

# Far West News *Flash*

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## *Far West Ski Association*

### WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

**Welcome NBSWR:** Far West Ski Association has just expanded their regional councils by one. We are happy to announce that the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region, has joined Far West to make up our 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Ski Club Council. Welcome to the family!

**National Ski Council Federation Auction:** The National Ski Council Federation is holding an on-line auction as we speak. It opened on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and runs through November 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 90+ items open for bidding. Check them out and place your bids at this link [NSCF Virtual Silent Auction - Ski Federation](#). There are tons of bargains waiting for you.

**NEW Ski Lift for Big White:** Talk to any Big White Staff Member, and they will tell you that they have Canada's oldest and most popular triple chair...the Powder Chair. Well....after almost 40 years, it is being replaced by a high-speed Quad Chair, in time for the new season. Along with that upgrade, there will also be an expansion of the skier tunnel on *Hummingbird*, to allow for increased skier and foot traffic. Their current tunnel is just 25 feet wide, and will be increased to a 60-foot wide one.

**NEW Luxury Hotel Being Built in Big Sky:** Montage International and CrossHarbor Capital Partners LLC announced the groundbreaking of *Montage Big Sky*, which is set to open in 2021. *Montage Big Sky* will be the first ultra-luxury resort in the Big Sky, Montana area. The Montage will feature 150 guest rooms and 39 Montage residences. Resort Amenities will include a restaurant, lobby bar and lounge, a pub, a market, a bowling alley, a lap-pool, family pool, fitness center and spa. It is set to open in 2021.

**U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame:** From Ishpeming, Michigan, on October 12, comes the announcement of the 2018 Inductees into the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame: Resort veteran, *Bill Jensen*; longtime US Ski & Snowboard spokesman, *Tom Kelly*; Olympians, *Bode Miller* and *Andrew Weibrecht*; women's moguls champion, *Hilary Engisch-Klein*, and extreme skier, *Kristen Ulmer*. Also included, are the late *Tom Sims*, one of the founders of snowboarding, and the late *Don Henderson*, a pioneer ski racer and member of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. A formal induction will be held on April 6, 2019, in Salt Lake City. Park City will host a "Snowsport History Celebration April 4-6, 2019.

**Happy Birthday Grand Targhee:** Grand Targhee is 50 years old this year. Check them out to see what celebrations they have in store to mark this Golden year.

**Colorado Ski County USA Honors Military Members:** From Winter Park to Steamboat. From Telluride to Monarch Mountain. From Purgatory to Loveland.....Colorado Ski Areas are providing discounts this ski season to current military members, retired military members, military veterans and their families. Check with your favorite Colorado ski area to see the values they have in mind for YOU.

## FAR WEST TRAVEL

**Far West Ski Week, 2019:** February 2-9, 2019, are the dates for the Far West Ski Week trip to *Steamboat*. "A Night at the Movies" is the theme for this year's ski week. Councils are encouraged to select a movie and have participants dress as characters from the movie. We will hold an Academy Awards Ceremony at the Thursday night Banquet and hand out various awards. Contact your Council Trip Leader or Nancy Ellis to sign up: [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net) or (530) 414-8261.

**Far West 2019 International Trip:** **REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN...** March 9-16, 2019 will be the dates for the next international trip, which will take you to *Hakuba Valley Ski Resort*, in Japan. This is the home of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. A Pre-Trip is being offered to Niseko, on the island of Hokkaido (with a limited number of participants) from March 4-8. The Pre-Trip, which will depart the U.S. on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, **will only** be sold in conjunction with the BASIC Hakuba trip. There is also an EXTENSION trip, or Stand-Alone-trip, from March 16-23, traveling by motor coach and train to Kanazawa, Kyoto, and Tokyo. While in Tokyo, an optional day-tour will be offered to Mt. Fuji. Final details are still in the making. Contact Debbie Stewart: [fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net) to add your name to the list.

**Far West Mini Ski Week:** The Mini Trip to *Winter Park* is set for March 24-29, 2019. Registration information is on the website. Winter Park is on the Ikon Pass so people can go on this trip and add a trip to Steamboat, Copper Mtn., or Aspen/Snowmass before or after the trip. Clubs and Councils can bring a group of 12 or more and earn compensation for each person they bring. A great way to raise money for your club or council. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, to sign up for the trip or for information on the Club/Council Incentives program. Gloria: [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com); (661) 800-8229.

**Far West Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip:** **JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!** The 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip will be aboard the *NEW* sailing vessel *Vela*. 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](mailto:cougskier@aol.com) or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for more information.

**Far West 2019 Dive Trip:** This will be an exciting trip to Puerto Galera in the Philippines. We will be staying at the beautiful Marco Vincent Resort. In addition, we will also be offering stays at the Azure Resort in Dumaguete, on the east coast of Negros. The dates of this trip are September 28-October 12, 2019. Sign up today by contacting Randy Lew at: [fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org).

**2020 NA Ski Week:** We'll be going to *Big Sky, Montana*, for 2020 North American Ski Week. Big Sky is BIG with four mountains giving access to more skiing than anywhere else in the United States. The Big Sky lift ticket or IKON pass gives skiers/boarders access to 5,800 skiable acres. Runs up to six miles long and glades and bowls covered in 400+ inches of annual snowfall give every age and level of skier and boarder something different. Check with your council trip leader or the FWSA.org website for more details beginning this Spring.

**2020 Mini Ski Week:** *Big White* is the destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. Big White is home to the best snow in British Columbia and the longest season in the Okanagan Valley. Big White is Canada's largest totally ski-in, ski-out village. It has 18 on-mountain restaurants cafes delis, pubs, and night clubs. Stay tuned for further information.

**Far West Future International Trips:** Far West will be offering a trip to *Davos, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Portugal* for 2020, and a Ski Week trip to *Solden, Austria* in 2021. Best put those dates on your calendar now! Also, in 2020, An Adventure Trip to *Croatia* is under creation.

## FAR WEST COUNCILS

**San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: Aspen - December 6-12, 2018:** The Annual *Aspen* ski trip will be taking place again this year. If you buy the *IKON* pass from [deanna@ski.com](mailto:deanna@ski.com), you will receive \$30 off your SDCSC Aspen trip. The pass, on sale now, includes *Mammoth, Bear Mountain, Aspen* and *Steamboat*. The Aspen early sign up party will be June 23, 2018 at the Sanfords' house. At that time, deposits will be taken, and online registration will be open. Contact [powerskristinam@gmail.com](mailto:powerskristinam@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Amsterdam to Bruges- April 27- May 4, 2019:** The *Amsterdam Bike & Boat* will be an amazing bike trip. The trip spends three days cycling in Belgium which will introduce you to famous brands of Belgium beer each served in their special style glass and of course Belgium waffles!. Three professional guides will be with the group on daily long or short ride. We will be on the brand new, luxurious boat, the *Manifique III*, with some large suites featuring outside decks, satellite TV and a jacuzzi on the top deck. Come join us for this wonderful adventure! Contact Eileen Sanford- [esanford660@gmail.com](mailto:esanford660@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Australia and New Zealand – October 13 - November 1, 2019:** SDCSC will be doing a trip through Australia and New Zealand, 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](mailto:esanford660@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Sierra League And Council:** Sierra Council 's Reno Ski and Recreation has dropped the price on their 2019 *Big Sky, Montana*, January 12-19, 2019, trip to \$1,775. They are waiving the club membership fee for any FWSA club members who would like to participate. The trip includes lodging and breakfast at the ski in/ski out Huntley Lodge, a sleigh ride with dinner, and a top of the mountain farewell dinner. Contact Mary Kelly: [mkellyintahoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkellyintahoe@sbcglobal.net) to sign up

**Arizona Ski Council:** The Phoenix Ski Club is celebrating it's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. There will be a celebration banquet on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at the America Legion Club inn Scottsdale. Current members, past members and guests will be in attendance, including 16 past presidents. Glen Gage, now 93, was president of the Phoenix Ski Club in the 60's. He plans to be there. Come join him.

**Intermountain Ski Council:** Intermountain Ski Council is heading to Sun Valley, January 5-12, 2019 and is inviting any FWSA Council member to join them for a week of fun. You can choose from a room at the Sun Valley Lodge, or a Sun Valley Condo. Kids ski FREE with each paying adult and 3-nights lodging. Check with Paul Markowitz, President of Intermountain Council for further information: [pmarkowitz@cableone.net](mailto:pmarkowitz@cableone.net).

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**Far West Skier's Guide Coming Soon:** The *2018-2019 Far West Skier's Guide* is currently at the printer, and will be shipped soon. It will be the 31st Annual edition. Contact your council or club president to obtain a copy, or pick up a copy at one of the major Ski Shows near you. The digital edition is scheduled to be uploaded in November