



WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2015-2016

Happy 50th Birthday Whistler: Originally opened for skiing in the winter of 1966, *Whistler Blackcomb* is kicking off its 50th Anniversary season with *50 Years of Going Beyond*, a movie five decades in the making. Check out the official movie trailers: www.youtube.com/watch?v_UiqSB4TLW14.

Brighton is 80 Years Old: *Brighton*, near Salt Lake City, celebrates its 80th year in business this coming season. Located just 35 minutes from the SLC airport, Brighton is Utah's only resort that serves 100 percent of its terrain via high-speed lifts. Happy birthday, *Brighton*.

Cherry Peak Opens in Utah: Utah's newest ski area, *Cherry Peak Resort*, is set to open this winter, after a false start last year. Located in Northern Utah, near the Idaho border, it is just 15 miles from the city of Logan. *Cherry Peak* features three triple chairlifts, a comprehensive snowmaking infrastructure, and a 1.25 mile-long run. Come see what all they have to offer.

Toll Roads for Colorado: Something new this year on *I-70*, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation will be a variable toll lane in operation along a key 13-mile stretch of eastbound *I-70* in time for this winter, in an effort to lessen snarled traffic on busy ski weekends. Toll prices will vary, depending on time of day and congestion levels, and are expected to run from \$3 at initial opening when traffic starts building, (usually between 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.), to encourage toll lane usage, up to \$30 during peak periods. Current pricing will be displayed at the beginning of the toll lane and online at cotrip.org. Tolls will be paid via an ExpressToll transponder. For those without a transponder, they will be billed a higher rate as license plate numbers are captured.

Big White Opens New Day Lodge: *Big White's* new *Black Forest Lodge* is scheduled to open this December, and will operate daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The lodge will feature a quick-service menu including specialty sandwiches, house-made soups and fresh baked pastries, with seating for 150 just steps away from the Black Forest chairlift. Local craft beers or glasses of Okanagan wines will be served. A modern, sophisticated space will feature floor-to-ceiling windows for breathtaking, panoramic views of the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges.

Brundage Mountain Earns "Top Ten" Awards: Kudos to *Brundage Mountain*! Their tag line, "Best Snow in Idaho", has been proven. Readers of *Ski Magazine* voted Brundage onto three "Top Ten" lists in this year's readers survey, ranking it #9 in the west for Families, #10 for Value and #10 for Snow. The crew at *Brundage Mountain* are very proud of their awards. Being a smaller mountain than the others on the list, they have gotten noticed without having the hoards of visitors as some of the other finalists see. If you haven't been there, go check them out...for the value, for the families, for the snow.

Colorado Ski Resorts More Accessible Than Ever: *Denver International Airport*, the largest airport in the U.S., and one of the busiest in the world, has just increased their connections to more major hub airports. New service and expanded service will carry winter enthusiasts to all of their favorite resorts in record time. New service from Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, as well as expanded

service on existing routes from Chicago, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Newark, Phoenix, Seattle and Washington D.C. will bring domestic and international guests into the heart of Colorado ski country more conveniently than ever. With Denver being one of the few U.S. airports to host non-stop flights from Europe and Asia, the accessibility for skiers and snowboarders around the world is phenomenal.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Annual Ski Week 2016: January 30th-February 6, 2016 are the dates set for next year's Ski Week to **Telluride Ski Resort**. 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.

Far West Mini Ski Week 2016: Signups are being taken for the 2016 mini ski week trip to *Crested Butte* trip March 21—26, 2016. You can enjoy this true Colorado ski town, with wide open green and blue groomed trails to more advanced long cruisers and the famous extreme limits of the North Face and Headwall. There will also be FWSA activities and optional local activities available. We have on-line registration and credit card payment available. Go to www.fwsa.org and click on the travel tab for more information, or contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, at Garski2011@gmail.com or (661)800-8229 (cell). Don't miss the fun! And, check out the video here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5meqctuteaxmqtg/Crested%20Butte%20Mini%20Ski%20Week.mp4?dl=0>

Far West International Trip 2016: There's still room on the 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.

Far West Annual Ski Week 2017: Ski Week 2017 has been set, and will be in beautiful *Breckenridge, Colorado*, January 28-February 4th, 2017. The town of Breckenridge has a colorful history full of gold mining, saloons, booms, and busts. There is much to do to keep skiers and non-skiers busy for the week. There are historical tours, shopping, spas, pubs, and plenty of restaurants to keep you active. We have lots of slope-side lodging with many close to town. Council trip leaders will begin promoting this trip in Spring, 2016.

Far West Mini Ski Week 2017: *Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge at Sun Peaks Resort*, boasting to being the second largest ski resort in Canada, is our destination for the 2017 Mini Ski Week, March 21-26, 2017. We will have an incredible trip with 133 runs to choose from, spread out over 3 mountains, a ski-in, ski-out village, and virtually no lift lines. We will have more information about this trip in the near future, so stay tuned.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

Far West Annual Convention Just Eight Months Away: *Arizona Ski Council* and its members are excited to be hosting FWSA's 84th Annual Convention, June 9-12, 2016, in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the beautiful *DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley-Scottsdale*. The resort is located minutes from downtown Scottsdale and 12 miles from the Phoenix International Airport. Phoenix Airport is serviced by

all major airlines. Rental cars and shuttle services are also available at the airport. For room reservations, call 1-800-498-7396. Reference our group name - Far West Ski Association. You can also book on-line at the FWSA room reservation site <http://bit.ly/FWSA-2016-Lodging>. The Group Code is **FWS**. For rates and complete details on room accommodations, visit www.fwsa.org and select Conventions.

Charities and Community Service Recognition Program: FWSA encourages all clubs and councils to get involved with charities and community service. Changes were implemented last year for our Charity Recognition Program, creating two different levels of application for Clubs: We now have the Diamond (novice) and the Double Diamond (masters) award. Any Club that has won first place in this wonderful Recognition Program in a past year will apply in the Double Diamond category. All other Clubs will be in the Diamond category. The 2 separate levels will hopefully give all groups an added incentive to apply, and then to apply again. The first prize in each Club category will be \$200 and for second place \$50. The Council award remains the same, with one category and with a \$100 recognition for first place. All prizes will be donated to the charity of the Clubs and Council's choice. The top 2 Clubs in each category and the winning Council will be invited to display a picture board at Convention. All groups that apply will be recognized at Convention. Information and applications can be obtained on the Far West website: www.fwsa.org regarding this wonderful program, and how easy it is to apply for this recognition. For any Charity & Community Service questions, contact Sigrid Noack at sig4ski@earthlink.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs: Through the generosity of the *California Ski Industry Association*, LA Council is once again honored to make a California Gold Pass available for purchase. This pass offers great benefits to anyone who skis resorts in California or Nevada including: The ability to ski **27** California and Nevada resorts, **NO** blackout dates, **fully transferable** to family & friends, 1 ski pass – 1 ski area per day, and can be used up to **50** days at each resort. This year, this Pass will be available for purchase via an *eBay Auction*! The auction will be open for bidding October 22 – October 31. We're getting the word out now to allow you time to pass information about this great value on to your clubs and their members. Any questions about the Pass or auction can be directed to: lacpresident@lacouncil.org .

LA Ski Council's Snow Ball 2015, is planned for Saturday October 24th, at the Pickwick Gardens in Burbank, beginning at 6 p.m. Make your reservation now to: kjames48@sbcglobal.net.