



## WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2015-2016

**Women's Ski Jumping News:** The Fly Girls will be participating in Devo Camp during the month of July, under the coaching of Alan Alborn. The camp will be in two sequential locations: Park City and Steamboat. This will be followed by their participation in the Springer Tournee and 2015 US Large Hill Jumping Championships in Park City July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The WSJ team will be in a rebuild phase through the 2018 Olympics. Look for some changes in the coming year. More news to follow in the July issue of the News *Flash*.

## FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

**83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Far West Convention:** The Far West Ski Association conducted it's 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention and Meeting June 4-7, 2015 at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, hosted by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. Along with our many outside activities, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction, on Friday evening, raised over \$35,000 to support FWSA programs. The highest bidders purchase ski trips, bicycle tours, diving trips, and other tour packages. Saturday morning's Travel Expo allowed industry representatives to meet with travel decision makers from the Association's clubs and councils to plan for future travel.

Saturday afternoon was dedicated to a presentation by *Stacey Cook*, Olympian and member of the US Ski Team. *Stacey* took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the historic, first-ever podium sweep in the Lake Louise downhill in 2015. (*Lindsey Vonn* was 1<sup>st</sup> and *Julia Mancuso* was 3<sup>rd</sup>). The Key presenters in the Public Affairs panel were: *Matthew Drake*, CEO of Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, *Sean Styles*, Meteorologist and Lifestyle Reporter for CS News 8 in San Diego, and *Chuck Morse*, recipient of the 2015 FWSA Snowsports Builders Award.

Bids were presented to the FWSA Travel Committee for selection of the 2017 FWSA Ski Week. Results will be announced later this summer.

Annual recognition awards were presented to members of the ski industry, media, volunteers, racing leagues, councils and ski clubs. Elections were held at Sunday's General Session, which resulted in the FWSA Officers for 2015-2016 being: *Stephen Coxen*, President; *Linda Scott*, Past President; *Linda Foster*, Secretary; *Randy Lew*, Treasurer; *Gloria Raminha*, Chairperson Board of Trustees; *Jim Nachbar*, VP Communications; *Jo Simpson*, VP Council Services; *Debbi Kor*, VP Marketing; *Jane Gutierrez*, VP Membership; *Mike Sanford*, VP Public Affairs; *Nancy Ellis*, VP North American Travel; *Debbie Stewart*, VP International Travel; *Bob Ellis*, VP Racing; *Tom Bundgard*, *Harry Davis* and *Jane Wyckoff*, Trustees.

The Far West Ski Association is most appreciative of the many sponsors who are a big part of the success of the FWSA Annual Convention. Sponsors for 2015 included: *Aspen Skiing*

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The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is scheduled for June 8-12, 2016 at the Double Tree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, Arizona. It will be hosted by the Arizona Ski Council. For additional information regarding the Far West Ski Association, please visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

## **FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**Far West Summer Meeting:** The Far West Ski Association's Board of Directors will meet July 31-August 2 in San Diego, California to welcome new Board members, discuss what is happening with our many clubs and councils, plan trips for the next two years, and set goals for the coming year. Now that the 2015 convention is behind us, we can move forward in the planning of next year's event, which will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona at the *Double Tree Resort, Hilton Paradise Valley*. The Arizona Ski Council will be our hosts. Watch for further information on the Far West website and in future issues of the News *Flash*.

## **FAR WEST ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**Far West Athletic Scholarship News:** The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program raised over \$8,000 in the pursuit of offering scholarships to junior ski racers at the convention. A record! Many great prizes were given away at the silent auction, live auction and raffle. Thanks to all of the sponsors, partners, and individuals for their support of the program. One of the highlights was a brief presentation at the Saturday luncheon by *Kayleigh MacGregor*, member of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team and Far West scholarship recipient. FWSA wishes her the best as she will be off skiing next season at college in Wisconsin. For more information on the scholarship program and how your club can be a partner, or for individual donations, please visit us at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

## **FAR WEST TRAVEL**

**Far West Dive Trip:** September 26-October 3, 2015 are the dates set for the annual Far West Dive Trip. 2015. Our destination this year is ***Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire***. The Diver package price is \$1,115, with the non-diver price at \$836. This price includes 7 nights lodging in a Junior Suite (dbl occ), all meals and drinks (alcohol included), use of paddle boards, kayaks, and catamarans, 6 days of 2-tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving. Airport transfers are also included. Join us for this extraordinary trip. You'll have time to explore and experience the local culture, or simply relax and enjoy the resort. Check out the Far West website, or contact Randy Lew, your Trip Leader at: [fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org). Limited group air is available on Delta Airlines RT from Los Angeles to Bonaire estimated at \$725 per person.

**Far West Annual Ski Week 2016:** January 30th-February 6, 2016 are the dates set for next year's Ski Week to **Telluride**. Ski Week staff has some awesome events planned for everyone, including a Mountain Picnic, 5-6 day lift tickets, lots of racing, and something new... "Cruise the Blues". Join us to get in on all the fun. Check with your council's Trip Leader to make your reservations for your week of fun. Stay tuned for further details.

**Far West Mini Ski Week 2016:** This trip to **Crested Butte Mountain Resort**, March. 21—26, 2016, includes 5 nights lodging at the *Grand Lodge*, 3-4 day lift tickets, a Welcome Party and Farewell Party. Plenty of optional activities are available as well, including Snowmobiling, Snowbiking, Zipline Tours, a Sleigh Ride Dinner and much more. Contact Gloria Raminha for more information: [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com).

**Far West International Trip 2016:** 2016 Int'l Ski Week trip to **Cortina d'Ampezzo** and extension trip to *Florence and Rome, Italy*. The optional extension trip will be to the *Tuscany* region – 3 nights in Florence with day tours to Sienna & San Gimignano and 4 nights in Rome. If one chooses to not go to Cortina, we will fly you from the US to join us for the extension trip – we call this the "Stand Alone" trip. Contact Debbie Stewart for more information: [FWSAintltrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAintltrvl@prodigy.net).