



WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2015-2016

NSAA Recognizes Individual & Resort Achievements: NSAA presented 2015 Lifetime Achievement Awards to *David Ingemie*, president of Snowsports Industries America, and *Bob Roberts*, president and CEO of the 2015 California Ski Industry Association. Both have announced their planned retirements. Their annual Safety Awards were awarded to *Sun Valley Resort*, Idaho; *Angel Fire Resort*, New Mexico, *Aspen Snowmass*, Colorado., *Wachusett Mountain*, Massachusetts., and *Snowbowl*, Arizona. *Adam Wunderlich*, mountain patrol manager at Boreal Mountain Resort, California, was named the 2015 Safety Champion. Congratulations to you all!

Ski Magazine Presents 2015 Golden Eagle Awards: Ski Magazine honored three ski areas with the 2015 Golden Eagle Awards for Environmental Excellence, including *Winter Park Resort*, Colorado, *Mt. Hood Meadows*, Oregon, and *Shawnee Peak*, Maine. *Brent Giles*, Powdr Corp., Utah, was named the 2015 "Hero of Sustainability."

U.S. Ski Team Takes NASTAR Reins: The US Ski Team and NASTAR have entered into an agreement where the team manages NASTAR with the idea of raising the profile of ski racing in America. The partnership is a vital part of the USSA's efforts to activate more young skiers into the sport across America. It expects its integration with NASTAR to help grow awareness and to serve as a recruiting tool for the USSA's 400-plus local clubs across the country. "We see great growth potential in NASTAR paired with the US Ski Team brand", said USSA CEO Michael Jaquet. "It's a natural fit for our team sponsors who want to reach a larger audience, including the thousands of families with kids engaged in ski racing".

Whistler Blackcomb Says "NO" to Smoking: *Whistler-Blackcomb* has rolled out a new smoke-free policy, as of May 31 coinciding with World No Tobacco Day. The policy now prohibits smoking anywhere on *Whistler-Blackcomb* property including lift lines, chairlifts, gondolas, ski runs, hiking trails, valley base areas, parking lots, the bike park trails on Whistler Mountain, and all Whistler-Blackcomb bar and restaurant locations including outdoor patios.

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 TRAVEL

Far West Dive Trip: September 26-October 3, 2015 are the dates set for the annual Far West Dive Trip. 2015, and.....**There are still spots open!** We'll be staying at the **Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire**. The Diver package price is \$1,115, with the non-diver price is priced at \$836. This 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. Contact Randy Lew, your Trip Leader at: 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 and the folks at Telluride have some exciting 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 this fantastic week. More details to come.

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.

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: FWSAintltrlv@prodigy.net.