

July, 2019

*Far West Ski Association*

## WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

**Lindsey Vonn: The Final Season:** An intimate recounting of the iconic skier's last competitive campaign while looking back on her transcendent career, from child prodigy to decorated Olympian to global superstar, debuts Tuesday, November 26 (10:00-11:30 p.m. EST/PST), exclusively on HBO. This film traces Vonn's exhilarating story from her childhood in Minnesota, all the way to the World Championships in Are, Sweden, this past February, for what proved to be the epilogue of her amazing career, as she earned bronze in her final event. Teton Gravity Research (TGR), widely recognized as one of the premier documentary production companies in the outdoor action, adventure, and exploration space, had a camera crew embedded with Vonn throughout the winter months, capturing the final, intimate moments of her skiing journey. "Lindsey Vonn is a global icon of transformative force," said Peter Nelson, Executive Vice President of HBO Sports. "No skier, woman or man, has ever exerted their influence in sport and culture – ever transcended to Lindsay's stature. There are a lot of athletic documentaries today, but this film, both heartbreaking and inspiring, takes us places unseen with an elite athlete like Lindsey, revealing the sacrifice demanded of a champion confronting her human limits to end an unparalleled career." Tune in on November 26, 2019 to view this amazing film.

**The High Fives Non-Profit Foundation:** *The High Fives Foundation* will host their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Sugar Bush Resort Golf Club in August 9, 2019. Following the 9:00am registration, the day's events will kick off with a "Break the Glass" competition sponsored, where golfers will attempt to shatter a pane of glass by hitting golf balls at it from a challenging distance. Following that, teams will load up their carts and head out onto the course for a mean 18 holes of fun, competitive golf. To register a team, visit: [vtgolf.highfivesfoundation.org](http://vtgolf.highfivesfoundation.org). All proceeds go to the *High Fives Foundation* which focuses on preventing life-changing injuries and provides resources and hope if they happen. High Fives Charity Golf is more than just a great day of golf, it's about making a difference for those who need it most!

**Vail Resorts Acquires Peak Resort:** *Peak Resorts*, today, announced that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement with Vail Resorts, pursuant to which *Vail Resorts* will acquire all outstanding shares of common stock of Peak Resorts. The transaction is expected to close in fall 2019. "For over 22 years, our team has worked tirelessly to create what is one of the country's premier ski resort companies, with 17 properties across the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest. We are now delighted to announce this agreement with Vail Resorts that creates substantial value for our shareholders and new opportunities for our guests," said Timothy D. Boyd, President and CEO of Peak Resorts. Rob Katz, Chairman and CEO of Vail Resorts, added, "We are incredibly excited to have the opportunity to add such a powerful network of ski areas to our company. Peak Resorts' ski areas in the Northeast are a perfect complement to our existing resorts and together will provide a very compelling offering to our guests in New York and Boston. With this acquisition, we're also able to make a much stronger connection to guests in critical cities in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest, and build on the success we have already seen with our strategy in Chicago, Minneapolis and Detroit. We look forward to welcoming Peak Resorts' guests and team members to the Vail Resorts family."

## FAR WEST TRAVEL

**2020 NORTH AMERICAN 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.

**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.

**FWSA DAVOS, SWITZERLAND SKI TRIP:** This trip will include an extension to *Portugal*. Working with Holiday Ski Tours, the dates for the Davos Basic Ski Week is February 28-March 7, 2020. The Portugal Extension Trip will be from March 7-13, 2020. For any questions, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: [FWSAIntTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAIntTrvl@prodigy.net), or 559-737-0882

**Far West 2020 ADVENTURE TRIP:** Far West will be offering an Adventure trip to *Croatia*, September 3-13, 2020. We will be working with *Alpine Adventures* on this particular trip. This will be a land and boat/yacht trip, limited to a minimum of 30, and maximum of 40 participants. Group air is not available until October, 2019. Once that happens, marketing materials will be put out to FWSA clubs and councils.

**FWSA 2021 SOLDEN SKI WEEK:** This trip will have an extension to *Southern Spain*. Three bids have been submitted, and bid comparison analysis is currently being worked on.

**FWSA SUMMER 2021 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP:** *Valle Nevado, Chile* ski trip with extension to *Atacama Desert* currently being researched for details of Atacama Desert conditions. Possible dates would be late July or August, 2021.

**OTHER FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS UNDER CONSIDERATION:** FWSA International Ski Week, 2022 to *Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy* was voted on at April, 2019 Board meeting. An *Africa Adventure Trip* has been approved for 2022, going to central and east Africa. And, a *Galapagos Adventure Trip* has been approved by the FWSA Board for 2024.

## FAR WEST FOUNDATION

**FOUNDERS DAY – EARLY OCTOBER,** A newly launched history appreciation program. Far West was founded in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, October 7, 1930. All our clubs and councils have founding dates scattered through the calendar. Why not schedule your organization for a Founders Day season kickoff event? Whether it be a daytime event outdoors, involve the family and involve some sports activity. It would be quite appropriate to bring children and grandchildren to a Founders Day and include them in your club event. This could be a long-range demographic effort to sustain a robust membership.

**FWSA HEROES.** Does your club or council have an unrecognized or under-recognized hero in your organization? We try to remedy this with recognition panels at the convention. At the 2019 convention, we posted portraits of *Jimmie Heuga, Lila Lapanja, Lindsey Van, Sarah Hendrickson, Royall Brown, Bruce Campbell, and Doug Pringle*. These folks have all been recognized in some way. There is a host of people who undeservedly remain in obscurity. Help us bring a spotlight on them. Send your nominee's name to the FWSA Foundation President (John Watson): [fwsfpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fwsfpresident@gmail.com), with an image that can be digitally reproduced and a brief paragraph or more citing the reasons the candidate is a hero.

**FWSF CONVENTION NEWS:** The Far West Ski Foundation held its annual meeting June 13, 2019 at the start of the Far West convention. *Joe Harvis* was named a Trustee and *Sandra Knapp* the Recording Secretary. The Foundation was quite busy at this year's convention. In addition to Scholarship grants in the name of 19 racers totaling \$16750, grants of \$500 each were authorized for the High Fives Foundation, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and Big White Adaptive (first time three such were grants were made in one FWSF meeting). Grants of \$500 were each made to the Squaw Valley Museum Foundation and to the California Ski Library, as well. The Friday silent wine auction raised enough for an adaptive grant. Joe Harvis, assisted by Tom *Bundgard*, conducted the auction after our Friends helped set up the venue and banners.

During the Sunday General Session of FWSA, a number of continuing and NEW contributions for scholarships were made.

**HISTORIC SKI CLUBS AND COUNCIL, 2019:** Five clubs and San Diego Council were authorized the designation "Historic" at the FWSA convention June 16, 2019. This brings the Historic total to 28 clubs and two councils; the roster remains open for additions in 2020. The Historic *Bay Area Council* presented *Modesto* (1936), *Marin* (1938) and *Nisei* (1958); *Orange* presented *Orange County SC* (1964) and *San Diego* presented *Torrey Pines* (1961) and the *San Diego Council* itself (1963). There are a lot of eligible clubs in BAC and LA Council. All you need to furnish to the History Chairman is: 1) an application, 2) proof of founding date 50 or more years ago and in continuous operation and 3) a high definition digital logo.

## **FAR WEST COUNCILS**

**Northwest Ski Club Council:** *Northwest Ski Club Council*, originally founded as the "*Portland Area Ski Club Council*", is about to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Sunday, October 13, 2019 has been set as the date for all current, former and future NWSCC members to gather together at the *Melody Ballroom* for a chance to see old friends, and reminisce about the "good ol' days" in the Northwest ski clubs. We are looking at garnering histories of member clubs, which in turn, gives us more information on our own Council history.

**San Diego Council of Ski Clubs:** The Annual *Aspen* Trip is set for December 5-11, 2019. Price is \$1479/Adults, or \$1369 for Seniors, including air, lift tickets, lodging and parties..

**Iceland – Land of Fire & Ice:** A Mayflower Tour Cruise, Aug 5-11,2020. Your 7-day trip includes: adventures of volcanoes, waterfalls, Blue Lagoon entrance, whale watching, a full-day Golden Circle tour, Reykjanes Peninsula. Price is \$2,349 without air.

**Romantic Villages of Alpine Europe-Grand Circle Tour:** This trip is OCTOBER 3-18,2020. Visit Italy, Switzerland, Austria-Germany, 15 days. \$3495 without air. 24 meals, 9 guided tours, 8 Discovery events, with local Grand Circle Program Director. Pre-trip *Lake Como*; Post-Trip: *Salzburg* - priced separately.

## **FAR WEST CONVENTION**

**Far West Annual Convention: MAY 28-31, 2020.** Put those dates on your calendar **NOW!** *Northwest Ski Club Council* is planning a terrific four-day-event for you all next May. The theme will be "*Rollin' on the River*", with a riverboat gambler idea in mind. We will have a Mt. Hood Adventure Day on Thursday, as well as the Annual Far West Pub Crawl on Thursday evening. Friday will bring the "Not Your Daddy's" Golf Tournament on Friday morning at *McMennamins, Edgefield*. We are also planning a Wine Tour and a bike ride on Friday (no, not together!). Aside from our typical Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, we plan to have both musical entertainment, and gambling on Saturday night. *Portland, the "Rose City"*, due to it's many rose gardens in various parts of town, is a beautiful place to visit! Definitely plan to come early and stay late. You'll not get tired of the many things to do and see in our fabulous city! We will also be celebrating Far West Ski Association's **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** during this event. Lots of history, lots of stories, and hopefully a few Very "Special" Guests from the Pacific Northwest.