

**Spring 2023**

# THE COUNCILMAN



**Promotion information for the Far West Ski Association's 90th Annual Convention.**

**The Grove Hotel & Boise Centre,  
Boise, Idaho**

**Hosted by Intermountain Ski Council  
& Bogus Basin Ski Club**

**June 15-18, 2023**



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## **President Linda Westlund**

Your FWSA Board of Directors, Committee Leads, and volunteers work together to deliver a broad spectrum of travel and snowsports related programs. While the ski and adventure trips and the annual convention are most highly visible, we offer so much more. A few examples are the FWSA Athletic Scholarship, Safety, History, Charity, Environment, and recognition programs for excellence in leadership and communication.

Thank you to our industry sponsors who help make these programs successful:

- Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation - Western Ski Heritage Award Program
- Big White Ski Resort - Far West Councils' Volunteer of the Year
- Grouse Mountain Lodge and Kandahar Lodge - Athletic Scholarship
- Whitefish Mountain Resort - Athletic Scholarship
- Karbon - Athletic Scholarship

The record snowfall this winter provided a great skiing experience for our North American travelers and will have some of us skiing through July. Jackson Hole Ski Week was fantastic with Arizona, Bay Area, Central, Intermountain, Los Angeles, Northwest, Orange, San Diego, and Sierra Councils participating. Nancy Ellis, the North American Travel Staff and Council Trip leaders, supported by Sandy Gaudette of [SkiGroup.net](https://www.ski-group.net) provided a fun program of events and ensured a smooth operation of travel logistics. The Mini Ski Week group enjoyed great terrain and fresh snow in March at Taos Valley Ski Area, with on mountain lodging at Snakedance Condos. Thank you to Nancy Ellis for leading the trip and to Kellie Peterson and Sara Clemons of Sports America Tours for their planning and support.

Our International travelers, 100+ of us, enjoyed Ski Week in Zermatt, Switzerland, with great weather and beautiful views of the Matterhorn. Part of the group extended their international stay to visit Costa del Sol and Mallorca, Spain with FWSA, while others went off on their own travels or headed back to home and work. Thank you to our International Travel Team, Debbie Stewart, Gloria Raminha, Wanda Ross and Armand Gutierrez, supported by Sean McErlean of Holidayze for planning and leading this wonderful ski and adventure trip.

I hope to see many of you in Boise, Idaho, for the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual FWSA Convention, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, hosted by the Intermountain Ski Council and Bogus Basin Ski Club. Thank you to Debby Kor, Jenn Coutts of Intermountain Ski Council, and Michael Bouton of Bogus Basin Ski Club for their planning and leadership. Adventure Awaits in Boise!

Be sure to go to [www.fwsa.org](https://www.fwsa.org) often to see what is happening in FWSA. Our website offers current information on our travel programs, convention, membership, and more. The Skiers Guide and past editions of *The Councilman* are also on the website. Encourage your club members and guests to view the online edition of the 2023-2024 *Far West Skier's Guide* when it is published this Fall.





# Jenn Coutts

## Boise Host Convention Chair

The Intermountain Ski Council, with lots of help from the Bogus Basin Ski Club, are proud to be your hosts this year for the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual FWSA Convention in Boise, Idaho! The theme is “**Adventure Awaits in Boise**” and we hope that the convention we have planned for you is indeed an adventure! Boise, pronounced BOY-see (you’re welcome!), is part of the Treasure Valley and is Idaho’s state capitol and largest city. The Treasure Valley’s greatest treasure is its abundance of recreation and entertainment opportunities and we are pleased to be able to offer a few of them during the convention. Our planned activities include:

### Whitewater Rafting on the Payette

This will be a mostly all-day event, leaving the hotel at approximately 7:30am. Transportation will be provided to the rafting company’s location in time for a 9:30 launch on the rafts. The 3-hour raft tour will be on the Main Fork of the Payette River where you will have a thrill ride along the class II and class III rapids. Lunch will be provided afterwards, thanks to the Bogus Basin Ski Club and grill master



Michael Bouton!

### Bogus Basin Mountain Day

If you want to get a little higher join us for a day at the Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area for hiking, biking, mountain coaster riding, and sightseeing! This is another all-day activity that includes transportation up to the mountain and a buffet lunch to refuel after all those carbs you’re going to burn exploring. Available items for purchase at the resort will be lift tickets to ride the chair up the mountain, mountain bike rentals and tickets to ride the mountain coaster.

### Pub Crawl

One of the best things about Boise is its walkability to eating/drinking establishments. This year’s pub crawl will include favorites of the locals including a stop at the Basque Center which is a unique experience in itself. Don’t miss this event and the chance to mix and mingle with our industry partners while also getting a walking tour of downtown Boise.

### Bicycle Tour

If you want to see even more of the Boise area and its famous greenbelt, don’t miss out on the guided tour on bicycles from the Boise State University bike pool. You will be taken by shuttle to the BSU campus to pick up your bike and then you will embark on a ride along the greenbelt and the Boise River. After a while you will stop at the Esther Simplot Park for a boxed lunch where you can take in the views of the river, ponds and beautiful surrounding greenery in the 55 acre area northwest of downtown.

And if you have any energy left after these activities plus the socializing during the trade show and Silent Auction, plan to dance the night away to the jazzy beats of the band *Smooth Avenue* on Saturday night! They have a large following in Boise and I guarantee you will be entertained!

I hope I have convinced you that this will be a weekend of adventure and fun and we look forward to seeing you in June! Adventure awaits!



Bogus Basin photos  
Photo credit: Bogus  
Basin website

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



90<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Far West Ski Association  
Convention**  
June 15 - 18, 2023  
at the  
**Boise Centre**  
850 S. Front Street, Boise ID  
[www.boisecentre.com](http://www.boisecentre.com)

*Adventure Awaits in  
Boise!*



*FWSA Convention 2023*

Hosted by the *Intermountain Ski Council & Bogus Basin Ski Club*

### The Grove Hotel

245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702.

[www.grovehotelboise.com](http://www.grovehotelboise.com)

**Reservations:** Call 208-489-2222 Option 1,  
or <https://reservations.travelclick.com/76224?groupID=3596938>  
Group Name: **Far West Ski Association.**

**Room Rates per night plus tax** single or double occupancy **\$162**

**NOTE: ROOM BLOCK EXPIRES MAY 22ND**

### Hotel Features

- The Grove Fitness Center and Spa
- Trillium Restaurant & The Bar
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention
- Walking distance to shops, restaurants, museums, theaters & more

### Transportation

- Air Transportation is via Boise Airport (BOI), located 10 minutes from Boise Centre.
- The Grove Hotel offers free airport shuttle service.  
Call 208-333-8000 when you arrive. Ask for the Front Desk for ground transportation.

### Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction  
& Snowsport Trade Show
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
  - Rafting on Payette River
  - Bike Ride through Boise
  - Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  - A Day on the Mountain, Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the Idaho Youth Ranch, Kuna.

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)





**90th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION  
CONVENTION**  
The Grove Hotel & Boise Centre  
Boise, Idaho – June 15-18, 2023



***“Adventure Awaits in Boise”***

**Welcome FWSA Club Presidents and Convention Delegates:**

Attached you will find the registration materials for the **Far West Ski Association's Convention**, Thursday through Sunday, **June 15-18, 2023** at the *Grove Hotel & Boise Centre*, in Boise, Idaho.

**Deadlines:**

**May 10 is the deadline** for early registration of **\$179**. The price will go up to **\$189 on May 11, through May 19**. After that, the fees go up to **\$199**, beginning **May 20, until Convention**. **May 10 is also the deadline** for submission of **ALL** event fees. These include: Wednesday's Ansot's Restaurant, Thursday's Bike Ride, Rafting Trip and Pub Crawl; Friday's 16th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament and Day on the Mountain. Please submit all forms and payments to: **FWSA Registrar, c/o Jean McCahey, 10635 Esmeraldas Dr., San Diego, CA 92124....or sign up online through [fwsa.org/connect](https://fwsa.org/connect)**.

**Economic Relief Program:**

Again, this year, FWSA offers an "economic relief" program to provide a ski club the opportunity to send more delegates to the Convention. For every six (6) delegates that have paid the full registration package by the registration deadline of May 10, the club will receive a rebate of one (1) paid registration after the Convention (limit of one rebate per club).

**Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!:**

Lodging at our group rate (double occupancy) is available at *The Grove Hotel*. Per our contract, we have **NO RESORT FEES**, and **FREE IN-ROOM WI-FI**. Refer to the enclosed flyer for the FWSA contracted room rates for our group. The *Grove Hotel* is located at 245 S. Capitol Blvd, Boise, Idaho. Make your reservations by calling **208-489-2222 Opt. #1**, and give them our Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**. You can also book your room reservations on-line at our special FWSA site [Far West Ski Association - The Grove Hotel](https://FarWestSkiAssociation-TheGroveHotel.com). Make your room reservations before **May 22**, when the room block is released. **Once our room block is released, The Grove Hotel will endeavor to take reservations for rooms after the cut-off date, but this will be subject to availability. Room reservations are welcome at the Convention rate of \$162 from June 12 – 20, 2023.**

**Transportation Information:**

Flights should be booked in and out of the Boise Airport located just 11 minutes from the hotel. Transportation to/from the resort is available by FREE SHUTTLE from the hotel. Call 208-333-8000 upon arrival, and ask for ground transportation.

**Theme – Adventure Awaits in Boise:**

This year's Convention theme is *Adventure Awaits in Boise*, and features the many optional activities Wednesday evening, Thursday during the day and evening, and Friday, topped off by the Silent Auction & Trade Show, at the Boise Centre. The Saturday Awards Banquet will be *Black-tie optional* attire. Banquet theme is "You've Gotta Believe in Boise."

**Contact Information:**

**Debbi Kor**, FWSA Convention Chairperson: [fwsadebbi@comcast.net](mailto:fwsadebbi@comcast.net) or 503-314-7078  
**Jennifer Coutts**, Host Council Coordinator: [hostconventionchair@fwsa.org](mailto:hostconventionchair@fwsa.org) or 817-832-5364  
**Jean McCahey**, Convention Registrar [jlmccahey@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmccahey@yahoo.com), or 858-560-8722

If you have questions, please direct them to the appropriate person above. Welcome to the 90th Annual FWSA Convention.

***Debbi Kor, Jennifer Coutts, Jean McCahey***

Revised 02-08-23



## 90<sup>th</sup> Annual FWSA Convention

June 15-18, 2023, Boise Centre, Boise, ID

# REGISTRATION FORM

Adventure Awaits in  
Boise!



FWSA Convention 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Ski Club \_\_\_\_\_

Council \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate Status ☐ Voting ☐ Non Voting ☐ Alternate  
☐ Guest ☐ FWSA Direct Member

Dietary Requirements ☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free

*Except for your email address, which is not released, the information above will be provided to industry sponsors and donors to the Silent Auction. You may exclude your information from this list by checking this box. ☐*

☐ This is my first FWSA Convention

### Convention Packages (June 15 — 18)

**Full Package** if paid by May 10, 2023 \$179 \_\_\_\_\_

— \$189 from 5/10 - 5/19, \$199 from 5/20

**Meetings Only** (No meals or parties) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Only**, Meetings & Lunch \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon Only** (Must be purchased in advance) \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Dinner & Dance Only** (Must purchase in advance) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

### Extras

**Full Delegate Book** (All Reports) \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

**Long Sleeve Tee Shirt** M/W ☐ Blue ☐ Silver ☐ Size ☐ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Activities

 Priority given to Registered Delegates/Industry

**Ansots Basque Restaurant** (Wed. June 14) \$46 \_\_\_\_\_

**Greenbelt Bike Tour** (Thurs. June 15) \$15 for lunch only \$26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Half-Day River Rafting on the Payette** (Thurs. June 15) \$78 \_\_\_\_\_

**Pub Crawl** (Thurs. June 15) \$52 \_\_\_\_\_

**Top Golf** (Fri. June 16) \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Specify Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ OR Novice ☐ OR Last 3 Scores \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Need Transportation to the Golf Course

Club Rental (Free): Left ☐ or Right ☐ Handed

**A Day on the Mountain at Bogus Basin** (Fri. June 16) \$47 \_\_\_\_\_

or with lift and coaster ride \$87 \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can pay & register online at  
fwsa.org



**You can also submit this form  
with your payment to:**

### FWSA Convention Registrar

Jean McCasey  
10635 Esmeraldas Drive  
San Diego, CA 92124  
[Jlmccasey@yahoo.com](mailto:Jlmccasey@yahoo.com)  
858-560-8722

For additional information visit  
[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

### Full Package Includes—

All FWSA business meetings, elections and panel sessions, convention pin, convention delegate book, hosted parties, 4 meals, complimentary beverages and activities.

• **Friday** - Club Happy Hour, Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show.

• **Saturday** - Continental Breakfast, General Meeting, Awards Luncheon, Keynote Speaker presentation, Snowsports Leadership Academy, Public Affairs Panel, Racing Seminar, Cocktail Reception, Awards Banquet and Dance

• **Sunday** - Eye Opener, Buffet Brunch, FWSA Business Meeting & Elections



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Adventure Awaits in  
Boise!



FWSA Convention 2023

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES



**\$46**

### Ansots Basque Restaurant

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Includes: Hors D'oeuvres, Paella dinner, dessert + 1 beverage

Leader: Michael Bouton; [mbouton0559@msn.com](mailto:mbouton0559@msn.com); 208-703-0444

Sponsor: TBA



**\$26**

### Greenbelt Bike Tour

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Includes: Transportation, bikes, and lunch. Or \$15 for lunch only.

Leader: Kim DeWit; [kimdewit@boisestate.edu](mailto:kimdewit@boisestate.edu); 208-861-2446

Sponsor: TBA

**\$15**



**\$78**

### Half-Day River Rafting on the Payette

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 7:30 am – 2:00 pm

Includes: Transportation, rafting, catered lunch

Leader: Jennifer Coutts; [jcoutts29@yahoo.com](mailto:jcoutts29@yahoo.com); 817-832-5364

Sponsor: TBA



**\$52**

### Pub Crawl

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Includes: 3 stops: 1 drink at Boise Brewing, 1 drink & snacks at Mother Earth  
1 drink & dinner at Basque Center

Leader: Sherri Lechten; [smlechten@gmail.com](mailto:smlechten@gmail.com); 440-669-4219

Sponsor: Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation

**Steamboat**



**\$75**

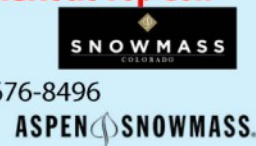
### Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at Top Golf

Friday, June 16, 2023, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Includes: Transportation, golf, brunch, prizes

Leader: Bill Coutts; [coutter21@yahoo.com](mailto:coutter21@yahoo.com); 817-676-8496

Sponsor: Aspen/Snowmass & Snowmass Tourism



**\$47**

### A Day on the Mountain at Bogus Basin

Friday, June 16, 2023, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Includes: Transportation, lunch buffet, activities on your own (hiking, mountain biking). Cost \$47, or \$87 with lift and coaster ride.

Leader: Lynda Clark; [lyndainboise@gmail.com](mailto:lyndainboise@gmail.com); 208-859-5337

Sponsor: TBA

**\$87**

Sign up for 2023 FWSA Optional Activities by May 10, 2023 using the **Registration Form** or **online** at [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org).





## Paul Vlasveld and Jo Simpson 2024 Host Convention Chairs



### **The 91st Annual Far West Convention Comes to Reno in 2024.**

The 91st Far West Convention will be hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports and Sierra Councils June 6-9, 2024, in Reno, Nevada. We will be staying and meeting at the beautiful Atlantis Casino Resort Spa where convention attendees can enjoy a wide range of restaurants, an expansive indoor and outdoor pool area, a spa, and of course gaming.

We are planning a variety of organized activities for attendees and there are many attractions in Reno to visit on your own. So, plan to come early or

stay over to relax after the convention.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Snowsports Trade Show and Silent Auction will take place on Friday evening where attendees can talk with industry representatives to plan trips for their clubs and councils. Representatives will be offering trip packages for bidding during the Silent Auction.

Saturday will be a busy day starting with Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions where delegates increase their leadership skills. A Public Affairs Session will feature special speakers knowledgeable about snowsports issues. Lunch will feature an interesting

keynote speaker well known in the snowsports world.

The Annual Awards Banquet will take place Saturday evening where awards will be presented to our peers, industry partners and other well-known and deserving participants in the snowsports world.

The Sunday morning general meeting will involve elections of officers, a brunch and presentation of the club and council communication awards.

The Bay Area Snow Sports and Sierra Councils are looking forward to welcoming you to Reno. Make plans now to join us.

**Board of Directors:** Far West Ski Association April 2023 BOD meeting in Boise, Idaho at the home of Barbara & Donn Bryant. Pictured are the current members of the Board of Directors, Trustees and Committee Chairs. Standing, left to right: Barbara Razo, Janine Rands, Steve Coxen, Sheri Parshall, Nancy Ellis, Debbie Stewart, Tom Bundgard, Linda Coxen, Jane Wyckoff, Monica Palmer, Randy Lew, Jenn Coutts, Paul Vlasveld, George Stewart, Debbie Kor, Sandy Blackwell, Tina Lyons, Bill King, Chris Gill, Mike Sanford, Fran Long, Kristy Welsh, Joe Harvis, Sigrid Noack. Sitting left to right: Jean McCasey, Jo Simpson, Gloria Raminha, Eileen Sanford, Sheila Van Guilder, Linda Westlund.

Photo credit: George Stewart.





## Sheri Parshall

### Councils' Volunteer of the Year

Greetings Far Westers! Spring has sprung, technically, although one would be hard-pressed to see Spring in the Northwest. Snow is still falling in Portland these early April days! But that means there's new snow in the mountains so our winter sports seasons look to be more expansive than ever.

Spring, for our Far West leaders, also means deadlines. Publication deadlines (yes, for *The Councilman*!), deadlines for board reports prior to our in-person April board meeting. And deadlines for the awards and honorees for many of the programs hosted by Far West Ski Association, are supported by an incredible cast of sponsors. And each year, the deadline for *The Councilman* comes before most councils provide their nominations—quite the challenge since I owe *The Councilman* and its hardworking editorial staff an article about the program!

I happen to be the program leader for the FWSA Councils' Volunteer of the Year Program. It's my fifth year head-

ing up the program, and I've enjoyed every single opportunity I've had to meet some really incredible people who are the lynchpins of their respective clubs and councils.

It's interesting to note that most councils have their own ways of selecting their honorees. Some councils put their candidates through a vetting process and competition not unlike the one FWSA uses. Some councils select honorees through meetings of their board. Some council presidents just let me know that "hey, So-and-So hasn't won so he's our candidate this year." Regardless of the system, we are always blessed with a line-up of pretty awesome volunteers, who make it really, really hard for our judges to find a "winner."

And speaking of judges—here's another group of great volunteers! These men and women dedicate fully 25 percent of their convention time to meeting, greeting, and interviewing the volunteers your councils have honored. It's a tough job, but a critically impor-

tant one.

And while a job, it's also a great opportunity. If you have someone on your council who's attending the convention for maybe the second or third time, being a judge of the Volunteer of the Year competition is a fantastic way to meet their fellow movers and shakers from other councils. This was my own experience. I was a judge in 1995 at my second convention. I met some awesome people who are my good friends to this day. I highly recommend giving your newbies this opportunity to create their own special networks.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 2023 Far West Ski Association Convention in Boise, Idaho. I promise you I'll have another jaw-dropping group of volunteers to honor. Our never-ending thanks goes to Big White Ski Resort for their continued, 22-year support of our program. And thanks to the councils who do such a great job honoring the folks who make us all successful.

"The Voice of the Western Skier"







## Joe Harvis

### VP Communications

What a crazy and great winter season we've had generating great conditions across Far West country if you could get there and if the resorts were actually open. I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy the slopes.

We are now gearing up for the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention being held in Boise, Idaho this June. I can't wait to see everyone. Online registration has been open for some time now, so don't delay. Get registered and get ready for a great time in Boise with your Far West family.

We have been very busy with getting the website ready for all of the convention programs. The travel pages have been and continue to be updated as new details materialize for future trips, both North American and International. We've added new photo albums for the recently completed trips as well as those from last year's convention. If you would like to contribute any of your own photos from any FWSA event, it's easy to do. Just contact me to get access and we'll send you step-by-step instructions to upload them.

The team has been hard at work providing FWSA members with the News Flash, The Councilman and the Skier's Guide as well as our Social Media presence on Facebook and we're eagerly awaiting our new Marketing Media slide shows and videos. Our Social Media team is currently setting up a FWSA Instagram page so we can all share photos on that platform. Stay tuned.

Did you know that all clubs and councils can add their functions and trips to our events calendar? That's correct, your club or council can add your events and trips to the FWSA calendar. It's easy to use, you can even link it back to your website. Consider this to possibly increase your participation.

We have been moving our revenue generating activities to the ClubExpress payment processing. Currently we process Direct membership dues and Dive trip payments within this system. The goal is to migrate other trips and the convention to the process and retire FWSA Connect. It's taking time but we will get there.

Currently it isn't necessary to log into the site but soon if you register to attend an event, travel program or convention, you will need to register via the website. At that time, you will need to login to make those reservations. Members who have registered should sign in and review their member profile to update any missing or incorrect information. **We encourage members to verify your information is correct.**

Others can click on "**Member Signup**" and create and complete the registration form. One can even sign up to receive the **Far West News Flash** simply by checking the "**New Flash subscription**" box under the "**Interests**" section of the Member Profile.

We hope everyone enjoys reading this edition of **The Councilman**. Nick Cowell, our editor, continues to do a great job, but he has decided that this

issue will be his last. **So, we are looking for a new editor.** Please contact me if you or anyone you know might be interested. Please send any comments or suggestions to us at [councilman@fwsa.org](mailto:councilman@fwsa.org). A big thank you also goes to our ever-ready proofreaders, Debbi Kor, Jane Wyckoff, Jeannine Davis, Todd Hood and Jo Simpson.

Leigh Gieringer and Jane Wyckoff have already started working on the 36<sup>th</sup> annual edition of the **Far West Skier's Guide**. This issue will again be **digital only**. We do hope to solicit advertisers and some "digital only advertisers". Both Leigh & Jane put numerous hours proofreading all the articles and formatting each issue. Our goal is to print a limited quantity to provide copies to our advertisers and for placement in a collection at various snowsports libraries and museums throughout the Far West region. Please send comments to us at [skiersguide@fwsa.org](mailto:skiersguide@fwsa.org). If you are available to proofread either publication, please let me know. Also, if you know of a possible advertiser, please get us their contact information, or put them in touch with us at [skiersguide@fwsa.org](mailto:skiersguide@fwsa.org). Every little bit helps. Contact us for rates.

Debbi Kor writes, edits and publishes the monthly **Far West NewsFlash**. You can find current and past issues on the website under Publications. All clubs and councils are encouraged to submit appropriate articles of interest for their activities, events, and travel

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## Chris Gill

### VP Council Services

The Vice President of Council Services coordinates with the presidents of 10 FWSA member councils to manage programs and initiatives that benefit our local clubs, which are the grass-roots of the FWSA organization. We have a talented and involved group of council presidents and program chairs that work hard throughout the year to administer the programs we provide.

The VP of Council Services held a meeting in November and discussed the continued success of the Communication Awards, Outstanding Social Media Award, Charity Recognition Award and our Volunteer of The Year Award. The council presidents, along with the chairs of the Safety & Environment awards are looking at ways to simplify the requirements for this program in order to get more participation. After the high amount of snow received in the west, avalanche training and skiing with a buddy were main topics

from the Instagram pages of the resorts. We can see why both of these awards are very important in the sport of skiing and snowboarding.

This year's challenge among all the ski clubs within the Western Sierra Mountains has been managing ski trips with all the atmospheric river weather patterns. A special thanks goes out to all the ski industry organizers for helping them navigate these challenges while on their trips.

The VP of Council Services, along with FWSA, would like to congratulate the National Brotherhood of Skiers, who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this amazing ski organization. The NBS celebrated this event in Vail, Colorado with over 2,000 people in attendance. They held a great parade down the main village street of Vail where each club had a banner representing their club as they marched.

Once again Council Services will be overseeing and participating in the judging of the Communication Awards, Outstanding Social Media Facebook Groups along with interviewing the potential candidates for the Volunteer of the Year Award. The Charity Recognition program will once again be displaying a video at the convention, showing all the volunteer work some of the ski clubs and councils do in their community.

Council Services always looks forward to giving recognition to all the clubs and council members that work so hard each year to make a difference in their organizations.

As VP of Council Services, I welcome any new ideas or inputs to our current programs. You can email me at [vpCouncilservices@fwsa.org](mailto:vpCouncilservices@fwsa.org). I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in Boise, Idaho.



Left: Tom Rushfeldt on the left, Jean McCasey Middle and Mark James on the right. Members of the North Island Snowdrifters at FWSA Ski Week

Photo credit: NI Snowdrifters

Right: Members of NBS gathered in Vail to celebrate the NBS 50th anniversary.

Photo credit: NBS Facebook page







## Debbie Stewart

### VP International Travel

#### **FWSA 2023 Ski Week to Zermatt, Switzerland was a Spectacular Success**

Far West Ski Association partnered with Holiday Ski Tours for this scenic ski trip to Zermatt, Switzerland. Zermatt is one of the most fabulous ski areas in the world. From every run, the scenery is absolutely spectacular, often with views of the Matterhorn. This amazing icon has loomed over Zermatt since the 1860's.

up the mountain. Even though it was a low snow year in the Alps, we had good snow for skiing at Zermatt thanks to a few days of light snow and excellent grooming. A few of our members skied on Sunday, although it was a snowy white-out day. The rest of the week was fabulous, with mostly sunny skies. In addition to skiing at Zermatt, many of the participants skied over to Cervinia, in Italy. Several people commented in how glad they were that we went back to Zermatt after 9 years be-

historic hotel. Meals were delicious, rooms were well appointed, and the hotel had a very nice pool, hot tub and spa. Others stayed at the Gornergrat Hotel, less than a block from the train station. The lovely car-free pedestrian town of Zermatt offered plenty of shopping and nightly entertainment.

#### **FWSA 2023 Ski Week Extension to Southern Spain and Mallorca was Much Fun**

With 44 people on the extension trip to Costa del Sol, Southern Spain and Mallorca, our journey from Zermatt to Spain started with a flight from Zürich to Malaga, followed by bus transfer to the Meliá Costa del Sol hotel in Torremolinos. The Meliá is situated right on the beach waterfront and offered a promenade for strolling up and down the waterfront with numerous restaurants, cafes, and shops. We arrived in the afternoon; therefore, there were no scheduled tours and it was considered a free day, to explore this beautiful area.

The next morning, we boarded the bus for a 2 ½ hr. scenic ride to Granada. Upon arriving in Granada, we met our tour guides and embarked on about a 2-hour walking tour of the Alhambra Palace. The Palace was a huge infrastructure resembling a small city with many palaces and gardens. We were blessed with moderate temperatures that made walking the grounds

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Participants in the FWSA Ski Week, Zermatt, Switzerland  
Photo credit: Debbie Stewart

Our 104 participants started the trip on the evening of February 24 with 6 days skiing possible for February 25 to March 3. To get to the ski area, we rode the Gornergrat cog wheel train for 30 minutes to the top, or we took a shuttle bus from that train station across town, and then rode a cable car

cause it is still rated number one on the list of the world's best ski resorts. It's easy to like Zermatt, as it is home to 9 of the 10 highest mountains in Europe.

Skiing at Zermatt and Cervinia, also is a culinary experience. There are many highly rated restaurants right on the mountain that serve delicious food. In fact, reservations often were required. The Hotel Alex, where most of our group of 104 stayed, is an excellent

comfortable. Following the tour, we hiked down to the city of Granada and had free time for lunch and shopping.

The next day, we traveled by bus to Ronda. The bus ride was pleasant with scenery consisting of acres and acres of olive groves. It's no wonder that Spain produces a lot of olive oil. Upon arrival at Ronda, we were greeted by our tour guides (2) and proceeded on a walking tour of the city. We were in awe of how the city is built atop a mountain and the enormous valley that surrounded the city. Vistas were incredible, as were the various monuments and historic buildings. One particular building that stood out prominently was the *corrida*, or bullring, as Ronda is thought of as the birthplace of bullfighting. Following the tour we dined at a nearby restaurant for an excellent lunch, followed by our return trip to the Meliá Costa del Sol hotel.

Our last day in Torremolinos was a free day for touring, shopping, and dining. Although it was a free day, there was a scheduled walking tour to the Cathedral and then to city center for shopping and dining. Not everyone went on the tour, as there were several road warriors that rented bikes at the hotel for a little exploration of their own. The next day we were scheduled for a bus transfer to the Malaga airport for our flight to Palma, Mallorca.

The best of all activities was riding a historic train to the town of Sóller (pronounced soyea). This historic train with exquisitely refurbished cars meandered through the mountains to the town of Sóller. There we disembarked from the train and continued our journey on a tram that slowly weaved its way through the town until we arrived at the Port of Sóller. The weather was ideal with small cumulus clouds dotting the blue sky and warm temperatures; shorts and tees were the ideal outfit. A tour leader guided a few of us to a highpoint (yes, that means climbing

stairs) at the coast where we had beautiful views of the Mediterranean Sea and high, steep cliffs. After a generous amount of free time, we marched around the marina to have a bountiful seafood lunch. Our bus returned us to the warm and inviting beachside at the Meliá Palma Bay hotel and provided our escape from this mini-Shangri-la.

Saturday was our last day to enjoy the city of Palma before heading north to Zürich for our flights home. In the morning, a guide led us on a walking tour towards La Seu, the Cathedral of Palma that took three hundred years to construct. We then continued on to the city center where we encountered a maze of streets, pathways, and plazas with shops, gelato cafes, and restaurants around every corner. There was plenty of free time for exploring and having lunch before walking the beachfront returning to the hotel.

Later that afternoon there was a Farewell Event so that everyone could gather around and talk about the trip, meet new acquaintances, and tell tall stories from the week's excursions. A buffet-style of cheeses, olives, meats, and small Mallorcan flatbread with veggie squares, and a variety of beverages were provided. Some considered this dinner; others ate lightly so they could go out for their Last Supper in Palma.

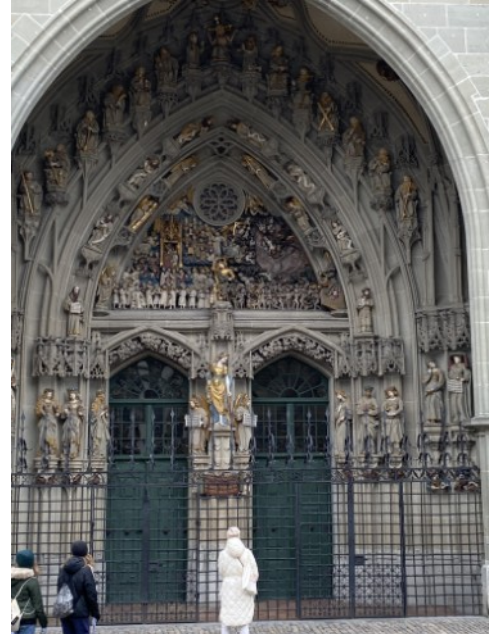
We all thoroughly enjoyed our Costa del Sol and Mallorca extension and would love to come back!

### **FWSA 2024 International Ski Week – Madonna di Campiglio, Italy**

At the turn of the nineteenth century, European aristocrats discovered a wonderful place in the heart of the Dolomites, and Madonna di Campiglio became a sophisticated and elegant destination, whilst preserving its majestic and fascinating landscape of the Dolomites.

We are planning to go back to the

amazing Dolomites in late February, 2024. Madonna di Campiglio is the main point of access to the Dolomites mountain range. The resort is located in a valley between the scenic Dolomites and the Italian Alps with the ability to ski both. This vibrant Italian ski area links four small sectors known



Bern Day Tour - guide describing details & history on the front of the Church

Photo credit: Debbie Stewart

both for excellent grooming and steep runs. The slopes spread out widely. The ski area has 57 lifts and 93 miles of ski runs with a capacity of more than 31,000 people per hour. A spectacular 16-minute gondola ride connects to the neighboring resort of Pinzolo.

Madonna di Campiglio is one of the world's classic ski centers and one of Italy's most famous ranking with Cortina, Courmayeur and San Martino. Considering its long history in winter sports, it has the benefit of an extensive and hugely enjoyable ski area with lifts coming right down into the town, unusual assets compared to many other famous ski resorts. The resort's altitude gives it more dependable

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## Debbi Kor

### VP Marketing and Sponsorship

#### SNOWMAGEDDON IN 2023

WOW! Did we get some snow this year or what? The resorts were getting snow, the low-landers were getting snow....everyone had snow this year! Whether (weather) this was good, or maybe not quite so much, no one had to complain about there not being enough to ski in! It came down in areas that have never seen snow, or very little of it....on the beach, in the desert, and across the country from West to East Coast, and back again. Hopefully everyone will be dug out by June!

Ski Week 2023 was held in Jackson Hole the last week of January. Far West had approximately 250 Attendees this year. It was back to Ski Week business as usual: a mountain picnic at Snow King Mountain, with the Welcome Party and Awards Banquet being held at Snow King Resort. Ski days, mountain races, and lots of fun were the order of business for the week. Shawn Daus did an amazing job of getting everything organized for us for the week, and our Tour Operator, Sandy Gaudette, of SkiGroup.Net, made sure everyone had an excellent time. As usual, a big "thank you" goes out to them, and to our wonderful Far West Travel Team for all that YOU do!

Laura Priess, LA Council, stepped in for David Krupp this year, assisting with selling raffle tickets for the Karbon clothing, benefitting the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program. Schure

Sports, the maker of Karbon apparel, has sponsored this program since 2004. The winner of the Karbon wear was Bill Sowle of the Arizona Council. Congratulations Bill, and thank you to all who purchased tickets. Far West raised \$1,340 for the Scholarship Program.

For all those clubs and councils who took trips to Steamboat, Big White, Aspen/Snowmass, Mammoth Mountain, and many other winter resorts, we want to thank you, as well as, all of our industry partners who went out of their way to ensure our safety on the mountain, and throughout the town and resorts. It provided us all a way to spend time with friends and family doing the thing that we love to do the most!

With summer right around the corner, it is time to make plans to attend the 90th Annual Far West Convention. We will be returning to beautiful Boise, Idaho, for some fun in the sun, and along the Payette River. We were last in Boise in 2017, so come back for the week, and check out the blue turf at Boise State University. Check out the local pubs. Ride a bike along the Greenbelt. Visit some of the wineries in the area. The dates for this fabulous event will be June 15-18, 2023. Lodging will be at The Grove Hotel in Boise, with all of the Convention meetings, Silent Auction & Trade Show and Awards Banquet at the Boise Centre.

The Intermountain Ski Council, and Bogus Basin Ski Club has been hard

at work, planning and putting together a fun-filled weekend for us all.

"Adventure Awaits in Boise," is the theme. We will be kicking things off on Thursday with a bike ride and Half-Day River Rafting Trip on the Payette River, followed by a fun Pub Crawl throughout downtown Boise. Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. will sponsor the Pub Crawl. On Friday, we will do something new, and go to Top Golf for the 16th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass and Snowmass Tourism. We will also host a "Day on the Mountain" at Bogus Basin. For those who haven't been there, we will take a trip to the mountain, where you can do a short hike, or do the Coaster Ride down the mountain, then join everyone for lunch.

After the morning's activities on Friday, join your friends at the Club Happy Hour before the Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show on Friday night, and the usual convention activities throughout the remainder of the weekend, including two Snowsports Leadership Sessions on Saturday morning, and one Public Affairs Session in the afternoon, before we head into Saturday evening and our Awards Banquet. Sunday morning will bring the Eye-Opener, which should get you all started with mimosas and Bloody Mary's before making your way to the Ballroom for the Annual Meeting and

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## Jean McCasey

### VP Membership

It has been a busy year and it is almost another convention. The upcoming 90th FWSA Convention is slated to start June 15th through the 18th in Boise, ID. Please visit the [FWSA.org](http://FWSA.org) website and check out all of the activities. So much is being planned you may want to come a day earlier. This is an awesome venue. You may find there is too much to do and will have to make some hard decisions. To our direct members, this is the best way to check out and bid on some amazing trips. This will happen on Friday night, which is a free night, this means it costs nothing to attend and you get a free drink. Please do check it out because it is in Boise, Idaho. For those that went to their first ever convention we had a blast. I even stayed several days after convention checking the

town out. They have an awesome state capitol building. They will be offering a fishing outing for after the convention for all of you wranglers out there.

I've been thinking of how to get membership growing and efficient. FWSA, as most of you know, has the Club Express system in place. We really need to get updated information from all of our councils and clubs. With this information we can keep everyone up-to-date on just about everything. Each year all clubs and councils should fill out the "Officer Update Form." This can be found under Member Corner in [FWSA.org](http://FWSA.org) at the bottom of the page. Then, if the clubs would send in their latest club members' names and email information we would have a very clear picture of how many members we

really have. That detail information can be emailed to Joe Harvis at [webmaster@fwsa.org](mailto:webmaster@fwsa.org).

This year at convention the SLA (Snowports Leadership Academy) will be introducing a new presentation by Tony Baker and John Lundin, "Preserving Ski Club History—The Ease of Preparing a Digital History Book." It is a step by step description of how to develop a club history book - purpose, research, organization, printed & digital books. I believe this will be a very helpful tool(s) for all the clubs and even councils. And, of course, we will have the ever informative Travel presentation by Debbie Stewart and Nancy Ellis. Do not miss these very informative sessions on Saturday, June 17th.

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programs for publication in the **News Flash** simply by sending the information to Debbi at [newsflash@fwsa.org](mailto:newsflash@fwsa.org). Debbi too has expressed the desire to step away from the NewsFlash at a point in the future so we will be looking for someone to take over preparing this publication too. Please contact me with any interested persons.

All our publications are in digital format and are accessible from the Far West website at [FWSA Publications](#).

Our website also contains many photo albums of our varied activities of the years. Additionally, we have several videos on our You Tube page. George Stewart continues to produce our videos and slide shows. As our multimedia chair, he produced marketing videos in the past and we are looking forward to the many new videos for our 90<sup>th</sup> Convention in Boise and our upcoming trips. They can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>.

Jane Gutierrez, our Social Media chair,

manages our Facebook and Twitter pages and our new Instagram page as well. If you are a social media guru and would like to help or contribute, please reach out to us at [socialmedia@fwsa.org](mailto:socialmedia@fwsa.org).





## Nancy Ellis

### VP North American Travel

#### 2023 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK—JACKSON HOLE RESORT

Two hundred fifty (250) people participated in the ski week representing 40 ski clubs and the following councils: Arizona; Bay Area Snowsports; Central, Intermountain; Los Angeles, Northwest, Orange, San Diego, and Sierra.

People enjoyed a Welcome Reception, Picnic and Racing at Snow King Mountain, Council Challenge Team Racing at Jackson Hole Resort, and a Farewell Banquet and Dance at Snow King Resort.

Thank you to Schure Sports, Inc. for donating a Karbon jacket and pants outfit for the Athletic Scholarship drawing. The Athletic Scholarship program is a funding source for junior USSA racers throughout the western United States. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, competitive ranking, academics, and community service. A drawing is held at ski week to support this program. This year's lucky winner was Bill Sowle from Arizona Council.

FWSA sponsored a GS race and Dual Team Race during the week. The Lake Louise award went to Sierra Council for getting the most race points for the Giant Slalom race, and Reno Ski & Rec Ski Club won the Joe Ross Award for the Club getting the most race points for the Giant Slalom races. Sierra Council's "Maui" Team won both the team race and the costume division for the Council.

Thank you to Dom Gagliardi, Jackson Hole Resort, Larry Hartenstein, Snow King Mountain, Shawn Daus, Destination Connection Services, and Sandy and Phil Gaudette, [SkiGroup.net](https://www.ski-group.net), for working with us to put on a fantastic trip for our ski week participants.

My thanks to the following Council Trip leaders and Ski Week travel Staff for their work in planning the trip and making sure everything went well for our participants: Mike Terrey (Arizona); Janet Spencer & Karen Albrecht (BAC); Fran Long (Central); Laura Priess (LAC); Steve Coxen (Northwest); Jess Gorman (Orange); Anneli Ford (San Diego); Carlene Boutacoff (Sierra); Gloria Raminha; Mary Alexander, Marilyn Sigler, Bob Ellis, Ken Calkins, and Lynnell Calkins (Travel Staff).

#### SNAKEDANCE CONDOS, TAOS VALLEY SKI AREA, NEW MEXICO FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 2, 2023

Thirty-eight (38) people made the trip to Taos Valley Ski Area for the Taos Mini Trip. We had fresh snow several of the days making for great skiing conditions for the week. Many in our group had the opportunity to ski Kachina Peak, the highest peak

at 12,481 ft. We enjoyed our ski in/ski out location with walking distance to restaurants, grocery stores, and shopping.

Snakedance Property management took care of all aspects of our trip. They provided shuttle service from the airport, put on a Welcome event that included people from mountain services to tell us about skiing the mountain and amenities of our lodging, and a midweek shuttle to the town of Taos to shop, sightsee, and enjoy local restaurants. Each guest received a vest or jacket. The highlight was a dinner at Roger and Diane Mariani's for our entire group. What a treat to have Roger, General Manager of Snakedance, and his wife cook dinner for our group! It was a fun time and gave our group the



Taos participants enjoy the mountain. Front to back: Kathy Brewington, Becky Stuart, Nancy Ellis, Joyce Hedlund, Ditah Rimer, Ronnie Schultz, Rick Harrington

Photo Credit: Nancy Ellis

opportunity to relax and socialize with one another and our hosts.

Thank you to Kellie Peterson and Sara Clemons, Sports America Tours for their support in planning and setting up this trip. A huge round of applause to Mitch Daniels, Snakedance Property Manager, and Roger and Diane Mariani for hosting our group and making all the arrangements.

### **2024 STEAMBOAT SKI WEEK— JANUARY 27—FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

Councils have started selling the Steamboat Ski Week. Sports America Tours is our Tour Operator and we are using their online registration/trip Management system this year. Each Council will have its own registration site and will provide participants with their Council's unique registration link to sign up for the trip, select their lodging and indicate roommates, sign up for lift tickets and group air/ground (if needed).

Steamboat is on the IKON pass. The full IKON pass will get unlimited skiing/riding at Steamboat in the 2023-2024 ski season, and the IKON Base Pass will get 5 days. The IKON pass went on sale on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We have our own IKON pass registration site and people signing up for the IKON pass using the special website and then signing up for the Steamboat Ski Week will get a special benefit from Sports America towards their trip. It is suggested that people purchase their pass on the special Sports America/FWSA site if they think they might go on the Steamboat trip so that they get the trip benefit. The special website:

[www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-fwsa](http://www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-fwsa) --  
**People will only get the benefit if they purchase the pass on our special site AND sign up for the Steamboat Trip package with one of the FWSA Councils.**

### **Councils have the following lodging:**

**Arizona:** Trappeur's Crossing Condos; The Phoenix Condos

**BAC:** Trappeur's Crossing Condos; Chateau Chamonix Condos; The Lodge Condos

**Central:** Eagle Ridge Condos

**LAC:** Gravity Haus Hotel; Trappeur's Crossing Condos; Chateau Chamonix Condos

**Northwest:** Eagle Ridge Condos

**Orange:** Gravity Haus Hotel; The Lodge Condos

**San Diego:** The Bronze Tree Condos

**Sierra:** Eagle Ridge Condos

### **Draft Schedule for the Week:**

**1/27/2024:** Saturday—Arrival, Lodging Check-in, and FWSA Registration

**1/28/2024:** Sunday—Welcome Reception

**1/29/2024:** Monday—GS Practice—Interested racers can practice the racecourse.

**1/30/2024:** Tuesday—GS Races

**1/31/2024:** Wednesday—Council Challenge Team Races

**2/1/2024:** Thursday—Farewell Dinner/Dance

**2/2/2024:** Friday—Open Day

**2/3/2024:** Saturday—Check out/Departures.

### **2025 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK**

Right: Taos Trip group dinner at the home of Roger Mariani, General Manager Snakedance Condos, and his wife Diane. Our hostess and host are in the background cooking the food.

Photo credit: Nancy Ellis

A survey was done at the Jackson Hole Ski Week to find out where participants wanted to go for the 2025 North American Ski Week and future Mini and Adventure trips. The results of the survey were presented to FWSA Board Members at their April meeting and decisions were made regarding the selection of destinations.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

FWSA recommends highly that trip participants purchase Travel Insurance when they go on one of the FWSA trips, e.g., North American Ski Week; International Ski Week; International Dive Trip; North American Mini Trip; North American and International Adventure Trips. We had 6 cancellations for the Jackson Hole Ski Week, and we were unable to replace the vacant spots with people on the wait list. The 6 participants didn't have travel insurance and lost all trip funds. Those with group air did get partial credit for future air.

Unexpected things can happen such as family getting sick, work schedule changes, death of work colleagues, or early season ski accidents. It's a small investment to protect your travel funds. The FWSA website lists some insurance products that you can consider, our online registration site will also give participants an option to purchase an insurance product from the Tour Operator, and you can do a search of travel insurance products on the website. There are many products based



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## Lina Arnold

### VP Public Affairs

#### **The IKON PASS PRICES are going up, but it will include some new benefits.**

With the start of the new year the full IKON Pass will provide access to multiple mountain destinations in eleven countries.

The IKON Passes for the 2023-2024 season for adults on the Full IKON Pass will be \$1,159 (\$1,539 CAD) and \$829 (\$1,099 CAD) for the Base Pass with blackout dates. For a limited time if you purchase early, you can get a discount of \$100 to the existing Full IKON pass, and a \$50 for the Base Pass.

The IKON Base Plus Pass provides access to 54 destinations; the Base Pass has 47.

The two-to four-day Session Passes to a resort will range from \$259 (\$339

CAD) to \$429 (\$569 CAD).

The Full IKON Child pass for kids ages 5-12 years old is \$369. The Base IKON Child Pass is \$299.

The price for young adults that are 13 – 22 will be \$519 for the IKON Base Plus. There is additional pricing for children under 4 years old, military, college, and nurses.

Families can save up to \$200 (\$280 CAD) on child passes for up to two children ages 5-12 with the purchase of any adult IKON pass.

Some of the new benefits are discounts on travel when you book with the IKON Pass Travel Service ([ikonpass.com](https://ikonpass.com)) and discounts from gear and apparel suppliers or a membership in Outside+. They will continue the friends and family discounts, pass deferment, food and beverage

discounts, payment plan options, CMH Heli discounts, and membership in Protect Our Winters (POW).

Some access changes will be with Taos Ski Valley, NM, which moves from the Base Pass to Base Plus Pass, and will no longer require lift reservations. With an additional \$220 (\$290 CAD) from the IKON Base Pass, IKON Base Plus Pass holders get a five-day access to Taos.

Brand new-to-IKON passholders (full and Base) who buy early this spring get access this season to 13 Alterra resorts—some immediately upon purchase, others will have start dates during April. Unfortunately, buyers of the four-day Session Pass do not have spring 2023 access.





## Bob Ellis VP Racing

This year has been a record snowfall as all of you know. We even had record snowfall while we were at Jackson Hole, and most of our group enjoyed it. While at Jackson Hole we had two races, the Council Challenge Race at Jackson Hole, and the Giant Slalom at Snow King Mountain in Jackson. Both races went off without a hitch, and the conditions were good for rac-

ing, and both resorts did a great job of setting and running the courses.

In the Dual Council Challenge Race, Sierra Council's "Maui Team" won both the team race and the costume division for the match team race, Northwest took second in the team race, and a combo team called the Erupters took third place.

In the GS race, Sierra Council won the Lake Louise award for most points, and Reno Ski And Rec Ski Club won the Joe Ross Award for the club with the most points in the GS race.

This year the FWRA Championships will be cancelled due to not being able to find a location in the Northern California area for the race.



Maui Team who won the Council Challenge Match race and costume race at Jackson Hole Resort. Racers left to right: Debi Phelps; Paul Vandervoort; Lisa Vandervoort; Kat Severin; Laura Lindsay; John Schultheis

Photo credit: Nancy Ellis.

FWSA racer on the Giant Slalom course at Snow King Mountain at Jackson Hole Ski Week

Photo credit: Nancy Ellis.





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conditions than many traditional winter sports centers.

Stay tuned for the upcoming announcement for 2024 Madonna di



Skiers & Non-Skiers to the TOP of the GORNERGRAT - Laurie & Keith Steinbruck, Roberta Lay, Lynne Dewey, Gloria Raminha, Debbie Stewart, Mark & Tricia Dewey  
Photo credit: Debbie Stewart

Campiglio trip registrations.

#### **FWSA Africa Adventure Trip – 2024**

We are researching locations in central and east Africa for another Adventure Trip. We toured South Africa in 2014 and now it is time to experience another amazing area of Africa. We hope to see the “Big 5” during this photographic safari trip and explore areas that FWSA has not been to in a very long time. Let's join together and ex-

perience the local culture, as well as, seeing the many magnificent animals in their natural habitat.

#### **FWSA 2025 Ski Week – Val d'Isere, France**

Our last ski week to Val d'Isere was in 2015 and we had a fantastic time. The skiing was incredible, hotels were great, people were friendly, and the town is charming with many shops and restaurants. We look forward to returning there.

#### **FWSA 2026 Ski Week – Chamonix, France**

Probably the most famous downhill ski resort in the world, Chamonix in France is revered by the world's best big-mountain skiers and snowboarders who come here to tackle the area's huge vertical descents and extreme off-piste. This report also has plenty of good runs for intermediate skiers; there are more conventional ski areas in the Chamonix Valley, five in total, although only the linked Le Brevent and La Flégère areas are directly accessible by ski lift from Chamonix itself; the others are separate and situated some distance away from the town but served by bus and/or train links. Getting to Chamonix is easy: it's just over an hour from Geneva airport. All snowsports enthusiasts should plan a pilgrimage to Chamonix to experience the magic of the Mont Blanc massif at least once. The town also has a

well-deserved reputation for lively nightlife.

#### **FWSA Galapagos Adventure Trip – 2026**

Research is underway for the 2026 Adventure Trip to the Galapagos, which is part of Ecuador, and possibly Machu Picchu, which is in Peru, or to another destination. Stay tuned for the announcement of this trip.

#### **FWSA New Zealand Adventure Trip – 2028**

We will be adventuring to the southern hemisphere in 2028 to explore New Zealand and bordering areas. Stay tuned for additional information.

*As FWSA Vice President of International Travel, I realize that vacation days are precious. The best ones are those that leave people feeling re-charged, inspired with the feeling that the explorations were worthwhile, ones where the most cherished souvenirs bring the grandest memories.*

#### **For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program:**

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**[FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net)**

Mobile – 559/737-0882

FWSA Travel Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc/videos>

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on the amount of insurance one wants, the cost of the trip, and age of the participant. Please consider travel

insurance.

***Looking forward to seeing you on one of the Far West North American trips! Contact Nancy Ellis at [fwsa-](mailto:fwsa-travelnancy@sbcglobal.net)***

***[travelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:travelnancy@sbcglobal.net) or [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) for updates on the FWSA North American Travel Program.***

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Elections on Sunday. Registration information can be found at [www.fwsa.org/conventions](http://www.fwsa.org/conventions). Online

registration is available, as well as, mail-in.

Our industry partners are coming forward to sponsor many of the events and activities and helping to ensure

that our major fundraiser of the convention, our Silent Auction, is the huge success that it typically is. We look forward to seeing you there!



## David Krupp

### Athletic Scholarship Chair

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, growing from an initial \$1,500 in scholarships in 2004 to \$9,050 and 14 recipients in the 2022-2023 season. The total awarded since the program's inception is over \$193,000 to 140 recipients. The program is designed to provide financial assistance to junior ski racers throughout the western United States where FWSA has a presence. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers affiliated with the United States Ski and Snowboard (USSA) and must participate in racing programs in states where FWSA has regional councils. These include California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, athletic performance, academic achievement, and community service.

Skiing is an expensive sport and the costs involved in ski racing cannot be left up to the parents alone to incur. For younger athletes, the cost is modest. However, for 16 through 20 year olds, where competition becomes national and even international, the costs can be significant. Without the help of outside resources, many junior racers

simply cannot compete. For a top competitor, expenses can reach \$20,000 per year. This is not a seasonal sport for these racers; it includes a full year of ski-related involvement. After the winter race competition has concluded, competitors engage in dryland training; then off to summer camps. Camps typically run about \$1,200 per week, not including transportation.

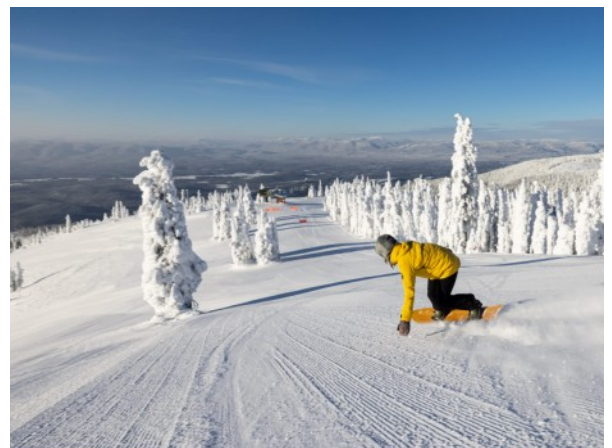
Winter training costs range from \$1,000-\$1,500 each season. Most applicants work part time to offset expenses. The demands on their time are significant. They must balance their time between training, competition, school, work, and community service. Despite these demands, the average GPA for these recipients consistently exceeds a 3.9 average. Our scholarships are modest compared to the need, but they do make a difference in the overall scope of the resources they require.

The funding of the scholarships comes from a number of sources: raffles, auctions, club and council partnerships, and direct contributions from club members, clubs, and councils. The FWSA has greatly benefitted

from the generous support from its sponsors including *Whitefish Mountain Resort* [www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com), a year round winter and summer resort; *Kandahar Lodge*, and *Grouse Mountain Lodge* in Whitefish, Montana; *Schure Sports, Inc.* [www.karbonmail.com](http://www.karbonmail.com), maker of the Karbon line of snowsports apparel; the US Ski Team and the *Far West Racing Association*. Their contributions of vacation packages, snowsports apparel, and cash bring in approximately \$10,000 per year as raffle and auction proceeds, as well as direct cash donations.

In addition, our partnership program through clubs and councils affords us approximately one third of our scholarship funding each year. Finally, the *Far West Ski Foundation* [www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, is a valuable resource for encouraging tax exempt donations. For more information on the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program, please visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

Fresh tracks at Whitefish Mountain Resort  
Photo credit: Whitefish Mountain Resort  
web page







## Sigrid Noack

### Charities and Our Community Chair

FWSA is very thankful and proud of all of our ski club members who spend a huge amount of time supporting so many charitable organizations. Congratulations to all our ski clubs and councils who are involved with charitable activities!

This is our third year of making a charity recognition video! We are again asking clubs and councils to send us information about their charity activities during the past year, so that we can produce another interesting and fun video.

With our new and improved, even more simplified Charities & Our Community recognition program, we are able to recognize and honor all the clubs and councils involved with any kind of charity work. Showcasing became our new program plan.

Our second video turned out very well, and we showed it at the Portland convention last year. The video was quite impressive, showing that during the horrific couple of years of the pandemic, our clubs had continued to do an unbelievable amount of charity

work. Charities were in need of extra help, and FWSA clubs saw the need and continued on, doing what they do best, helping others. We showcased all our clubs' charitable activities and at the convention we played the video all weekend long. Our industry partners and show attendees had a chance to view just how devoted our members are to supporting favorite charities.

We are very proud of our past videos and of all the wonderful work our FWSA club members have been doing. Congratulations FWSA ski clubs and a big thank you to Paul Vlasveld, BAC president, who has volunteered again to do the computer work. Please check out last year's video on our FWSA website and take a look at our phenomenal FWSA charity involvements.

At our 2023 convention in Boise, Idaho, this June, we are planning to show our third charity recognition video. Ski clubs have been asked to send us photos and short videos, showing their charity activities during this past year. There are no other requirements for clubs to be included in

the video. But clubs do need to send something to participate in the charity recognition program to show that they participated in some charity work this past year.

Hopefully we will again have many ski clubs honored in our video! All participating clubs will also be receiving an FWSA certificate of recognition and a medallion, that can be used on their website and on newsletters and correspondence.

Almost all of our 150 clubs are presently doing some kind of charity work. It continues to amaze us, just how many charities and what a huge variety of organizations have been impacted by the generosity of our ski clubs. More than 200 charities have benefited from the dedicated work of our ski clubs. FWSA very much appreciates all our members' efforts! Thank you and congratulations!

Our ski clubs and their members are all winners at FWSA!

Contact Sigrid for more information at [charities@fwsa.org](mailto:charities@fwsa.org).



Left: Group photo: Charity & Our Community Recognition certificate recipients. Photo credit: Sigrid Noack

Right: Sigrid Noack, Charities & Our Community chair presenting Paul Vlasveld, president of BAC with Charity Recognition certificate. Photo credit: Sigrid Noack





## Janine Rands

### Environment

#### **Unmasking the Hidden Plastic Menace: A Call for Sustainable Ski Resorts**

As the 2022-2023 Western ski season draws to a close, I hope you had a great time! Now we look forward to our favorite summer activities - hiking, rock climbing, cycling, or swimming in mountain lakes, then heading back to the campsite. Summer vacation to the Sierra Mountains will be a little different with snow levels at record-breaking 41-87 feet of snow, a staggering 189% above the 52-year 22-foot average. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area reported 58 ft at the main lodge and 87 ft at the summit, and new reports welcome skiing into July! But under this massive amount of snow and soon to be melted is a graveyard of discarded trash. The recreational community must address the threat lurking beneath the snow-capped slopes – plastics – the human link.

As snow and ice melts, plastics degrade by the sun and climate exposure. Plastics like food packaging and synthetic textiles break down into microscopic bits that infiltrate the ecosystem. Scientists at the Desert Research Institute in Reno are studying the effects of microplastics in snow, and to probe how microplastics get into snowflakes and, ultimately our

water supply. Theories include how wind may sweep the particles from the ocean to the clouds where they attach to rain and snow; that washing and drying synthetic fibers get into the water and air; and everyday items like tarps, plastic water bottles, and industrial paints disintegrate from exposure to the elements.

Last year, California became the first government in the world to require water agencies to test for microplastics. But we can't rely solely on government action to address this problem. Our ski resorts need to take a bold step towards zero-waste in every area, starting with the food courts who use plastic cutlery, straws, cups, and condiment packages. Italian ski resorts in the Pejo Val di Sole and Trentino regions aggressively challenged the use of plastics in 2019 after microplastics from ski equipment, clothing and plastic bags were found in nearby glaciers. They've banned plastic bottles, bags, disposable cutlery, and even packets of ketchup and mayonnaise.

Every ski resort in the United States needs to address their "plastic footprint" to what is served and sold. We applaud that many resorts have started a change to reusables, but others need to get on board. Start at

the food courts and bars: switch to washable dishes, glassware and cutlery; all drinks sold are in aluminum recyclable containers; plastic straws and cutlery be changed out to 100% biodegradable choices; condiments available in refillable dispensers and eliminate all single-use options.

The Far West Ski Association can play an instrumental role in urging its 12 member states to recognize the urgent importance of removing plastic products from their resorts. As the new Environment Chair, I will begin to find ways to address the use of plastics in our mountain resorts. It's a big task, but we can start by forming a FWSA action team from each state to tackle this issue. Ski Club members can work on one area for change at your favorite ski resort and apply for the lucrative Environment Award 2023 -24!

As you head out to recreate this summer, take a look at your plastic footprint and replace everything with a reusable item. Pack your own cup, spoon, plate, and napkin, and remember the "leave no trace" principles. Let's ensure that our mountains remain pristine playgrounds for generations to come, free from the menace of plastic waste.





## Jane Wyckoff

### History Chair

#### **FWSA History Program Changes Helm**

In November I was honored to be appointed Far West Ski Association's History Chair. John Watson had held this position since the inception of the program, and we extend our deep appreciation to John for his many years of service and development of the current recognition programs in the history portfolio. The Ski Club/Council history program began in the early 2000's under the then President, Mike Sanford.

There were four key reasons to develop a history program:

- To expose or educate members to the dynamic history of their sport.
- To provide educational material for public use.
- To promote the establishment, growth and continuance of preservation in learning centers and museums.
- To provide opportunities for research into snowsports history.

The deadline for the entries to the **Western Ski Heritage Award, Ski Club/Council History Recognition, and Historic Club, Councils, Ski Patrol & Ski School** programs was March 27, 2023, and submissions were received for all three programs

this year. A special thank you goes to Joe Harvis, VP of Communications and Chris Gill, VP of Council Services, to "get the word out" regarding all the recognition programs available to the clubs and councils. The history recognitions will be awarded at the FWSA's Annual Convention this June in Boise, Idaho.

At the November Board of Directors Meeting, the Board of Trustees recommended and the Board of Directors subsequently approved submission for the nomination of Charles "Chuck" Morse and John Watson to the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame, and these submittals are in progress. Both candidates have over 50 years of service to snowsports. Chuck was the first full time Recreational Services Director hired by a division of the U.S. Ski Association (now U.S. Ski and Snowboard) and served as Executive Director in the 1970's. John Watson is a FWSA Past President and re-animated the Far West Ski Foundation and served as its President from 2009-2022.

*The Far West Ski Association Turns 90* booklet (with a limited print run) was just produced digitally and is now available online at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Published in 2020, it celebrates the history of our Association, and contains historic articles by renowned award-winning authors. A list of loca-

tions for all FWSA Conventions from the first one in 1932 to the present that was prepared for this booklet, has now been added to our website. If you would like to purchase a printed copy of the booklet at a nominal fee, please contact Randy Lew, at [treasurer@fwsa.org](mailto:treasurer@fwsa.org).

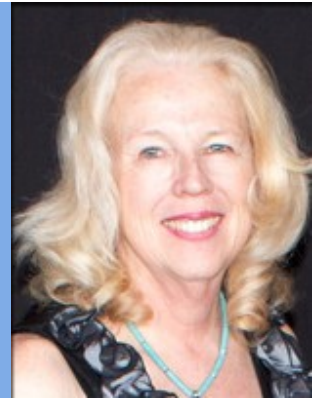
We are pleased to report that California Ski Library is expanding! Ingrid Wicken, the Founder and Curator, has announced that it will soon expand to double its size. The library is located in Norco, California, and has a unique collection of books, magazines, photographs, and ephemera related to all facets and disciplines of skiing. The expanded space will be the magazine room and display historic skis. If you are in possession of printed materials, historic skis, patches or pins that you feel would be a valuable addition to the library, please contact Ingrid at [www.skilibrary.com](http://www.skilibrary.com)

I am currently compiling a display collection of Far West Ski Association Convention pins from the 1980's thru 2022 for the California Ski Library. If you have spare Convention pins, please contact me and we can compare years for the ones I am missing. For any questions or additional information regarding the FWSA history programs, please contact me at [history@fwsa.org](mailto:history@fwsa.org).



## Far West Ski Foundation

### Alan Christian, Jane Wyckoff



#### Far West Ski Foundation Appreciates Your Support

##### By Jane Wyckoff, Vice President

The overarching objective of the Far West Ski Foundation (FWSF) is to sustain snowsports to ensure that the inspirational experiences of snowsports will remain for future generations. It is an autonomous, public benefit non-profit corporation operating under the laws of the State of California and in compliance with law and regulations under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. It may receive tax deductible contributions in furtherance of its missions and objectives. Such funds are then directed to the focused missions of the Foundation.

The Far West Ski Foundation has four key snowsports missions:

**Building for the Future** – with its Athletic Scholarship Program.

**Rehabilitation and Renewal** – with its support of adaptive and rehabilitative snowsports programs.

**Sustaining Snowsports** – supporting women's ski jumping and industry initiatives.

**Preserving the Legacy** – with research, preservation, education and publication of snowsports history.

The Far West Ski Foundation extends its appreciation to all our members who participate in our fundraising projects. The Athletic Scholarship Program has a number of sources of revenue.

FWSA's Annual Ski Week features a raffle, with a donation of skiwear from **Karbon**, a division of **Schure Sports**. At the Far West Ski Association's annual convention ski packages are auctioned by long-time partners, **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, **Grouse Mountain Lodge**, and **Kandahar Lodge** in Montana. At the Association's 2022 Convention in Portland, Maxine Jensen, Director of Sales for **Alpine Adventures**, was inspired by Keynote Speakers Phil and Steve Mahre, Olympic Medalists, and donated a trip to Croatia in a live auction to benefit this program. We also have partnerships with ski clubs, racing leagues, and individual donors who annually contribute to the Athletic Scholarship Program.

Friday Night's Silent Auction at the FWSA's Annual Convention also features a Wine and See's Candies Auction at the FWSF booth, with proceeds earmarked for adaptive sports. Beginning last year, we partnered with the **See's Candies** Yum-Raising program, for their winter and spring fundraising program for non-profit organizations. We also receive individual donations through our website, located at [www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org).

We have just completed updating our website, structured to enhance our initiative to procure grants. Additional information was provided about all our sponsors and partners, and lists of the many junior racers and snowsports organizations that have received grants through the Foundation's efforts. If you have skills or experience

in soliciting or administering grants in order to expand our programs, we would welcome your input.

FWSF is currently staffed with volunteers, and as part of our website update, we featured pictures and a brief biography of our Board of Directors. The members are **Alan Christian**, President; **John Watson**, Past President; **Jane Wyckoff**, Vice President; **John Reinhardt**, Treasurer; **Sandy Blackwell**, Interim Secretary; **David Krupp**, Building for the Future; **Gloria Raminha**, Rehabilitation and Renewal; **Joe Harvis**, Technology; **Norbert Knapp**, **Richard Shawkey**, and **Randy Lew**. A special thank you is extended to **Sandy Knapp**, who served as the Secretary for the Foundation the past six years. Election of officers will take place at the FWSF meeting to be held in conjunction with the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual FWSA Convention in Boise, Idaho in June.

Alan Christian is touring major ski museums in the central Rocky Mountains, and recently visited the Colorado Snowsports Museum. He is compiling a list of possible legacy recipients. You can send Alan the contact/location of any local ski archive that you know of anywhere in the FWSA region. Call or text him at 925-451-9314, or E-mail [president@farwestskifoundation.org](mailto:president@farwestskifoundation.org).

FWSF is recruiting individuals who are interested in joining the Board of Directors. Candidates must be willing to actively participate in our fundraising

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# Gloria Raminha

## Nominations Committee Chair

### 2023 FWSA Officer Elections

A highly successful organization since 1930, Far West Ski Association's footprint has continually grown and evolved. Of course, our members enjoy getting together on and off the slopes. In addition to the fun on and off the slopes, we get things done. We are often requested to provide input and insight on industry topics, so our impact has expanded from regional to national through our membership with the National Ski Council Federation and other industry organizations.

Anyone having an interest in serving as an Officer or Trustee of our organization, please contact Gloria Raminha, Nomination Committee Chair by email at [pastpresident@fwsa.org](mailto:pastpresident@fwsa.org) or phone (661) 800-8229.

Elections for officers will occur at the Far West Ski Association Annual Meeting & Convention June 15-18, 2023, to be held at The Grove Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Voting will be held on Sunday, June 18. There are no By-Laws amendments currently proposed. Delegates attending the convention will elect people to the following positions:

#### Officers (1-year term)

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

#### Trustees – 2 positions (2-year term)

#### VP Positions (2-year term)

- VP Council Services

- VP North American Travel
- VP Public Affairs

Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of elections. All candidates must be members in good standing of FWSA.

FWSA Qualifications for Positions as approved by the Board of Directors are:

#### President:

- Held a voting position on the FWSA Board for a minimum of four (4) years.
- Attended at least three (3) FWSA conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.
- Attended at least one (1) North American Ski Week within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

#### Treasurer:

- Understanding of cost center accounting and GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).
- Working knowledge of MS Excel and QuickBooks or the current FWSA accounting software.
- Held the Treasurer position in a FWSA ski club or council or has demonstrated equivalent job experience as an accountant who has done financial preparation and analysis.

#### Trustee:

- Held a voting position on the FWSA Board a minimum of three (3) years.
- Strong business, financial, and leadership skills.

Attended at least three (3) FWSA Conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

#### VP of North America Travel:

Must meet either a or b below:

- Held the position and Served as an FWSA club or council "Trip Leader" and led a minimum of 2 trips of 25 or more people.
- Served as an FWSA Trip Leader, assistant Trip Leader, or FWSA Ski Week staff member for a minimum of two (2) trips.

Assisted as a volunteer on at least one trip related to this position.

Desirable experience with the following:

- Standard accounting procedures
- California Seller of Travel Program
- Travel Budgeting generating an organizational profit
- Writing Requests for Proposals (RFP's), conducting a bid process, and writing and negotiating trip contracts.
- May substitute other similar experience for any of the above

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## Barbara Razo

### National Ski Patrol Liaison

#### **SAFETY FIRST! INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL SKI PATROL SAFETY TEAM**

First and foremost, I want to thank Far West Ski Association for my recent appointment as the FWSA National Ski Patrol Liaison. The last incumbent of this position was Mr. Ron Anderson an NSP Legend. I met Ron in the 1990s and was first introduced to FWSA by Jane Wyckoff who is a FWSA long time volunteer. Having just become an Emergency Medical Technician, Ron was the person who motivated me to join the National Ski Patrol in 1999. I am truly honored to once again be part of this amazing organization and board of directors. I am humbled and excited to fill some very big boots in the coming years.

The induction of the NSP Safety Team is somewhat new to the education programs that are the foundation of the National Ski Patrol.

**MISSION:** The National Ski Patrol Safety Team is an industry leader in the promotion and education of outdoor recreational safety. The Team upholds the National Ski Patrol's mission and core values.

**VISION:** The National Ski Patrol Safety Team will be a leading authority in promoting safety in outdoor sporting activities and events.

I have been appointed as the NSP Safety Team Member Representative

at my home resorts Bear Mountain and Snow Summit in San Bernardino Mountains in Big Bear, California. Wayne Wong is our Team Leader for the 12 members representing the resorts located in the NSP Southern California Region. We have monthly team meetings and lessons we share with our patrollers. As patrollers we need to establish a connection with our guests and bring the calm which eliminates chaos. This leads to hope which helps to focus on positive outcomes in scary situations. We are being taught various coping skills and methods to assist in handling the feelings and emotions during physical and emotional trauma, stress, anguish, and distress. These coping skills can then be shared by patrollers with our injured and ill resort guests in times of pain, fear, and uncertainty while out on the hill and in our base patrol rooms.

Here are links for a few of these coping skill lessons presented by Tony Margulies and Heike Fallon, both professional clinicians and therapists.

Communication: <https://youtu.be/kHCC3Tg3PGI>

EFT – Emotionally Focused Therapy: <https://youtu.be/9gEh7xZ16y8>

Square Breathing: <https://youtu.be/0MAUJ8iO2h8>

As a member of the NSP Safety Team we have specific responsibilities to uphold:

- Promotion of safety for patrollers, resort employees and the public
- Representation of division interests to national committees
- Distribution of safety items
- Promotion of Safety Week and Safety Month
- Collaboration with PSIA/AASI, NSAA and regional ski associations to achieve and maintain consistent safety messaging.
- Promotion and support of NSP programs, events, and initiatives
- Promotion and support of NSP and Safety Team sponsors
- Support of safety awareness issues and trends within the Snowsports and bike industries

One of the NSP Safety Team initiatives for the 2022-2023 seasons is to share the NEWLY ADOPTED 2022 SKIERS RESPONSIBILITY CODE ~ Why a New Code? NSAA first developed the Skier Responsibility Code in 1962. In the last 60 years, the Code has undergone several revisions to stay in step with modern language and skiing behavior (and to include snowboarders, bikers and everyone who enjoys the slopes!).



The 2022 version of Your Responsibility Code has grown from seven points to 10. The pre-existing seven points were revised, sometimes minimally, to modernize the language. One previous point was split into two. Two new points were added: one, to emphasize the importance of not skiing or riding under the influence of alcohol/drugs; another to let skiers and riders know what to do when you get into a collision or other on-mountain incident.

This season, ski areas across the country will begin to adopt this language. However, it takes some time to make new signage and get everyone on the same page! You can expect to see this 2022 Code used more widely over the next three seasons. In the meantime, take a moment to read this Code; talk with your kids or friends who are new to the slopes; and re-

member that staying in control is the best way to stay safe on the slopes.

I look forward to sharing more information and the initiatives of the National Ski Patrol to promote safety and wellness for our patrollers and guests.

Sources; National Ski Patrol, nsp.org.

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2** People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3** Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4** Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5** You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6** Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7** Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8** You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9** Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10** If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

Know and Obey the Code.  
It's Your Responsibility.

If you need help understanding the Code, please ask an employee.

Big Bear Ski Patrol Chair Evacuation Training, with Patroller Barbara Razo lowering Patroller Tony Lambrose, next to Damon Kawa - Chair Evacuation Trainer assisting, while Jake Huxman, VP Mountain Operations of Big Bear Mountain Resort, observes.

Photo credit: Barbara Razo



The Big Bear Ski Patrol at the Annual Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Skills Refresher last October, was named the Far West Division's Outstanding Large Ski Patrol Runner Up for 2022

Photo credit: Barbara Razo





# Monica Palmer

## Safety Chair

### Avalanche Statistics 2022-2023

**2022-2023 SEASON**  
16 US fatalities

**2021-2022 SEASON**  
17 US fatalities

**US  
fatalities**

**2022-2023 SEASON**  
16 US fatalities

Activity	Killed
Skier†	5
Snowboarder†	2
Snowmobiler	6
Snowshoer/Climber/Hiker	3
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
† Inbounds skier/boarder	0

**Avalanche  
(as of  
3/3/2023)**

**2021-2022 SEASON**  
17 US fatalities

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Activity	Killed
Skier†	5
Snowboarder†	1
Snowmobiler	6
Snowshoer/Climber/Hiker	4
Other	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>
† Inbounds skier/boarder	0

This information above was courtesy of Avalanche.org.

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) maintains the database of record on avalanche deaths in the United States.

With the unusual amount of snow this season, especially on the west coast, we may see even higher fatalities from avalanches this season. However, the season is not over yet. Some resorts in the Sierra have received over 50 feet of snow so far. As you can see from the charts, there were no avalanche fatalities, either last season or the present season, among skiers and borders who stayed inbounds.

My advice is to ski inbounds and also avoid skiing in the trees. With the abundance of snow, tree wells are even more dangerous. Ski with a buddy and stay in touch. If you are set on skiing through the backcountry, bring the appropriate avalanche gear, including a shovel, beacon and probe. Also, avoid going alone. Approximately 150 people are killed each year in avalanches around the world. Let someone know where you will be skiing in advance and touch base with them often. Stay Safe.

Snowfall at Gail Karppin's home at Donner Lake, California  
Photo credit: Gail Karppinen







## Jane Gutierrez

### Social Media Chair

Far West Ski Association continues to display boundless activity on Facebook. I highly encourage our leadership to spread the word to councils and clubs to follow/like us by logging on to Facebook.com/FarWestSki. We currently have followers from all over the world! The followers are in the US, Canada, Australia, Georgia, Germany, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, the UK, and Bangladesh. How's that for being an international entity!

During this last quarter, the popular posts were the Far West Ski Foundation's See's Candy Fundraiser (1,341), and the FWSA's international trip to Italy (403) and Spain (200-424). The FWSA's Facebook page continues to be popular with 43.90% Men and 56.50% Women, the highest percentage being over the age of 65. Recruitment under the age of 45 continues to be tantamount to grow this organization.

**Thank You to the contributors of our Facebook Page:**

#### Administrators:

Debbie Stewart  
Joe Harvis  
Randy Lew  
George Stewart  
Jane Gutierrez  
James Nachbar

#### Editors:

Catherine Fulkerson  
Stephen Coxen  
Chris Gill  
Linda Westlund

#### Social Media Award Program

The Far West Ski Association launched the FWSA Outstanding Social Media Award to recognize member clubs' and councils' social media presence. Todd Hood has been the program coordinator from the beginning. The FWSA Outstanding Club & Council Social Media Award is given to the club or council whose Facebook Page or Group is judged best based on activity, growth, and engagement.

Although the current scope is for Facebook sites, the committee is interested in expanding the program to include other forms of social media in addition to Facebook Groups. If you have input for the program, please email [socialmedia@fwsa.org](mailto:socialmedia@fwsa.org) with your thoughts.

The top three social media sites based on activity, growth, and engagement will be recognized at the Far West Ski Association Annual Convention at the Boise Centre in Boise, Idaho to be held from June 15-18, 2023.

In addition to the FWSA Outstanding Social Media Award Program, the Far West also shares social media best practices with member clubs and councils. Social Media Sunday emails highlight a helpful *Jump Starting Social Media* guide each week. Interested participants can subscribe to receive the weekly guides at <https://cardvaletservice.aweb.page/p/43c777e6-38b0-47b2-b731-6ceb18d06028>



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efforts. Its one great ways to contribute to the Legacy of the sport that has

meant so much to all of us.

We encourage your support by either volunteering your time or by financial

contributions. Please consider the Far West Ski Foundation in a legacy donation, or in memoriam of a friend or family member.



## Todd Hood

### Succession Planning Committee

Non-profit organizations rely on the generosity of donors, but volunteer led non-profit organizations (like organized snowsports clubs and councils) also rely on the generosity of volunteers. Volunteers provide immense value to the organization. Independentsector.org estimates that volunteer efforts are worth upwards of \$29.95 an hour. By enlisting the help of volunteers throughout the year, your organization can direct even more resources and peoplepower to impact your community.

Because volunteers are incited by the impact they make, not by the benefits they receive, recruiting and retaining volunteer leaders require special skills. If your volunteer program is struggling with high volunteer turnover rates, you're certainly not alone. The good news is there are tried-and-true steps you can take to keep your volunteers engaged. One of the best ways to increase volunteer retention rates is

through volunteer recognition. And there is no better time to do so than during National Volunteer Week. Each year, community-based organizations all over the United States celebrate National Volunteer Week during the third week of April. That being the case, it is never too late to recognize valuable volunteers, especially if it is done in conjunction with major events and programs.

Although the Far West Ski Association knows people volunteer for impact versus awards, we strive to recognize our volunteers. The [Far West Awards Program](#) gives its member clubs and councils the ability to recognize the impact of volunteer efforts through a variety of awards.

#### Service and Recognition Awards

Club/Council Communications Awards

FWSA Councils' Volunteer of the Year

Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year

Western Ski Heritage Award

Environment Award

Charity & Community

Club and Council History Recognition

If you would like to join the Far West Ski Association team of leaders, we would love you to consider bringing your POWER to take the organization to the next level.

- Perspective - what you think
- Outlook - what you see for the future
- Wisdom - what you have learned
- Experience - what you have done
- Resources - what you can share

Check us out and email any FWSA leader or [successionplanning@fwsa.org](mailto:successionplanning@fwsa.org) with your interests.

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If elected to either VP of Travel position, the VP:

- May not receive personal financial or other benefits as a result of being a club, council, or FWSA Trip Leader for an FWSA sponsored trip. For example— a trip leader who works as a tour operator or for a travel agency may not receive compensation or other benefit for their business or company. They may not use FWSA participant contact information as a source for their personal or business

marketing.

- Will oversee all FWSA trips assigned to their Travel position and attend those trips unless an FWSA Trip Leader has been assigned to coordinate/run that trip.

FWSA By-Laws, job descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). To find the link, click on the "About" tab, then click on the "Governance" tab.

All candidates will have access to space for flyers and election materials at the registration area and on the ta-

bles on Sunday. In addition, each will have the opportunity to speak to delegates (see the Convention Schedule of Events for time and location). The elections will be held during the general assembly on Sunday.

The Nominating Committee Chairman will oversee elections. Members for an elections committee will be solicited at the Convention. All elections will be by secret ballot. Vote totals are confidential to the elections committee and records will be destroyed after verification by the committee and certified by a Trustee exercising oversight.





## Kristy Welsh Arizona Ski Council



**The Arizona Ski Council (ASC)** was formed to promote skiing and friendship among the clubs. Our mission has been to promote activities, promote safety on the slopes and build camaraderie of fellow skiers and adventurers. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, bikers and social members/adventurers, in the state of Arizona. ASC currently represents 2 ski clubs, with members primarily in the Phoenix metro-area.

The Arizona Ski Council does not directly run any ski trips but we support our clubs and their trips. PSC and SSSC work together and have reciprocity between them. It is very common to see our skiers attending events with both clubs. It is great that our clubs support each other.

In the past, the Arizona Ski Council has hosted a number of activities. The pandemic seems to finally be behind us, and the clubs have been very active, with numerous ski trips and

events, notably the Far West Ski Week in Jackson Hole, Park City, Purgatory and Copper Mountain. We did a charity event with Feed My Starving Children and attended the Far West Convention in Portland last June. This Spring, the Scottsdale Ski club is going to New Zealand and on a cruise to Iceland in July. The Phoenix Ski Club has a Nile River Trip this summer and a trip to Portugal and Spain in the fall. There are still several ski trips planned for the rest of spring from both clubs.

The **Phoenix Ski Club** is more than just a ski club. PSC is an active adult social club, which just started up its monthly meetings and is on its way. This active adult social club will be going full speed ahead with its year-round, non-profit, social and outdoor activities. They have always prided themselves in offering a variety of amazing activities, to appeal to everyone. They even have 'spur-of-the-moment' events, which are mind-boggling. They did it all and will do it all.

For more information and events:

<https://www.phxskiclub.org/>

The **Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club** is a premier activities club, making their comeback. SSSC is oriented towards active adults 21 years and older. SSSC is a year-round, non-profit, volunteer-run social and outdoor activities organization with a variety of events

designed to appeal to just about everybody. They have weekly happy hours and many other events like hiking, bicycling, kayaking, skiing, camping, golfing, cruising, concerts and both domestic and international trips.

Check out their activities and ski trips. You'll find SSSC a friendly group, and constantly on the go. Subscribe to their email mailing list for up-to-date information on the activities.

<https://sssc.clubexpress.com/>

Don't just dream of having and an exciting life, join one of our clubs and make it happen. If you can dream it, we can do it.

For other exciting Arizona Ski Council events or links to our club websites, please access:

<https://arizona-ski-council.org/>





## Paul Vlasveld Bay Area Snow Sports Council



***You will always hear how proud we are of the volunteers within the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)!***

In January, BAC elected Paul Vlasveld as returning President of BAC. BAC will be electing the remaining board positions in April.

The San Francisco Viking Club, Santa Rosa Ski Club, and the Snoglers are our most recent returning and new clubs to join BAC.

Our 66 BAC members had a great time skiing at Jackson Hole as part of the FWSA Ski Week. Another 24 club members had a great time skiing at Sun Peaks Resort in BC Canada in February. We are already planning for

next year's Ski Week to Steamboat Springs and mini trips to other destinations.

This year we are very proud to be represented by our BAC Volunteer of the Year. We had a in person dinner honoring all the Club Volunteer of the Year nominees. BAC congratulates all these club nominees for their hard work, love, and dedication to their clubs. The BAC Volunteer of the Year is Tony Baker from Rusty Bindings. Congratulations to Tony for his years of service to Rusty Bindings. He will be representing BAC at this year's FWSA Convention in Boise. Tony will also be presenting at the FWSA Convention Snowsports Leadership Academy on

preserving club history.

We had 2 successful races this year until the epic snow season shortened the racing season. It was great to see familiar faces and compete. The competition is as fierce as ever. We were a bit rusty.

In closing . . . I have had the honor and privilege of representing The Greatest Council in FWSA. The dynamic and diverse people who have been and currently are members of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Far West Ski Association Board of Directors that continue to make BAC a thriving and successful Council.



Skiers are left to right: Angie Imura, Susan Hill, Wanda Ross, Karen Albrecht & Denise Guaraglia. At the Top of the World area of Sun Peaks. Photo credit: Gail Burns.



Tony Baker, the BAC volunteer of the Year.

Photo credit: Harry Davis.





**Fran Long**  
**Central Council**



Central Council of Ski Clubs is one of ten councils that make up the Far West Ski Association. Each council covers a geographic area within the FWSA boundaries. Central Council is located in the central California area, comprising the area between the Sierra and the sea from Santa Barbara to Salinas. If you live within this geographic area, read on for information and ski clubs that might interest you.

There are seven clubs in Central Council, ranging in size from about 25 members to upwards of 200 members. Within those clubs you will find a wide range of activities, offering something

for everyone...skier, boarder, or non-skier. Numerous snowsports trips are planned by our individual clubs. The larger clubs, Fresno Ski Club, Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club, and SLO Skiers (San Luis Obispo), each plan two week-long ski trips as well as numerous trip to our local ski areas: Mammoth, Tahoe, and China Peak. Ski trips are open to club members, as well as, members of other clubs within the council.

Central Council is not just about snowsports. All our clubs offer year-round activities ranging from local happy hours, wine downs, dine-arounds,

hikes, campouts, etc. to international adventure trips, bike trips, and cruises. All of our clubs welcome non-skiers as members and active participants.

As a council, we do not organize our own snowsports or adventure trips. Rather, we appreciate and support the efforts of our individual clubs as they organize trips and local activities for their members. We also support, and encourage, participation in all of Far West Ski Association's snowsports and adventure trips.



Left: Steamboat lodging

Photo credit: Fresno Ski Club website

Right: Pismo Beach hike

Photo credit: San Luis Obispo Ski Club website



Left: Members of the Santa Barbara Ski Club at Mammoth

Photo credit: Santa Barbara Ski Club website

Right: Record snowfall at Mammoth Lodge

Photo credit: Santa Barbara Ski Club website







## Sandy Blackwell

### Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



At the April 2023 meeting we were updated on all the ski trips to Mammoth, 25 to Mammoth that our clubs have been doing, along with our vote for new Council officers.

LAC went with FWSA on the Jackson Hole 2023, Annual Ski Week, Jan 21 to 28, 2023 with 43 participants. I am told it was a spectacular trip. See a few of the attached pictures. Also check out the Los Angeles Council Facebook page for lots of pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lacouncil>

Two BIG ski trips from two LAC Clubs: Century City Ski Club took 90 people to Banff, BC, Feb. 28 to March 4, staying at Banff Springs and Chateau Lake Louise. What a wonderful, fun and beautiful place to see and experience. Long Beach Ski Club took 30+ people to Steamboat. Skiing is just great this year. Wailers, Conejo, Century City and The Unrecables Ski Clubs continue their usual Mammoth trips, with maybe a few new extra trips as the SNOW IS GREAT.

The convention will be in Boise, Idaho this year, June 15 – 18, 2023 and has

many of the usual events (Friday night Silent Auction, with the travel expo); a half-day raft trip on the Payette River, fun day at Bogus Basin Ski Resort and pub crawl to 3 of Boise's really fun downtown bars. The important event is always the Volunteer of the Year Competition and award; there will also be the Snowsports Leadership Academy, and the Sunday FWSA annual meeting. Something new: Top Golf instead of the usual 18 holes on a pretty but flat golf course. It will be a fun interesting convention!



Nancy Ellis and Jo Simpson  
Photo credit:Joyce Hedlund



Jackson Hole Tram  
Photo credit:Joyce Hedlund



Snow King Tram  
Photo credit:Joyce Hedlund



## David Geiger National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region



The National Brotherhood of Skiers Western Region (NBSWR) covers California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington and is comprised of 14 member clubs serving their area communities. Our member clubs have year-round adult and family activities from skiing, Alpine and Nordic, snowmobiling, bicycling, hiking, camping, river rafting, house boating, and attending jazz festivals. The NBSWR is focused on the growth and prosperity of its clubs, supporting the mission of the NBS, and promoting diversity in Snowsports with passion, unity, and harmony through fun and education.



NBS 50th Anniversary Summit, Opening Ceremony in Vail, Co at Solaris Plaza.

Photo Credit: David Geiger

The NBSWR concluded a memorable week-long celebration at the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) 50th Anniversary Summit held February 4-11, 2023, at Vail Resorts in Colorado.

The NBS Summit attracted 2,179 registered club members from across the country and abroad and at least another 600+ NBS supporters and snow

enthusiasts. The Summit was a week of fun, festivities, and excellent snow conditions for skiing, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing. Attendees met many of the Team NBS athletes and even got to ski and board with many of them. Of our 23 Team NBS athletes, 14 were present. The remaining nine athletes had conflicting competitions.

There was special recognition for the



NBSWR Team NBS Athlete, Bo Giddings.

Instagram: @bogale.giddings

NBS Founders, Art Clay and Ben Finley, and it did not disappoint. Ben and Art experienced a week of celebrity interviews and standing-room-only events.

As stated by Ben Finley, *"this has been a very overwhelming experience."* An experience the NBSWR and our member clubs recognize as well deserved.

The NBS did an outstanding job under the leadership of NBS President Henri Rivers and Summit Chair Cecilia Brinson.



NBS Gospel Fest at Vail at The Hythe, Grand Ballroom. Ben Finley (left, white shirt), Art Clay (right, blue jacket). Photo Credit: David Geiger

In other news, the NBSWR launched our YES (Youth Enrichment Support) Scholarship Program. The YES

Program was conceived by Todd Hood under his term as Western Region VP and is now being implemented under our new administration. The program provides funds to offset costs for youth participating in any of our regional club's Learn to Ski & Board programs, the NBSWR Urban WinterFest, or the NBS Summit. This is our way to promote youth and family participation.

Lastly, the NBSWR has just opened its summer FunFest 2023 Trip to Punta Cana, DR to be held October 26-31, 2023.

That's all for now, more to come.





## Chris Ciardi Northwest Ski Club Council



NWSCC continues virtual meetings as our members are spread all over the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii. Planning for speakers is never ending. Speaking priority goes to our industry members: however, we are willing to be creative. If you have an idea, or want to speak, please reach out.

Social Media attention continues to increase in both our Facebook Group

and Page. Our clubs' presence is increasing as well. We are advocates for all clubs (and their members), non-profits, and industry.

The 2023 ski season has been fantastic in the Pacific Northwest. PACRAT (our racing arm), continues with two groups of racers, one during the week, one on the weekend. Our member clubs are sponsoring the showing of

"Chasing the Line" around the U.S. We had viewings in the Seattle and Portland areas with others in the works as we write.

The marketing of the FWSA Ski Week in Steamboat is about to begin. Our clubs continue to keep skiing as the weather has maintained our fantastic snow base this year.



Altair Ski Club members Tom Arnold & Bob Caldwell at Mt Bachelor

Photo credit: NWSCC page

Bend Ski Club members

Photo credit: Bend Facebook page

Cascade Ski Club Lodge

Photo credit: Cascade Facebook page







## Sheila Van Guilder Orange Council of Ski Clubs



On February 20<sup>th</sup> our Annual President's Day Dinner was held at Bucco de Beppo in Huntington Beach. Orange Council provides this dinner at no charge to all our club presidents, council representatives and trip organizers with their spouses or significant others. Thirty-six people attended and enjoyed a fine Italian dinner served family style,

guaranteeing that no one left hungry. There was much discussion among the attendees and a lot of camaraderie.

Orange Council provides two all paid occasions a year for our members to get together and share information. We will soon be planning the Orange Council Picnic for October. This event

welcomes officers and all members of Orange County ski Clubs. Currently we are planning for the FWSA Annual Ski and Snowboard Week 2024, being held in Steamboat, Colorado. Glenn Mundt has volunteered to lead our group and we are hoping for a big turnout.



Left: Orange Council meeting  
Photo credit: Orange Council website



Right: Fountain Valley Ski Club members  
Photo credit: FVSC website

Night skiing

Photo credit: Huntington Beach Ski Club Web page



Huntington Beach Ski Club members

Photo credit: Huntington Beach Ski Club Web page





## Ira Lindenfeld

### San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



The 2022-2023 ski season at Mammoth Mountain started out the same way as last season. Plenty of snow! But this season, the snow continued at an incredible rate. According to our contact in Mammoth, there have been in excess of 700 inches this season at the top of the mountain. And it hasn't stopped. Travel has been difficult but our busses have been able to offer

safe transportation up and back. The mountain has been forced to shut down a few times already this season.

Fortunately, our member clubs' fly-away trips haven't skipped a beat in traveling to Aspen, Schweitzer, Jackson Hole, Taos, NM, and Frisco, CO. It's been a great season and its only March!

In person meetings have returned to pre-pandemic level and may be surpassing old records as membership is growing in some clubs. As evidenced by our Council gatherings, interest and attendance has increased.

See you on the mountain.



North Island Snowdrifters, San Diego council skiers in Schweitzer, Idaho  
Photo credit: Dave Lau



Condos at Mammoth, record snowfall.  
Photo credit: Ira Lindenfeld





**Jo Simpson**  
**Sierra Council**



### **Sierra Sweeps Race Awards at Jackson Hole**

Sierra Council racers won the Lake Louise Award for having the most points in the GS race at the FWSA North American Ski Week in Jackson Hole. The Reno Ski and Recreation Club won the Joe Ross Award for the most club racing points. AND our Sierra Costume team won first place for costumes and match points in the Council Challenge. Kudos to Debi Phelps for organizing four teams to compete in the Council Challenge.

Sierra Council had 45 participants on the trip. Our trip leader, Carlene Boutacoff, did a great job of getting us organized and planning social gatherings. We had a pizza dinner at a local restaurant and a chili and baked potato dinner in the Elk Lodge breakfast room.

Our race season included races at Palisades Alpine and Northstar. Hill space is becoming increasingly hard to find to hold races.

Charles Zaretsky of Reno again is the recipient of our Frank App Memorial

Scholarship, which is administered by the FWSA scholarship program for promising junior racers. We are following AJ Hurt on the World Cup circuit, who was our recipient for a number of years until she aged out of the program.

Our larger clubs are enjoying social gatherings and skiing together. The Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Club had trips to Mammoth and Ogden to ski Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. The Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club traveled to Mammoth.



Left: The Reno Ski and Recreation Club won the Joe Ross Award for the most club points in the GS race at Jackson Hole. L-R: Bill Ramoni, Laura Greco, Larry Greco, Jo Simpson, Shayne Wallace, Paul Vandervoort, Lisa Vandervoort, Ken Simpson. Photo submitted by Lisa Vandervoort

Photo credit: Lisa Vandervoort

Right: Sierra Council's team won the costume and match point competitions at the FWSA Ski Week at Jackson Hole. L-R: Debi Phelps, Paul Vandervoort, Lisa Vandervoort, Kat Sevrin, Laura Lindsey, John Schultheiss. The theme was Hawaii.

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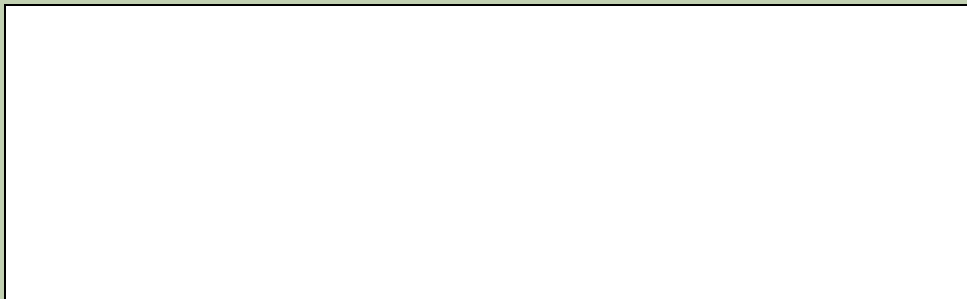


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