets for Sun Peaks Ski Resort
- Discount off ground transportation from Kamloops or Kelowna Airports

There are many activities to fill one’s free time such as snow shoe tours, dog sled rides, snowmobiling, horse drawn sleigh rides, ice skating, tube parks, cat trax groomer rides, and shopping. Trip information, pricing, and registration forms are available on the Far West Ski Association website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). You can make payments on-line with a credit card after sending in your registration forms and first deposit.

**2018 BANFF, CANADA SKI WEEK**

Banff in Alberta, Canada will be the location of the 2018 Ski Week, February 3—10, 2018. Banff is the gateway to the Canadian Rockies and Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The area is known for its exceptional natural beauty, wildlife, and abundant landforms. The town has 130 bars and restaurants, museums, art galleries, shopping, and world famous hot springs. It services the ski areas of Lake Louise, Sunshine Village, and Mt. Norquay which is as good as it gets for skiers, snowboarders, and outdoor enthusiasts seeking winter adventures. One lift pass will give access to the three ski areas and a shuttle to get to them. People will have their choice of staying in Banff at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel or stay in town at the Ptarmigan Inn, Caribou Lodge, Banff Park Lodge, or Bow View Lodge. People will leave this area feeling invigorated, inspired, and amazed at its beauty!
Tri Area Mountain Statistics:

- 7,748 acres
- 274 runs
- 26 lifts
- 2 gondolas
- Night skiing

This will be an exciting and enjoyable experience for Far West Ski Association members. Information about this trip will be posted on the Far West Ski Association website [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) in February/March 2017.

2018 ADVENTURE/SKI TRIP--ALYESKA RESORT & IDITARODS

We are off to Alaska February 25—March 4, 2018 to Alyeska Resort, Alaska’s premier ski destination, and then to Anchorage to see the start of the Iditarod and enjoy the festivities surrounding this event.

**ALYESKA RESORT** is located 40 miles southeast of Anchorage. The Hotel Alyeska is a luxury ski in/ski out hotel set within the Chugach Mountain wilderness. Relax after a day on the slopes in the saltwater whirlpool. From the resort you can spot wildlife, the tides of the Turnagain Arm, and seven hanging glaciers.

**Mountain Stats:**

- Summit Elevation 3,939’
- Base Elevation 250’
- Skiable Terrain 1,500 acres
- Total Runs 72
- Lifts 7

**ANCHORAGE** is the site for the ceremonial start of the Iditarod dog sled races. We will stay at the Hotel Captain Cook located in downtown Anchorage and within walking distance to the Opening activities and the Fur Rendezvous.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Wildlife Tour
- Dog Sledding
- Glacier Walk
- Glacier Cruise
- Heli-ski/Cat Skiing
- Sleigh Rides
- Anchorage Museum
- Flightseeing Tours
- And more…………

More information about the trip and pricing will be available on the Far West Ski Association website, [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) in early Fall 2016.

“We believe that travel should be easy. It should be fun. It should be worth your time and have exceptional value. It should energize and transform…and above all else it should be beyond the ordinary.”

(FWSA Travel Vision Statement 10/2014)

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

2018 Alyeska/Iditarod Trip
February 25—March 4, 2018

Package price range $1,130—$1,410
Air/Ground NOT included
Optional Activities NOT included

"The Voice of the Western Skier"

Alyeska Resort is located 40 miles southeast of Anchorage. The Hotel Alyeska is a luxury ski in/ski out hotel set within the Chugach Mountain wilderness. Optional activities available.

The Hotel Captain Cook is located in downtown Anchorage within walking distance to the Opening activities of the Iditarod. Optional activities available.

Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader
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Must be a Member of a Far West Ski Association affiliated club or a FWSE Direct Member
Public Affairs Report

Stats Destimetrics: Western mountain resorts are reporting summer occupancy figures that rival winter levels, according to DestiMetrics, which tracks reservation, occupancy and revenue data at resorts in Colorado, Utah, California, Nevada, Oregon and Wyoming. (that is Rolf Garrison’s group – remember Rolf?)

“Occupancy rates for summer 2015 (through July 31) reached 92.5 percent of occupancy rates for the winter of 2015-16, indicating nearly identical room utilization between the two seasons,” explained Tom Foley, operations director for DestiMetrics. “As we track occupancy figures that are likely to set another record in the summer of 2016, we will look for that gap between summer and winter occupancy to get even closer.”

In a year-over-year comparison to last year, overall occupancy for the summer climbed 7.4 percent and revenues rose 14.3 percent. The months of May and September are seeing the biggest bump in occupancy while both of those months, along with July, are enjoying the largest increases in revenues (hump months).

The report is welcomed news for many resorts, which for the past couple of years have been beefing up their summer offerings with everything from zips lines & alpine slides to better mountain biking trails in an effort to even the seasonality of their business. We even visited Heavenly and did hiking paths that mimicked the ski slopes this spring and really enjoyed it. This is a whole different on-mountain experience. Seeing it with rocks and dirt was revealing.

“The summer and shoulder season months have clearly emerged as destination periods in their own right,” said Ralf Garrison, director of DestiMetrics. “These mountain resort communities are now positioned as bonafide year-round destinations when not so long ago they were viewed almost solely as ski towns.” Remember Ralf?

Still, while summer occupancy rates were strong and growing, resorts are still having to discount heavily to attract visitors. The summer average daily rate (ADR) for lodging stood at about 57 percent that of winter.

DestiMetrics tracks resort performance in mountain destinations, compiling forward-looking reservation data on a monthly basis and aggregating and reporting the results to subscribers at participating resorts. It derives its data from a sample of approximately 290 property management companies in 19 mountain destination communities, representing approximately 27,500 rooms.

Your respective PA Board officers should be following this info- informing you routinely at your BOD meetings. If you need help here, please raise your hand. I can help.

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Industry

Sports Authority’s remaining key execs have come up with a new plan calling for $1.5 million in bonuses as incentives to optimize the final steps of bankruptcy proceedings. Ummm, bonuses for bankruptcy? But the Justice Department’s U.S. trustee has called the bonuses “unseemly” given how many creditors won’t receive any money back in the bankruptcy reorganization, according to the Wall Street Journal. Concur.

The U.S. Trustee Andrew Vara noted that most general unsecured creditors and even some chapter 11 expenses won’t be fully covered from the bankruptcy’s resolution. The trustees also considered the bonus “illusory” considering that their tasks may never be completed or will be accomplished by other employees.

Earlier this year, a bonus package calling for up to $2.85 million in enhanced pay for four top executives, whom Sports Authority declined to name, led to objections from lenders and landlords (really!). Judge Mary Walrath refused to sign off on the $2.85 million bonus package, calling the payouts “inappropriate” in the face of job losses. One of the three Sports Authority executives set to receive bonuses has quit since the bonus program was axed, according to the Journal.

Sports Authority has asserted that the bonuses are necessary to ensure executives are properly incentivized to find healthcare coverage for remaining employees, manage utility deposits, erase personal information left on the company’s computers as well as other remaining tasks. The retailer also inferred the execs should be fairly compensated for their extensive efforts in trying to find a buyer to preserve the business as well as their work to “get the best results possible” for creditors after no buyer arrived, according to the Journal.

The trustee has questioned whether top executives would be overseeing many of the final tasks, criticizing the company for offering “large bonuses to insiders for work that is going to be done by other people.” Hmm, not sure what the take-away is on this - appears to be “business.”

Safety

If you are not already, you should be promoting safety within your respective councils/clubs. As you all know we have a fab Safety Program & Award. National Safety Week has now become National Safety Month! Now, January will be dedicated to an entire month of safety. Many Resorts across the country participate every year to educate skiers & snowboarders about being safe and to use common slope sense.

National Safety Month includes a poster drawing contest, a photo contest, and participating resorts also compete for safety awards. Each resort supports Safety Month in different ways by creating new and exciting initiatives on their mountain.

Awards

As a follow-on to the previous paragraph not only is the Safety Award available but also you should remind your followers that there are rewards for History efforts. Don’t need to reprise all the info here about the awards but efforts should be being made routinely to advertise these programs and their respective award benefits to all members of councils and clubs. If you are not, you are failing your constituency.
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2017 International Ski Week to St. Anton am Arlberg Region with extension to Vienna & Budapest

We will be in St. Anton am Arlberg Region March 11-19, 2017 for our Annual International Ski trip where our members can enjoy the beautiful country of Austria, offering amazing array of sights, sounds and tastes that are sure to please a wide variety of skiers and non-skiers alike. St. Anton am Arlberg is considered one of the world’s top ski resorts and après-ski destinations. We will all be staying at the 4* Schwarzer Adler Hotel which offers a full service luxury property complete with Jacuzzis, pool and spa services. It is located in the charming pedestrian zone and offers convenient ski storage at the base of the gondola. You may use your ski pass at multiple resorts including: St. Anton, St. Christoph and Stuben. It boasts interesting slopes for all levels of skiers and is considered one of the top quality ski resorts of the “Best of the Alps”.

After St. Anton we will explore our extension trip in Vienna and Budapest. Vienna is considered “the Paris of Eastern Europe” with extensive art, music and culture. We are offering Vienna and Budapest as a Stand Alone trip, so we will fly you from the U.S. to join the group for the extension trip. This will be a treat for everyone!

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

What’s Ahead…A lot! Mark your calendars now!
2017 Summer Ski and Adventure trip - Valle Nevado, Chile
2018 International Ski Week - Les Trois Vallee/Brides les Bain, France
2018 India Adventure trip

If international travel is the best form of education…let’s all join in on the “Master Class”!

For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program:
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FWSA Travel Videos: http://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc/videos
FWSA 2017 Int’l Ski Trip to St. Anton am Arlberg, Austria  
March 12-19, 2017 (SFO & LAX Group air departs Mar. 11th)

Optional Extension or Stand Alone trip to Vienna and Budapest  
March 19-26, 2017

Air Transportation Information:
- **BASIC trip**: Estimated SFO air = $1186.00* Estimated LAX air = $1153.00*
- **BASIC & Extension trip**: Estimated SFO air = $1282.00* Estimated LAX air = $1189.00*
- **Stand Alone trip**: Air will be booked individually – contact Debbie Stewart for price quote  
  (Alternative airport arrangements may be made and deviations are limited)

*Air prices DO include* estimated Fuel surcharges, Taxes and current Exchange Rate – subject to change.

If you are arranging your **OWN** flights but wish to take the FWSA bus transfers, you **must** coordinate your flight schedule with the FWSA group air schedule. No special alternate pick up or drop offs by the bus will be permitted. **It is HIGHLY recommended to use FWSA air transportation!**

St. Anton Land Package Information:
The St. Anton land package pricing is based on a minimum of 84 people and the Extension pricing is based on a minimum of 34 people – subject to change if requirements are not met. All local taxes are included. The pricing is based on the Exchange Rate of 1.08 US Dollar vs. 1 Euro – subject to change.

**Land Package at Hotel Schwarzer Adler** (Not including Air) = $2185.00 – $2960.00 pp Dbl. Occupancy  
Single Supplement rooms, Jr. Suite rooms are available – quantities are limited.  

**Pricing based on a min. of 84 people & current exchange rate of 1.08 US Dollar vs. 1 Euro which is subject to change**

Sankt Anton am Arlberg, commonly referred to as St. Anton, it is one of the most beautiful settings in the Tyrolean Alps which is frequently listed as one of the top ski resorts and après ski locations. With 97 state-of-the-art cable cars, chairlifts and T-bars taking you to the top at 9,222 ft., yielding a vertical drop of 4,944 ft. and its longest run of 6.3 miles. It boasts interesting slopes for all levels of skiers and is one of the historic resorts in the “Best of the Alps”. It also offers 41 kilometers of cross country skiing, telemarking, snow shoeing and much more. St. Anton is part of the Arlberg area of ski resorts which means your Arlberg Ski Pass invites you to ski several resorts including St. Anton, St. Christoph, Stuben, Lech and Zurs. The village itself is a charming pedestrian resort accented with specialty stores, sport shops, restaurants, bars and après ski locations.

**Land Package Includes:**
- All airport ground transfers with Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival
- 7 nights’ accommodations with breakfast daily and Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
- 5 Dinners at the hotel – 2 nights on your own to experience the local Austrian restaurants of your choice.
- Welcome/Orientation and Farewell Party
- Gratuities to bus drivers, transfer guides and restaurant staff
- Afternoon tea including pastries, cakes, tea or coffee at the Hotel Schwarzer Adler
- Après ski party – details to be provided
- Optional day tour – details to be provided

Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Please reference “FWSA 2017 AUSTRIA Trip” on each check.

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**Mar. 12-19, 2017** (SFO & LAX group air departs Mar. 11th)
**Extension or Stand Alone trip to Vienna, Austria & Budapest, Hungary - Mar. 19-26, 2017**

Details for FWSA Group Air Transportation from SFO & LAX, deviations and alternate airports such as Fresno, San Diego, Phoenix, Portland, Las Vegas and more are listed on the Registration Form.

**St. Anton Hotel Lodging Options and Pricing**

Everyone will be staying at the beautiful Hotel Schwarzer Adler

This traditional 4-star hotel is located in the heart of the St. Anton am Arlberg ski resort only a 5-minute walk to the cable cars. This posh chalet-style hotel features beautifully furnished rooms with free Wifi, flat-screen TVs, parking and spa access. The restaurant is noted for a wide range of culinary delights along with a full bar and wine cellar. The spa features an indoor pool with a waterfall and massage jets, an outdoor pool, saunas and steam baths. A variety of massages and beauty treatments are available.  


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**NEW OPTION!**
# FWSA 2017 Int’L AUSTRIA TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

Ski Week – St. Anton am Arlberg, Austria Mar. 12-19, 2017* and Optional extension or Stand Alone Trip – Vienna & Budapest Mar. 19-26, 2017**

**Tentative Departure dates for the BASIC St. Anton Ski Week: depart the US on March 11, 2017 and return from Austria on March 19, 2017**
**Tent. Departure dates for the BASIC St. Anton Ski Week & EXTENSION: depart the US Mar. 11, 2017 & return from Budapest Mar. 26, 2017**

(If using your OWN air transportation, you must arrive by 5pm in St. Anton on Mar. 12, 2017)

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** It is MANDATORY to SEND a BLACK/WHITE COPY OF YOUR VALID PASSPORT – Valid thru Sept. 26, 2017**

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Male_______ Female_______ Skier/Snowboarder _______ Non-Skier / Non-Boarder _____________

I am a MEMBER of ______________________________ Ski Club OR a FWSA DIRECT MEMBER ____________

FWSA Council (circle): Arizona, Bay Area, Central, Intermountain, Los Angeles, Orange, Northwest, San Diego, Sierra

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**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Emergency Contact—Immediate Family member NOT ON THIS TRIP (required for all participants):

Name: _____________________________________________ Relationship: _______________________________________

Contact Number: __________________________________Cell Number: __________________________________________

List Food Allergies and/or drug allergies (optional):

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Medical Conditions (optional):

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List Over-the-Counter/prescription drugs taken regularly (optional):

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List any Special Dietary Needs: ____________________________________________________________________________

I have been advised that the FWSA trip package does not include travel insurance and I understand that I do have the option to purchase my own Travel Insurance. FWSA DOES HIGHLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE.

(Travel Ins. details offered by our tour operator will be provided or you may purchase from your own provider)

- I am aware that I am financially responsible for myself whether or not I purchase Travel Insurance.
- I am aware it is my responsibility to obtain all legal documents required for travel including passports & visas.
- I am aware that my passport must be valid at least 6 months after return of trip (Sept. 26, 2017)
- I have been advised of the CANCELLATION Policy - the deposit is completely refundable until Nov. 15, 2016. See complete CANCELLATION Policy and associated fees listed on the documents. NO REFUNDS after Jan. 15, 2017 unless a compatible replacement is found. There may also be a transfer fee and associated vendor/supplier fees.

NO REFUNDS for any NO-SHOWS.

- I have received a copy of the FWSA Conduct Policy and agree to comply.
- I further certify that I’m a current FWSA Club or Direct member and that the information I have provided on this form is accurate
- I am aware that the culture of the place(s) I am visiting might not be what I am normally accustomed to in the USA.
- I am aware that FWSA may use images taken during this trip for marketing and promotional purposes, I authorize and hold harmless FWSA and its agents for the use of my image and I may sign an exemption form to exclude the use of my pictures being used for this purpose.

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Participant Signature OR Parent/Legal Guardian for Minor         Date                    CST #2036983-40
This year we had so much snow that many races were cancelled in Mammoth and in the Tahoe region, and we even had to move races around at FWSA Ski Week due to too much snow when we arrived.

The races at FWSA Ski Week at Telluride were delayed a few days, and then when we did run them, we had great snow conditions for racing. In the Council Challenge Dual GS race, the Orange Council Team took first place, and Bay Area Council won the Costume award with creative Elvis outfits. The slalom went off without a hitch and all participants had a great time. On Friday we ran the Giant Slalom, which was fun and quick.

The races at the Far West Championships were held at Alpine Meadows on March 18-20, right after another winter storm with 2 feet of snow. We were able to complete the Pacesetter Races on Friday with no delays and good racing conditions. Later that afternoon we had an apres party at the River Ranch, and all that showed up had a good time, and a few purchased a few silent auction items that were auctioned off.

On Saturday, we held the Slalom races on Yellow, and after two challenging slalom courses, most everybody went home with an award or a smile on their face. Later on we held the remaining silent auction items during the awards, and many people went home with some nice donations.

On Sunday with impending weather coming in, we shortened the event to one run per course for the Giant Slalom, and completed both courses before 1:00 p.m. The snow was grippy and course, as it did not freeze the previous night. Dan Breck and the Alpine Meadows Race Department did a great job of running the races and maintaining the courses all weekend long.

Next year the Far West Championships will be at Mammoth Mountain in early April, and the Far West Ski Week will be at Breckenridge. Next year at Breckenridge, there will be no slalom races, only Giant Slalom races, and we will have the races on the run where the 1995 World Cup was located.
The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program has been a very successful program since its inception in 2004 and continues to evolve as a resource of funding for junior United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) racers throughout the western United States.

Last season, Far West sponsored 13 racers throughout the west who were awarded scholarships that totaled $11,425. We are looking to exceed that this year. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, competitive ranking, academics, and community service.

The 2016-2017 fundraising campaign began in January this year at Far West Ski Week in Telluride, Colorado, with $2,400 raised from the Karbon raffle where the winner was awarded a new ski jacket and pants from the Karbon catalogue.

The next fundraising effort was at the convention in Scottsdale, Arizona this June. Whitefish Resort donated ski packages for the live auction on Saturday. In addition, the U.S. Ski Team again donated items. Finally, an additional 10 prizes were donated by individuals. Total raised: $3,480.

Notification for next season’s applications were sent out to ski clubs affiliated with the USSA’s Far West, Pacific Northwest, and Intermountain Divisions last March. These three divisions make up all the USSA junior racers in states with affiliated councils in Far West. 20 applicants are currently being evaluated for the coming season.

Junior racers need to raise approximately $20,000 per season; a formidable financial challenge. That need will no doubt increase. With the help of individuals, ski clubs, and our industry sponsors, we look forward to another successful year for the scholarship program. For more information on the scholarship program, please visit our website at www.fwsa.org.
The Arizona Ski Council (ASC), hosted the 84th Annual FWSA convention this year which was held at the Double Tree Resort by Hilton Hotels in Scottsdale, Arizona from June 9 through June 12. The Arizona Ski Council Convention Committee, chaired by Linda Westlund, worked diligently on a monthly basis for over a year to make this convention a big success. Thirteen members from the ASC attended the FWSA convention as Delegates. Wanda Himler from the Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club represented the ASC as their Woman of The Year. The Pub Crawl that was held on Thursday evening in the Scottsdale entertainment area was one of the optional events that the industry people said “was one of the best pub crawls ever.”

The SS&SC and the Phoenix Ski Club (PSC) each had their election of officers during the month of April 2016. Ed Carmines was re-elected as the President of the SS&SC. Ellen Odart was elected as the President of the PSC.

The ASC had their election of Officers at their April Board meeting. Results of that election are: President Arleigh Meiners, Vice President Wanda Himler, Treasurer Dodi Bailey, and Past President is Judy Upton. Tim Avedovech represents the PSC. Scott Peterson represents the SS&SC. Dan Rothman represents Arizona Outdoor Travel Club (AzOTC). Glenn Pyle represents Boeing Employee Adventure Club (BEAC). Gary Giertz represents Partytime Sports and Mike Rogers represents the Sailing Adventure Club (SAC). The ASC hosts weekly happy hours during the hot summer months for all the clubs to participate. The ASC will be sending people on the Far West Ski Week to Breckenridge in January of 2016.

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AzOTC) which is mostly a hiking club, continues to have hikes all year long. They have an exercise hike every Wednesday. AzOTC generally has a local hike every weekend. Some are day hikes and other ones are 2 or 3 day hikes. In the summer time AzOTC will have at least one hike that will be a week in length some place. This year they will be hiking northern Oregon for a couple of weeks in August and September. AzOTC sends out a weekly e-mail to their members telling them about the hikes and other activities happening during the week. Go to www.azotc.com for more information on these and other exciting trips.

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Boeing Employee Adventure Club, (BEAC), is a corporate club of the Arizona Ski Council and continues their social schedule and family events around town. Employees may contact www.boeing.com for more information about recreation activities that are planned!

Phoenix Ski Club, (PSC), has their 2016-2017 ski trip schedule on their website. PSC is going to Park City, Utah in December 2016. This is a ski college package that the club is doing. PSC will be going to Telluride, Colorado two times this year, in January 2017 and in March of 2017 at the close of the ski season. PSC is doing a ski trip to Purgatory, Colorado during the 2017 New Year’s Holiday. In January of 2017 the PSC is planning a ski trip to Snow Basin and Powder Mountain. In February of 2017 PSC will be going to Winter Park, Colorado and to Wolf Creek, Colorado. In March of 2017 PSC is going to Panorama, British Columbia, Canada. October of 2016 the PSC is doing a cruise to the Panama Canal and in October of 2017 the PSC is doing a cruise to Casablanca. Also in May of 2017 the PSC is doing an adventure trip to Costa Rica. For more details about the Phoenix Ski Club see www.phxskiclub.org.

Sailing Adventure Club, (SAC), which is a member of the Arizona Ski Council, is a social club based in Phoenix, Arizona. Due to challenges finding someone to maintain the website and newsletter, SAC moved toward becoming a Meet Up group. In doing so, they have attracted about 40 new members. The SAC has put together a 10-day canal boat trip in France. This trip is scheduled for September of 2016. SAC is no longer charging dues, so anyone can join via Meet Up.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC), is an adult ski and social club. SS&SC is kicking off the summer with happy hours every Friday evenings. SS&SC is doing a bicycle-barge trip on the Danube River in Germany in September of 2016. They will take in Oktoberfest in Munich after the bike-barge trip. SS&SC is also doing a sailing trip to Catalina Island in October of 2016. In May of 2017 SS&SC is doing an adventure trip to Ireland. SS&SC are doing a Cruise to Alaska in September of 2017 and will be joining the PSC on their Cruise to Casablanca in October of 2017. Some of the other activities planned are campouts, pub crawls, and many more events. The SS&SC will be joining the PSC on the Telluride, Colorado Ski Trips. For more information go to www.scottsdale-skiclub.com

Partytime Sports, (PTS), is an adult ski, boating, and social club that plans boating trips to get them through the summer heat. During the winter they do a ski trip to Telluride, Colorado during Arizona Days. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

Feel free to check out any of the clubs activities through Facebook or links for the council website at www.arizonaskicouncil.org.

Submitted By
Arleigh Meiners, ASC President
FWSA Charity Involvement Recognition

The 10th annual FWSA “Charity & Community Service Recognition” was another smashing success. A great big thank you to the four clubs, that took time out of their busy schedules to apply for this prestigious competition. All four groups presented a picture board to display and to share their wonderful charitable activities with our industry friends, our FWSA family and guests at the Convention in Scottsdale. It continues to amaze me just how caring the members in our FWSA clubs are.

This year we again had two separate recognition groups for clubs! Those clubs, that have previously won first place in the Charity Recognition applied in the Double Diamond Class, (Masters) and other clubs applied in the Diamond Class, (Novice). The two separate levels give all groups an added incentive to apply, and then to apply again in future years. The first prize in each club category is $200 and for second place $50 to be donated to the club’s favorite charity. The top two clubs in each category are invited to display a picture board at convention. In the councils class, for which we had no applicants this year, the winner receives $100.

This year we had two club applicants in the Double Diamond Class, and two club applicants in the Diamond Class. A great big thank you and congratulations to the clubs that were involved this year. You are all winners for the wonderful charity work you do all year! Double Diamond Ski Clubs: Skiyente Ski Club (NWSCC) and Pacific Rim Alliance (SDSC & LAC). Diamond Ski Clubs: Castro Valley Ski Club (BAC), and Torrey Pines Ski Club (SDSC).

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2016 FWSA “Charity & Community Service Recognition” winners:
Our runner-up ski club in the Diamond Class is Torrey Pines Ski Club. President Joe Goldhammer’s club is donating the $50 to Military Outreach Ministries. Our Diamond Class winner is Castro Valley Ski Club, and president Claudia Fernandes’ club is donating the $200 to “Achieve Tahoe”, the Northern California chapter of Disabled Sports, USA.

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Our ski club runner-up in the Double Diamond Class is Pacific Rim Alliance. President Catherine Ohl’s club is donating the $50 to Can Do MS, formerly known as the Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis. The Double Diamond winning club for 2016 is Skiyente Ski Club. President Amanda Moran’s club is donating the $200 to the Far West Ski Foundation.

Thank you and congratulations to all our 2016 winners. They spend a huge amount of time lovingly supporting so many charitable organizations.

Now it is time to start looking ahead to next year’s very worthwhile
“Charity & Community Service Recognition”
Please help to get your clubs & council involved with charity activities.

***** Please note: The submission deadline for all FWSA recognition Programs has been changed. *****
NEW DEADLINE: Last Sunday in March! MARCH 27, 2017

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partners, sponsors, and participants. Also honored, were several outstanding people involved with Far West Ski Association, who were presented with FWSA Service Awards, and the Far West Council’s Man and Woman of the Year.

I would like to personally thank all of our wonderful industry partners for your sponsorships and your participation in our annual event. You make it fun! You make it exciting! Without you, we would not be able to provide the successful event that we do. To our Program Sponsors: Aspen Skiing Company (The Environment Award), Big White Ski Resort (Council’s Man & Woman of the Year); Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation (Western Ski Heritage Award), Telluride Ski Resort & Mountain Lodge Telluride (Safety Award), and Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, and Karbon Ski Wear (Far West Athletic Scholarship). We look forward to seeing everyone in Boise, Idaho next June 7-11, when our Intermountain Ski Council and Bogus Basin Ski Club will be hosting the 85th Annual Far West Convention. As they say in Idaho….“BoiSe Is”.

The Councilman, Fall 2016
You will always hear how proud we are of the volunteers within the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)!

During our January BAC General Council Meeting Paul Vlasveld was re-elected as Council President. It has been an extremely busy 6 months.

The New slate of BAC Board of Directors was elected at our April BAC General Council Meeting. The following are our new BOD other than yours truly:

- Secretary – Karen Davis
- Treasurer – Keith Wilson
- Membership – Kathy Wilson
- Travel – Veronica Shaver
- Public Affairs – Mike Ferketich – FWSA Man of the Year
- Past President – Dennis Heffley

The BAC is moving forward with having many exciting events during the non-ski season to continue the focus on what our council represents and why clubs should be part of BAC. Our mission is to encourage new members to join one of our member clubs.

We do this by having our 11th Annual BAC Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A’s Baseball Game & Fireworks Show benefiting Disabled Sports USA Far West Division. This event has grown over the years. I brought the concept to our then BOD. Norm Azevedo stepped forward to coordinate ticket sales, and we have gone from 75 attendees to this year reserving 225 seats. We hope it is enough! VAIL Resorts is again supporting our efforts by showing up to the event and bringing Drawing Prizes. Included with who we invite to the event are representatives from Disabled Sports USA Far West Division. This year’s event was Saturday August 13, 2016 at O.CO (Oakland Coliseum). It was a fun event with members from our 30 member clubs attending.

Plans are already being made for the Bay Area Snow Sports Councils 6th Annual WinterFest Celebration Meeting. When we started this event we had only 3 resorts participate. Now . . . it’s grown to great heights! This event will take place Monday November 7, 2016 after the SnowBomb Show in San Jose. This event allows the ski resort partners to meet our club reps and travel directors in a small focused event. We will be inviting our Industry Partners to this exciting and fun event. This way, those attending the SnowBomb Shows can plan on sharing an evening with the BAC!

In addition, BAC will plan to have our 5th Annual Hockey Night with the San Jose Sharks or the scrappy Barracudas during the same week between the SnowBomb Shows!
Next year will be another Fun & Busy Travel Year for the BAC.

In 2016, BAC organized 2 exciting mini-trips to Park City and Sun Peaks. All the participants had a great time.

In 2017, BAC is promoting 2 exciting trips. One is the annual mini-trip to Park City. The other is an International trip to Germany and Austria. We are very excited about presenting this opportunity to our member clubs.

In addition, BAC has approximately 62 members signed up for the ever popular FWSA Ski Week to Breckenridge in February.

At the 84th annual FWSA convention in San Diego, we were honored with a number of awards:

- **Man of the Year** – Mike Ferketich.
- **Snow Sports History** – Mary Azevedo – Mary did a fantastic job to document the 75 year history of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council.
- **Charity – Diamond Runnerup** – Castro Valley Ski Club. They had a great presentation highlighting all of their community and charity activities.
- **Website – Novice** -- Snowchasers.
- **Club Outstanding Publications** – 1st - Snowchasers, 3rd - Castro Valley.
- **Council Outstanding Publications** – 1st BAC.

Our BAC Woman and Man of the Year, Mary Azevedo from Snowchasers Ski Club and Mike Ferketich from Rusty Bindings Ski Club showed the other candidates why we are proud of them. Congratulations to both of them!

BAC has a very dynamic and diverse membership who have been and currently are members of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Far West Ski Association Board of Directors.

Respectfully,
Paul Vlasveld,
Bay Area Snow Sports Council President 2016
The council, along with the Bogus Basin Ski Club, is planning the final optional activities for the 85th FWSA Convention, June 7-11, 2017. Several exciting activities are already planned for the delegates coming to the convention. Here is a list to make plans for:

1. White water rafting on the famous Payette River. The Cascade Rafting Company will take the more adventurous on a full day float on class 3 & 4 rapids down the South Fork. A half-day trip on the main Payette with class 2 & 3 rapids is also available.
2. A Taste of Idaho - Hot Springs soak and a dutch oven dinner at the Penthouse
3. A Day on the Mountain - Mountain biking, hiking, disc golf and scenic chair lift rides along with lunch and musical entertainment
4. Boise River Green belt tour and wine tasting
5. Nature Center tour and Walk on the Famous Blue Turf at Boise State University
6. Two pub crawls, a wine walking tour and bus brewery tour
7. A Community Fountain Party and Celebration
8. Michael German Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf Course
9. Hospitality terrace suites, Friday and Saturday nights after live music at the Boise Centre
10. Downtown Boise and State Capital Tours

As you can see, we will have something for everyone to enjoy their time in Idaho. If you can stay after the convention, you might consider a FAM Trip with an outfitter for horseback riding or mountain biking along the Salmon River in central Idaho. Another option is an overnight stay in McCall with a lake cruise.

Please plan to come to Idaho for the 85th convention for FWSA. I guarantee you will have a great time.

Michael Bouton, Host Council Convention Coordinator, 2017 FWSA Convention
Travels on the Slopes. Industry partners presented bids for the 2017 FWSA North American Ski Week, and ski council honorees met with Councils’ Man and Woman of the Year judges for selection of the FWSA honorees.

Saturday evening was amazing, a night of dinner and dancing with FWSA friends and industry partners. Arizona Ski Council planned a Denim and Diamonds theme, and guests dressed in their finest attire or their favorite western wear. Volunteers and industry partners were honored with well-deserved awards. The music provided by DJ Mikey Pro got a lot of attendees out on the dance floor and lasted late into the night. Arizona wines, from Pillsbury Wine Company and Arizona Stronghold Vineyards, were served throughout the weekend.

Sunday’s program consisted of Election of Officers and FWSA’s Annual Business Meeting. Clubs and councils and their dedicated volunteers were recognized for outstanding Community Service and Communication activities. A delicious brunch was served to Convention delegates.

A BIG “Thank You” goes to the FWSA and Arizona Ski Council volunteers who worked and played hard to make the 84th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention fun and successful! We also extend our appreciation to our industry partners who support FWSA by participating in the Silent Auction and Travel Expo, and as sponsors of Convention events and programs. Read more about FWSA Convention programs and FWSA leaders and honorees in this issue of the Far West Skier’s Guide.
Kathleen Byrnes  
President, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (LAC) is geographically comprised of 28 snow-sport clubs spread across a large area from Santa Barbara in the northwest to Pasadena in the east and Long Beach to the south. There is much diversity across the council in the makeup of club membership and the interests and activities promoted by the clubs. There are many skiers, a respectable contingent of boarders and water skiers, and a large group which enthusiastically participates in the varied social events provided by the clubs throughout the year.

As with most councils, travel is a favored activity for LA Council members throughout each year. Whether they go by car, bus or plane, almost all LA Council clubs traveled frequently to Mammoth Mountain for weekend and midweek outings. And, many still have the time and energy to plan longer trips to out-of-state resorts. Sandy Blackwell, VP of Travel, will be leading an enthusiastic group of snowsport enthusiasts to Breckenridge, Colorado, for the annual Far West Ski Week.

The clubs do not limit their travel to skiing only, because there are plenty of non-ski season activities throughout the year, such as happy hours, concerts in the park, BBQ’s, potlucks and sporting events!

Los Angeles Council sent one of the largest council delegations to the Far West Ski Association’s 84th Annual Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. Todd Hood, LAC VP of Membership, conducted a Snowsports Leadership Academy session this year, Who Are You, and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand!

Congratulations are extended to LAC award recipients: Karen James of Edelweiss - Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award; Norbert Knapp of Grindelwald – J. Stanley Mullin Award; Bonnie West, Webmaster – Outstanding Council Web Site, Catherine Ohl, Newsletter Editor/Webmaster of Pacific Rim Alliance – Wentworth Outstanding Publication Award and Outstanding Website (1st Place Masters); Gordon Cardona, Newsletter Editor of The Unrecables – Wentworth Outstanding Publication Award (2nd Place Masters); Dee Armstrong, Webmaster of The Unrecables – Outstanding Website (2nd Place Masters); and Pacific Rim Alliance - Charities and Our Community Double Diamond Award (2nd place) and Tollakson Club of the Year (1st Place Masters).

Jane Gutierrez, Four Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club, was elected to a second two-year term as FWSA VP of Membership and Cindy Krupp, Century City Ski Club, was elected to a two-year term as FWSA VP of Communications. Other FWSA officers and committee chairs include: Jane Wyckoff, Pacific Rim Alliance - Trustee; Catherine Ohl, Pacific Rim Alliance – Awards Chair and Webmaster; David Krupp, Century City Ski Club - Athletic Scholarship Program Chair; and, Sigrid Noack, The Unrecables - Charities & Our Community Chair.

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LA Council has access to two very active, well-run race leagues, ULLR and ROKKA. These two race leagues provide club members an exciting schedule each season, from ROKKA Camp beginning in November and the Ski, Ride & Race Week in mid-December, then SoCal Championships in early March, and ending with Far West Finals in Mammoth.

The Council also counts within its membership The Unrecables Ski Club, which promotes adaptive sports. Each month during ski season, The Unrecables provide those with disabilities a memorable weekend of skiing with support from Mammoth Mountain and many volunteers from within and outside LA Council. In addition, The Unrecables have partnered with Ralph’s Grocery Stores to provide the Ralph’s Rewards Community Contribution Program. This fund raising effort makes it extremely easy using a one-time bar code which identifies the program and links with customers Ralph’s Reward Card. Everyone wins, since we all have to shop for food, and Ralph’s donates from each customer’s shopping experience!

The Presidents Luncheon was held on August 13. This annual event provided club presidents, council officers and club representatives the opportunity to come together to share challenges and ideas over a catered luncheon. A leadership training session about “Making Love to Your Members” was presented by Todd Hood.

At the council level, two additional activities will mark the coming year.

- The annual Snow Gala is being held October 22 at the Embassy Suites LAX South. The theme is “Movie Memories,” and members will be welcomed to the event on a red carpet, just like the Golden Globe or Academy Awards. As in past years, the event will include a silent auction benefiting the Unrecables Ski Club’s adaptive sports program and a raffle for exciting prizes including a Mammoth Mountain weekend. Raffle ticket sales are a fund raiser for the ski clubs, with the ticket sales split between the council and selling clubs. Members enjoy a fabulous dinner followed by dancing into late hours of the night!

- The LA Council participates in the annual Ski Dazzle, the Los Angeles Ski Show and Snowboard Expo, to be held December 2-4 at the Los Angeles Convention Center, with the goal of attracting new club members. Last year the nature of the LA Council’s participation was re-structured and as a result participation was met by clubs sending volunteers to man the booth. Volunteers greeted guests stopping at the booth, and distributed copies of the Far West Skier's Guide. During the weekend, the LA Council collected ~90 names and email addresses of attendees who were referred to member clubs and their trips/activities.

For details regarding all of the club and council trips and activities, visit www.lacouncil.org. Please join us on a future trip or activity!
Operations Changes

Portland---August 23, 2016---The Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) Board of Directors would like to announce some major changes in our operations. The purpose of these changes are to provide better services to our ski clubs, non-profit organizations and industry partners. **FREE SEASON PASS** is a phrase that catches everyone’s attention. Stay tuned for more information on how you can have an opportunity to win one.

1. With the help of Cascade Web, to design and help us, we hope to build a web site that is easy to use from your lap top or hand held device. **Ski clubs** and **charitable organizations** will be able to announce upcoming events in real time. **Ski Industry partners** will be able to join the council year round. **Pacrat racers** will be able to track weather conditions and race cancelations/updates. Visit our temporary page at **www.nwskiers.org** to get a glimpse of what is coming.

2. NWSCC/PACRAT has joined forces with **Portland Ski Fever & Snowboard Show**. All NWSCC clubs are able to have a free booth at the show. In addition, volunteers will get in for free. There are many other exciting events happening at the show. Contact Dan Schindler by going to **www.portlandskifever.com** for more information or Sylvia Kearns at **president@nwskiers.org**.

3. Our 2016-2017 **Commercial Membership program** is now led by Barb Pressentin. Barb has many years of service with NWSCC and its clubs. We are very excited to have her on board as we transition from a paper production to web based design advertising program. She can be contacted at **bp2ski@gmail.com** or 503-267-9522.

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE EXCITING NEWS FROM NWSCC**
SUN PEAKS—Cahilty Hotel & Suites  
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA  
March 21 to 26, 2017  

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“Best Hotel Service”  

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For detailed sign-up and registration information, go the www.fwsa.org and click on the “Travel” tab.
Orange Council is in full swing headed for another great picnic with all our clubs on October 22nd at Newport Beach Sports Park. The council provides the basics of hot dogs and hamburgers and all the trimmings with cookies for dessert. Each club provides a side dish or two and participants provide their own drink. There is a basketball court and a couple of tennis courts for recreation and board games for more fun. Last year the event brought out 40 people.

Orange Council is planning to do a lot of great skiing at the Breckenridge Far West ski Week this year. We are signing up our members as well as our clubs signing up for the trip.
Sierra Clubs Celebrate the End of the Season

Our larger Sierra Clubs have been enjoying summer activities, while looking forward to the coming ski season.

The Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Club has been escaping the scorching heat by attending summer theater performances at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, which is at a higher (hence cooler) elevation than Las Vegas. They enjoyed two camping trips to Duck Creek and Pine Valley in Utah and will be traveling to St. George, Utah, for golfing in October. They have a Canadian and New England Fall Foliage cruise scheduled.

The Reno Ski and Recreation Club held their annual Facademies party and awards evening in June. The annual event involves both serious and humorous awards presentations along with dinner and dancing. They are taking camping trips to Lassen National Forest and Jackson Meadows in Northern California. They enjoyed a fun weekend at the Sacramento Music Festival. The first annual Chili Cook Off was quite successful. They are looking forward to a ski trip to Aspen in March.

The Cabernet Ski and Race Club held their annual summer party at the home of Barbara and Donn Bryant. For the council, our race league schedule is set. We will be racing at Northstar, Sugar Bowl, Squaw and Heavenly. For the past season we managed to have six of our scheduled eight races. Two had to be cancelled because of a huge snowstorm that made conditions too soft for safe racing. We will be having our annual budget and planning meeting in early fall to get ready for the coming season. We are hoping for another winter with bountiful snow!

We held a successful and fun end of season barbeque and picnic at the home of our race director, Nan Carnal and her husband John Stubbs. More than 40 attended. A highlight of the event was skiing on the artificial turf of the Ski Biste, a revolving ski carpet owned and operated by one of our racers, Kris Buttenberg. See Kris at left demonstrating the Biste.

The picnic is our annual council general membership meeting and election of officers. The following officers were elected: Jo Simpson, President; Debbie Stewart, VP Travel; Wendy Hobbie, Treasurer; Debi Phelps, Secretary; Nan Carnal, Race Director; Bill Ramoni, Head Gatekeeper; Pavel Bosin, Webmaster; and Beth Perryman, Newsletter Editor.
The mission of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) is to support and promote the sport of recreational skiing, racing and snowboarding in Southern California. Along with skiing, the Council also promotes international travel and adventure trips to bring all club members together throughout the year. We believe diversity of year-round activities helps promote continuity and growth.

We have 9 active clubs enjoying year around activities such as hiking, biking, wine tasting, bowling, golf, museums, Summer Pops and one day trips.

The SDCSC had our appreciation dinner in June. The following officers were introduced for 2016-2017 year. This will be my first year as SDCSC President after having done 2 years as Vice President. I also worked on the Activity Committee. I look forward to attending the different club meetings to get with everyone. Our new Vice President, Tom Sekreta is looking at bringing in new ideas for outreach through social media. We want to continue to grow our council and clubs.

The council just had their annual Summer Happy Hour and we had the honor of Billy the Kid attending our event. We had a beautiful ocean as our back drop with great food and drinks.

The San Diego Council is getting ready to kick off the fall season with a trip to Ireland, Scotland and Munich Germany. Following the fall trip, the clubs will start ski season with sign ups for trips running December through April. The SDCSC starts their ski season with the Annual trip to Aspen.

We have two events in November starting with the Gala. This year’s theme is Friday Night in the City. This when honor our Man & Woman of Year along with our Joe Harris award. After the gala, we gather a large group of volunteers to work bag check at SnowJam. The event takes place the 2nd weekend in November for 3 days. Snow Jam affords us the ability for our council to have booth and provide information about joining clubs and what the FWSA organization is. SDCSC ends the year with our annual Happy Holiday Hour at the Famous Hotel Del Coronado.

The Council looks forward to attending the FWSA Ski Week in Breckinridge. Many of our clubs will be doing mini ski weeks in Mammoth. The Clubs fly away trips will be to Banff, Crested Butte, Big Sky and Big White.
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