

February, 2018

Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2018

2018 Olympics in PyeongChang: The 2018 Olympics are headed into their 2nd week of competition and the U.S. athletes are doing what they do best. Shaun White and Chloe Kim received Gold in the Men's and Women's Half-pipe competition. Mikaela Shiffrin scored a Gold medal in the Women's Giant Slalom, while Jamie Anderson and Red Gerard each received Gold medals in their respective Slope-Style competitions. Jessie Diggins, also won a Gold medal in Cross Country Skiing, Nick Goepper received a Silver medal in his Slope-Style, and John Henry Krueger received a Gold in Men's Speed Skating. There are many more races to come, so let's cheer on Team U.S.A. for this last week in PyeongChang.

Vail Adds Telluride to 2019 Epic Pass: Vail Resorts has entered into a "long-term alliance" with Telluride Ski Resort in Colorado, adding the resort to the Epic Pass starting in 2018-19. The Epic Pass will include seven free days of direct-to-lift access at Telluride with no blackout dates, and passholders will get 50 percent off lift tickets once the seven days have been redeemed. Telluride season passholders and Telluride Ski and Golf Club members with full winter benefits will receive 50 percent off lift tickets at all Vail Resorts-owned mountain resorts.

Alterra Announces Ikon Pass: Alterra Mountain Company, the recently-named joint venture that curated a dozen North American mountain resorts last year, unveiled the name of its highly anticipated season pass product and the mountains it will provide access to. The Ikon Pass will go on sale this spring, and passholders will get unlimited access to, and/or a set number of days at 23 different mountain resorts—Alterra's 12 properties, and 11 partner mountains. The company said details on access, pass benefits, and pricing will be released in the coming weeks.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

Far West's 86th Annual Convention: The Far West Ski Association invites all snowsports enthusiasts to attend its' 86th Annual Convention, to be held at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, June 7-10, 2018.

Delegates will be busy throughout Convention Weekend discussing programs in public affairs, skier safety, ski heritage, athletic scholarships, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry and community outreach. The event will be hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League and Council.

The Silent Auction & Trade Show gives attendees the opportunity to bid on ski and travel packages. This event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend, so we are hoping for a large turnout.

The rest of the weekend will be filled with Education Sessions and Public Affairs sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon, followed by our Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, recognizing outstanding club members and industry partners. Sunday winds up with our Annual Meeting and Elections.

Additional information about all the programs to be conducted at the 86th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention and registration information is available at www.fwsa.org.

FWSA Recognition Awards Nominations Due March 25: The deadline for submitting nominations for the FWSA Recognition Awards is March 26. These awards are great ways to have your club or council recognized for your good work--and to honor hardworking volunteers. Applications and instructions for all the awards are on the FWSA website. The awards nominations due March 25 are: ***Safety, Western Ski Heritage, Charity and Community, History, and Environment Award.***

Charities and Community Service Recognition Program: DEADLINE: *March 25, 2018*

FWSA encourages all clubs and councils to get involved with charities and community service. The top two Clubs and the winning Council will be invited to display a picture board at Convention. All groups that apply will be recognized at Convention. Please note: **This year there will be no monetary awards. The winners will get electronic medallions to post on their club/council websites and put in their newsletters.** Information and applications can be obtained on the Far West website: www.fwsa.org. For any Charity & Community Service questions, contact Sigrid Noack at skisig@gmail.com.

SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD: DEADLINE: *March 25, 2018*

RECOGNITION: *Telluride Ski Resort* has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, 4-day lift tickets, and 4-day rentals.

DESCRIPTION: The FWSA is a proponent of safety in skiing and snowboarding. Every year we hear about tragic deaths and injuries that happen during our favorite winter activities that remind us of the great importance of safety. We have a number of ways in which we promote safety and one of our more viable ways is through the Safety Award. The award is for the individual, within the association, that has done the most to promote safety through a number of criteria. These include articles on slope safety, and other ways to raise safety consciousness. The link to detailed information and entry form is:

<http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-safety.html>

CONTACT: Richard Lubin DC, FWSA Safety Chair, 925-828-7454, botaboardr@comcast.net, and Paula Hazard, VP of Public Affairs, 310-283-2992, paulashomeoffice@aol.com

WESTERN SKI HERITAGE AWARD: DEADLINE: *March 25, 2018*

RECOGNITION: Since 2000, *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation* has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, on-mountain tour, half-day lessons and a lunch at Ragnar's Restaurant.

DESCRIPTION: The Far West Western Ski Heritage program annually recognizes the best effort in the prior year that communicates the contributions of snowsports to the community at large. The purpose of the Far West Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of snowsports participants and non-participants alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of snowsports – competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role snowsports has had in its contributions to the communities in the West. It recognizes outstanding effort in the area of snowsports history to find, preserve, document and share the history of snowsports in the West. The Award is open to an individual or a group leader (it is not restricted to Far West membership) and can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. Materials and history programs will be evaluated against the objectives of the program by individuals selected for their knowledge of the history of Western snowsports and that of the Association. The link to detailed information and entry form is: <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-wsh.html>

CONTACT: John Watson, FWSA History Committee Chair, 760-723-6539, geospace@pacbell.net

ENVIRONMENT AWARD: DEADLINE: *March 25, 2018*

RECOGNITION: Sponsors, *Aspen Skiing Company* and *Snowmass Tourism, The Gant* and *Crestwood Condominiums* have donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, and a full-day group lesson.

DESCRIPTION: The Environment Award is designed to encourage good stewardship of our environment. We want to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made a difference. Some areas to consider are: Volunteering at the community level, particularly in a leadership role; conducting or arranging for an environmental event (s) for the club, council, or public; writing a series of columns regarding environmental conservation, education or protection in your ski club or ski club council newsletter; or being pro-active in environmental protection.

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FAR WEST HISTORICAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM: DEADLINE: *March 25, 2018*

Communication Awards: Club and Council Newsletter and Website and Outstanding Club. The newsletter and website nominations are super simple this year. Just send a link to your newsletter or website to Paul Vlasveld at: pvlasveld@comcast.net. Also, you don't have to name a judge. Please consider entering! There's still time!

FAR WEST ELECTIONS

Election of FWSA Officers: Election of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention June 7-10, 2018. Delegates will elect their President, Secretary, and Treasurer to one-year terms and two (2) Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, the following functional Vice Presidents will be elected for two-year terms:

VP of Communications – no declared candidate
VP of International Travel – Debbie Stewart (incumbent)
VP of Marketing – Debbi Kor (incumbent)
VP of Membership – no declared candidate

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair by email at sacoxen2000@gmail.com. Steve will not be a candidate for any FWSA officer or board position in 2018. **For a copy of FWSA Qualifications for the positions of President, Treasurer, Trustee and VP of International Travel, please contact Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chair by email at sacoxen2000@gmail.com.**

All candidates must be members in good standing of clubs affiliated with FWSA or a direct member of FWSA. Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of the elections.

FWSA By-Laws, Job Descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. Click on the "About" tab, then click on the "Governance" tab.

For information or advice on running for any FWSA office contact any member of the FWSA Nominating Committee:

- Steve Coxen, Nominations Committee Chair – sacoxen2000@gmail.com
- Arleigh Meiners, Arizona Ski Council President – arleigh.meiners@cox.net
- Todd Hood, Succession Planning Committee Chair – todd@itsmailed.com

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip: 2 Standard cabins and 2 Single cabins STILL AVAILABLE on the 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip aboard the sailing vessel *Sagitta* (24 passengers). The ship departs Tortola and will sail May 19-26, 2019. Extended stay on the island of Tortola will be available. Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for more information.

Far West International Adventure Trip, 2018: Far West will be going on an adventure trip to *India*. The dates are set for October 5-21, 2018. We will be visiting all the must-see places while in Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra. Of course, we'll be visiting the UNESCO world heritage site of the Taj Mahal. We'll also be traveling by air, motor coach and by train to get the true experience of India. Included will be Ranthambore National Park where we'll be on 2 animal safaris. Contact Debbie Stewart: fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net. *

***This trip is limited to 35 participants, so mark your calendars now as the marketing materials are currently being prepared.**

Far West Dive Trip 2018: The 2018 FWSA Dive Trip will be to the beautiful *Cobalt Coast Resort* on the wonderful island of **Grand Cayman** from September 15 – 22, 2018! Additional information along with the registration form will be uploaded to our website www.fwsa.org in the very near future.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: San Diego Council is planning a fun trip this Spring to the *Mexico Wine Country* and surrounding areas (Guadalupe and Santo Tomas Valley). This trip is planned for April 11-13. Contact Shirl Troxel for further information: troxel44@gmail.com.

In 2019, SDCSC will be doing a trip through Australia and New Zealand, October 13 – November 1, with a pre-trip to *Melbourne, Alice Springs* October 9-13, and post-trip to *Fiji*, November 1-5, 2019. Grand Circle Tours will be the tour operator on this amazing trip to *Cairns and Sydney, Australia; Queenstown, New Zealand, Rotorua, and Auckland*, before returning back home. Contact Eileen Sanford (esanford660@gmail.com) for more information.

Intermountain Ski Council: Intermountain Ski Council is planning a couple fun trips. August 9-15, 2018, they are planning a rafting trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Trip includes Dutch oven dinners, all camping gear, including tents, sleeping bags, a sleeping pad, life jackets, wet suits, and waterproof bag for your clothing. They have opened this trip to other clubs and councils. Contact Lynda Clark: secretary@bogusbasinskiclub.org.

Beginning August 12, 2018, they have planned a 2-week adventure trip, biking, hiking and kayaking the Norwegian Fjords. Stay 3 nights in Copenhagen, 2 nights in Stavanger with day trip to Pulpit Rock (ferry, hiking), 3 nights in Bergen, 3 nights in Dragsvik (Balestrand), 2 nights in Oslo. Contact Carol Peterson: communications@BogusBasinSkiClub.org, or Mary Pribble: pribblem@hotmail.com for further information.*

***NOTE: All FWSA Ski Clubs are invited to join in on these trips.**

The Legacy of Warren Miller: The most prolific and famous ski filmmaker of all time, *Warren Miller* passed away, peacefully at his home in Orcas Island, Washington on January 25, 2018. He wasn't the first person to make a film about skiing, but he was the first to make a living at it. For six decades,

Warren toured the country, and the world, exciting millions of skiers about people and places who share that same love of the sport.

Warren made his first ski film in 1946. He was among the first to document the growing ski bum culture, where young men and women moved to ski towns to take menial jobs just so they could ski. His films fueled that fire and helped it spread across the nation. He eventually produced more than 500 films and wrote hundreds of columns about skiing in various magazines. In 1989, he sold his company, *Warren Miller Entertainment*, to his son Kurt, and stepped away from the business.

It was ironic that Warren, who championed ski bums and freedom, eventually became the director of skiing at the private resort "The Yellowstone Club", in Montana, and founded the *Warren Miller Freedom Foundation* to help children learn entrepreneurial skills. In later years, Miller hosted fireside chats at his home at the club, where he told, in that famous voice of his, tales of his grand life of adventure.

In 1982, Far West Ski Association presented its' first *Warren Miller Multi Media Award*, and has given the award yearly, with few exceptions over these past 35 years. Far West is proud to have this relationship with Warren Miller and the Warren Miller Foundation. His legacy will live on.