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"Magic Mountain Moments"



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81st Annual
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Left to right:

***Jane Wyckoff, Steve Coxen, Harry Davis,
Linda Scott, Randy Lew, Mike Sanford***

Photo courtesy of Catherine Ohl

President

by Linda Scott



FWSA Elects a New President

Greetings! I want to say "Thank You" for your trust, confidence and vote as you elected me your new President at our Far West Ski Association 81st Annual Convention held in Reno, Nevada, June 6-9, 2013. As I stated at the convention, I will work hard each day to ensure that FWSA continues to be a vibrant, growing and fun organization.

I want to thank Randy Lew for his leadership during these last seven years. He oversaw growth of FWSA as we welcomed Intermountain Ski Council into our family of councils, and worked to grow our scholarship, recognitions programs, and much more.

The success of FWSA is due to a significant number of volunteers who have contributed a tremendous amount of time and expertise to our organization. Thanks to our outgoing FWSA Board for all their efforts and achievements during their terms of office. Thanks also to our industry partners and sponsors who, through their generosity and support, are instrumental to our growth and success.

The success of our conventions is the direct result of many hours of planning and execution by our dedicated volunteers. I would like to thank: Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chair, for her extraordinary dedication and hard work; Mary Olhausen, FWSA Silent Auction Chair, who did a superb job organizing and directing the Silent Auction; Debbi Kor for her diligent work with our convention sponsors and industry registration; Catherine Ohl, who worked tirelessly with audio visual presentations, our awards programs and with designing our materials, Dennis Heffley and Cathy Wilson, Bay Area Council President and Host Council Convention Chair (taking over for Linda Indreboe) for their great leadership organizing volunteers from the host council. In addition, thanks to all the Bay Area Council volunteers for their hard work. Thanks also to Harry Davis and his lovely wife Karen who were our fantastic auctioneer and auctioneer assistant. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated!

I would like to thank Randy Lew and Mike Sanford for their efforts in obtaining our Convention VIP's and guests. We had fantastic VIP presentations from guests including: Candace Cable, former US Paralympian with twelve Paralympic medals, including eight Gold Medals; Wayne Wong, a pioneer of Freestyle Skiing and recent inductee into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame; Dave Ludwig, founder of Hope on the Slopes, an organization that has raised over \$2.5 million for the American Cancer Society; Bill Clark, Executive Director of the Western Ski Sport Museum and the Auburn Ski Club Training Center; Val Rios, President of the 10th Mountain Division Association; Doug Pringle, President of Disabled Sports USA Far West Division; and Billy Kidd, 1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist and Director of Skiing at Steamboat.

Also attending our convention this year were two of our FWSA Athletic Scholarship Recipients: Lila Lapanja and Kayleigh MacGregor and their families. Congratulations go to all our award winners!

FWSA is a non-profit, volunteer based organization funded by the generosity of the ski industry through their silent auction donations, industry sponsorship of our programs, and successful travel programs. Our volunteers donate countless hours of their personal and family time to FWSA. If you want more information on how to volunteer for FWSA, we want to hear from you. All our contact information is on our website at www.fwsa.org.

I am excited about the coming year and look forward to taking FWSA to the next level by working on streamlining our awards and recognition programs, enabling online registration and payment of conventions and trips, reaching out and assisting our member clubs and councils, and much more. Stay tuned, because great things are happening at FWSA!



*Linda Scott
FWSA President*

Seven Great Years!



By Randy Lew, Past President

Hello! After seven great years, I made the difficult decision to step down as FWSA President in order to have more personal time for my other passions, Corvettes and scuba diving.

We accomplished a lot these seven years including: 1) a restructuring of functional responsibilities; 2) developing very cohesive Convention & Travel staffs; 3) grew our Convention Sponsorships from an average of \$6,100 to \$15,800; 4) increased Press Releases from an average of 3 to 14; 5) granted over \$59,000 in Athletic Scholarships to deserving USSA junior racers; 6) committed to working 4 years out on our Convention planning; 7) helping develop Intermountain Ski Council; 8) implementing more formal internal procedures and reporting; 9) holding the largest North American Ski Week on record in 2008 at Whistler; and 10) strengthening relationships on a National level with National Ski Areas Association, SnowSports Industries America, US Ski & Snowboard Team, and Women's Ski Jumping USA. I leave knowing that we were able to grow the organization in the worst US economy since the Great Depression and have increased equity approximately \$31,000 since 2006.

I want to thank all the volunteers with whom I have had the privilege of working with serving our ski club members. I will still be active leading diving trips including the 4th FWSA scuba dive trip to Ramon's Village in Ambergris Caye, Belize the second week of September.

I want to thank all our industry partners for the support that they have given me and FWSA the last seven years and all the wonderful friendships that developed.

Lastly, I want to thank you, all ski club members for the faith you placed in me, your support and assistance in making FWSA "The Voice of the Western Skier"!

VP of Council Services

By Jo Simpson

Council Services Looking Toward 2014 and Beyond



Thanks to all who placed their confidence in me and elected me to Vice President Council Services. Eileen has done a great job in this position for the past four years and I hope to carry on the good work that she has done.

I want to salute our great program chairs for orchestrating the club and council awards that were presented at the 2013 convention. Donn Bryant did his usual great job of administering the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Awards.

We salute Jennifer Milstein of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Dale Parshall of the Northwest Ski Club Council on being named FWSA Councils' Man and Woman of the Year for 2013.

Crissymarie King did an excellent job of managing the Club and Council and Outstanding Communication Awards for the first time this year. Managing entries and judges for submissions in three different contests each with three club size categories is quite an organizational feat.

Sigrid Noack made some improvements to the scoring criteria for the Charity and Community Service Awards, and we look forward to seeing them refined further for 2014. For the first time this year, the runner up clubs received \$100 each for their designated charity along with the \$300 awarded to the winning club and council. The Fresno Ski Club was the winning club and Los Angeles was the winning council.

I am looking forward to productive meetings with my fellow council presidents and working on initiatives that will benefit our member clubs.

VP of Communications

by Jim Nachbar

Toward Interactive Communications



I am honored to have been elected as VP of Communications, to serve out the remaining year of Linda Scott's term, now that she is FWSA's new President. I have been a member of Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, Arizona Ski Council (ASC), and FWSA for the past decade. All three of those organizations have seen significant changes during that decade, and I am excited to be able to contribute toward moving them forward.

FWSA already has a strong Communications program, with many facets, and Linda has done a great job expanding and enhancing them over the past three years. Earlier this year, FWSA unveiled its new website, designed and developed by Catherine Ohl, which includes many new features and a great deal of new information. Connie Burdette edits *The Councilman* three times a year, and Leigh Gieringer edits the *Far West Skier's Guide*. We also publish the *Far West News Flash*, **Facebook** and **Twitter** posts, and a number of other communications contributed to by multiple volunteer members.

My job as VP of Communications will be to support and enhance this already strong program, and I see a number of opportunities. First off, while our members have long been familiar with paying for products and services by credit card, FWSA has struggled to develop that capability. Three years ago, the FWSA Board of Directors adopted a three-year plan to accept credit cards for registration for the annual Convention. That was not achieved in 2013, but, with the Board's support, I am committed to making it a reality for the 2014 Convention.

With the advent of the SmartPhone containing a camera (and a video camera!), there are lots more pictures being taken. Apple has been advertising that more photos are taken with the iPhone every day than with any other camera. Yet, sharing those photos with your friends on a FWSA trip has been less than smooth. So, I would like to set up a site where FWSA members can upload their photos to share with everyone. After all, the pictures showing you tumbling down the slopes are always in someone else's camera! We want to make it easy to send those shots and videos to us, from your computer or from your phone, and to let all of your friends see them online and at the convention hall at Ski Week.

As you know, FWSA is comprised of hundreds of clubs, all doing great things and running great trips. But maybe you live in Arizona, and a club in Washington is doing that killer bike trip in Europe you have always wanted to do. How would you know about it? At ASC, we have developed reciprocity, so that members of fellow ASC clubs can go on trips put on by other ASC clubs. But with or without reciprocity, if FWSA had a smooth way of sharing the activities of its member clubs, it would help both the clubs and the members. This is communication that helps us all.

And, underlying that, FWSA has needed a modern shared database infrastructure that both protects its members' privacy and enables all of the functions of FWSA to use current data. How many times do the Club Presidents have to fill out the same information on an annual census? Modern database technology should be used to support FWSA, to everyone's benefit.

And so, I am excited to be in a position to help FWSA Communications move forward this year, and I look forward to hearing from you about your ideas!

VP of International Travel

By Debbie Stewart



*Debbie Stewart
VP of
International
Travel*

This is a very exciting time for FWSA's international travelers! Our International Travel program is advancing at a steady pace. Our commitment to capturing the imagination of our members, create adventuresome travel experiences with lasting friendships and memories continues to evolve.

I am happy to announce that Barbara Bousum has joined our FWSA International Travel Team. Her strong marketing background and travel leader experience will certainly be an asset for our program.

We have created our first FWSA Travel video which highlights and features the values and benefits of traveling with FWSA. It shows and details the various trips and adventure travel that FWSA has to offer including our annual North American ski week, the mini-ski week, the summer adventure trip, our annual international ski trip with extension options and our bi-annual international adventure trips. Not only do we provide many travel options, I feel it is our job to enhance our participants' travel desires by providing amazing destinations and exceptional customer service.

In April, I represented FWSA at the Mountain Travel Symposium (MTS) in Snowmass. I had the opportunity to meet many fellow travel and trip directors from all over the United States. There were many occasions to discuss travel ideas and share trade secrets with those planning travel programs. On Tuesday evening I was asked to address the group and share our very positive experience while in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Following my presentation I had several people ask to talk with me regarding our travel experience and wanting to know much more about FWSA. The trade exchange portion of the week was very productive, meeting with various industry and resort representatives from all over the world. Gloria Raminha, VP of North American Travel and I invited our fellow FWSA ski club travel leaders to gather for a brainstorming session so we could discuss how we can work together better. We feel it is very important to collaborate, not compete with our member clubs. Therefore I plan on working closer with our council and club presidents to not only complement, but enhance all travel opportunities. We will be developing a master travel calendar to include all clubs, councils and FWSA trips available to our members.

In our effort to announce trips earlier, the board has approved our 2015 international ski trip to Val D'Isere, France with additional days in Paris and Provence or Burgundy region. The details are to follow.



FWSA 2014 INT'L SKI WEEK:

Our FWSA International Ski Week March 8 to 15, 2014 will be in Zermatt, Switzerland with an extension March 15 to 23 to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain. Zermatt, Switzerland's best-known ski resort has the highest concentration of mountains and glacial ice in the Alps and the most magical and romantic car-free village situated at the foot of Switzerland's most famous landmark: the Matterhorn. It is considered by many true mountaineers to be the peak of all peaks.

You will find a wide range of possibilities for the experienced skier and many wide

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open groomed runs for the intermediate and beginning skier. Ski in Switzerland and Italy in one day when you ski over the peak to Cervinia. Combined with the spectacular natural beauty, Zermatt is a record-holding destination which includes Europe's longest ski run with 25 km, the highest-altitude sightseeing platform in the Alps, Europe's highest-altitude aerial cableway to the Matterhorn glacier paradise, Europe's highest-altitude cogwheel railway in the open air (no tunnels), to the Gornergrat at over 10,000 ft.

Some people ask, "Why Zermatt?" I tell them that Zermatt is Europe's premiere ski resort! While it is one of the most expensive, yet most desired ski resort in Europe. Our members will fly non-stop to Zurich, have an overnight there which will make our transition to European time much easier and our transfer to Zermatt more comfortable and enjoyable. We will spend 7 nights in one of 3 extraordinary hotels with various prices to meet all budgets which are quite normal for Switzerland. Breakfast and dinner is included daily. While offering Zermatt, FWSA is providing our members an excellent opportunity to ski the World Famous and World Class destination that many have desired to experience and those who already know it, love it and have been waiting for FWSA to return.

Our Spain extension will be an adventure within itself. We will spend the first 4 nights in Barcelona then we will take the high speed train to Madrid for the next 4 nights. This will be an all-inclusive tour including 4 star hotels staying in great and convenient locations. Most meals are included giving us the opportunity to experience local restaurants with their cultural culinary delights. This tour is completely escorted which will include daily excursions that will be guided by local representatives. You will receive all the value and benefits of traveling to Spain with FWSA. This will be a trip that you will not want to miss!

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

Continue to "Expect the Unexpected!" In order to provide our members the best travel experience I am inviting new tour operators and agencies to join forces with FWSA. Here are some of our travel opportunities:

FWS 2014 ADVENTURE TRIP:

The RFP (Request for Proposal) has been sent out to 6 tour operator/agencies for a FWSA September 2014 African Safari. Five bids have been received for comparison analysis. We will be traveling to South African, Zimbabwe and Botswana to enjoy the true experience of a safari. We will search to see the "Big 5" and many other animals and native birds in the wild. This trip will be an experience of a lifetime and one you will always remember!

FWSA ANNUAL DIVE TRIP:

The 4th FWSA scuba dive trip will be held September 7-14, 2013 at the beautiful Ramon's Village Resort in Belize. You will enjoy 7 nights lodging, 6 days of 2 tank boat dives, full breakfast daily and much more. Non- divers ARE welcome! For more information and registration information: www.fwsa.org

FWSA 2015 INT'L SKI TRIP:

Our 2015 Int'l Ski Trip will be to Val D' Isere, France with additional days in Paris and Provence or the Burgundy region. The details are to follow.

If you have a special destination that you know our FWSA members would enjoy, please contact me, Debbie Stewart to share your thoughts and ideas...our goal is to fulfill your travel aspirations.

Enrich your life and indulge yourself with FWSA's International Travel Program and Adventures to be discovered"

For updates on FWSA International Travel Program:

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Website: www.fwsa.org

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- Air transportation is via Redmond Municipal Airport (RDM), located 15 minutes from The Riverhouse.
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Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi-Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- Mt. Bachelor Ski Day / Tailgater Party
- Pub Crawl
- Michael German Golf Tournament
- Smith Rock State Park
- Biking Tours Bend
- Stand Up Paddle Board / Kayaking
- Spa Day
- Pool Party

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VP of Marketing and Sponsorship

By *Debbi Kor*



Debbi Kor
VP of
Marketing
and
Sponsorship

Recapping Far West's 2013 Convention

Far West Ski Association just pulled off another successful convention! This was our 81st go-round, with Dennis Heffley's crew from *Bay Area Snow Sport Council* doing a superb job as our hosts. It was not the first rodeo for BAC, which was plain to see in the outstanding efforts that this group made to insure that everyone attending had a wonderful time.

The annual Pub Crawl, the co-mingling of our industry partners and delegates for one fun-filled night, was a huge hit as usual! This event has grown to such heights, an additional 25 spots were added, and we still had a waiting list of others wanting to attend. Many thanks to *Catherine Ohl* and *Gene Fulkerson*, who led our group along the beautiful Reno River Walk to the *Imperial Bar & Lounge*, *Silver Peak on the River Grill* and *Tap Room*, and *Wild River Grille*. This traditional Thursday night event was sponsored by our friends at *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.* Thank you *Billy*, *Casey*, and *Alyssa*. Everyone had a blast!

Friday's events included the 7th Annual *Michael German* Memorial Golf Tournament, co-sponsored by five of our very own ski councils: *Bay Area Snow Sports Council*, *Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs*, *Northwest Ski Club Council*, *Orange Council of Ski Clubs*, and *San Diego Council of Ski Clubs*; a summit hike, a raft trip along the Truckee River sponsored by *Brian Head Ski Resort*, a Spa Day sponsored by *Aspen/Snowmass and Snowmass Tourism*, and a day of fun and indoor activities at the *Grand Sierra Resort & Casino* which included miniature golf and bowling. These many activities kept everyone busy throughout the day, bringing the group back together for an afternoon Beach Party, sponsored by *Mt. Bachelor*, and hosted by *Central Council*. Thank you to *Great Basin Brewing Company* for the cold beer to keep everyone cool!

Friday night's Silent Auction was action-packed with our delegates bidding on many outstanding ski and adventure packages for the coming season. *Ski Dazzle*, *Jackson Hole Mountain Resort* and *Jackson Hole Resort Lodging* sponsored the evening's event and the music from our D.J....*Mr. D Productions-Dennis Alexander*.

Saturday morning began with a very nice Continental Breakfast, sponsored by *Mammoth Mountain Ski Area*. *Michael Green*, National Sales Manager for Mammoth, presented us with a short video and talked of their plans for the coming year. Following a brief general meeting, we all moved into the Travel Expo, which was the time slotted for delegates to sit down with our industry partners to plan next year's trips for their clubs and councils. It was a busy morning of meetings and appointments. The various panel discussions were well attended and took us into the lunch hour, hosted by *Vail Resorts*, along with beverage sponsors: *Whistler Blackcomb*, *Coast Blackcomb Suites* and the *Fairmont Chateau Whistler*. *Candace Cable*, former US Paralympian was our keynote speaker.

Saturday night's Awards Banquet was an evening filled with awards and recognition of our many outstanding volunteers and industry partners. Far West service awards were presented to those honorees, as well as the Safety Person of the Year, the Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year and to those industry partners who reached 5-year milestones with their participation in the Silent Auction. Of those receiving recognition, *Aspen Skiing Company*, *Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine*, *Sun Valley Ski Resort* and *Taos Valley Ski Resort* were presented with 25-year silver awards. Also recognized, were the many Program Sponsors and those of our convention activities and events, which included our Saturday night wine sponsor *Sports America Tours*, wine service sponsors *Ski Group.Net* and *Ski.Com*, and our musical entertainment co-sponsors *Holidaze Ski Tours* and *Telluride Ski Resort* who sponsored the band "One Track Mind".

Thank you to all for your continued support and commitment to Far West Ski Association. The complete listing of all Convention sponsors and donors is shown elsewhere in this publication.

Silent Auction & Travel Expo – 2013 Participants

by Mary Olhausen and Debbi Kor

The Far West Ski Association and Bay Area Snow Sports Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 28th Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners.

Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2013-2014.

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Arapahoe Basin, CO	Heavenly Mountain Ski Resort, CA	SKI.com, CO
Aspen Skiing Company, CO	Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ	Ski Dazzle, CA
Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Homewood Mountain Resort, CA	Ski Group.Net, CA
Aston Lakeland Village Resort, CA	Huntley Lodge, MT	Ski Nautic Adventures, CA
Alyeska Resort, AK	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY	Ski Salt Lake, UT
Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Canada	Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY	Snakedance Condominiums, NM
Banff Lodging Company, Canada	Kandahar Lodge at Whitefish, MT	Snow Tours, NJ
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Breckenridge Hospitality, CO	Lizard Creek Lodge, Canada	Squaw Valley Resort, CA
Breckenridge Ski Resort, CO	Madrona Manor, CA	Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., CO
Brian Head Ski Resort, UT	Mammoth Mountain Inn, CA	Stonebridge Inn, CO
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID	Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, CA	Sunriver Resort, OR
Caesars Entertainment, NV	Miracle Springs Resort, CA	Sun Valley Resort, ID
Cascade Vail Lodging, CO	Mountain Lodge Telluride, CO	Sunshine Mountain Lodge, Canada
Cedar Breaks Lodge, UT	Mountain Resorts Steamboat, CO	Sunshine Village Resort, Canada
Cliff Lodge, UT	Mountainside Inn, CO	Taos Ski Valley Resort, NM
Coast Blackcomb Suites-Whistler Canada	Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort, OR	Teewinot Lodge, WY
Copper Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Brighton, MI	Telluride Alpine Lodging, CO
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO	Mt. Rose / Ski Tahoe, NV	Telluride Ski Resort, CO
Davis Area Conv-Visitor Bureau, UT	Nancy Greene's Cahilly Lodge, Canada	The Crestwood, CO
Deer Valley Ski Resort, UT	Nautic Adventures, CA	The Gant Hotel, CO
Delta Whistler Hotel, Canada	Northstar Lodging, CA	The Grand Lodge, CO
Deschutes Brewery, OR	Northstar Ski Resort, CA	The Hotel Alyeska, AK
Destination Hotels & Resorts, CA	Ogden Weber, CVB, UT	The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT
Destination Resorts Snowmass, CO	Pacific Coach, Canada	The Riverhouse, OR
Diamond Peak Ski Resort, NV	Panorama Mountain Village, Canada	The Transportation Network, UT
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81st Annual FWSA Convention

by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 81st Annual Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of this year's convention. By offsetting convention costs through the sponsorship program, we are able to offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2013-2014.

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Man & Woman of Year

Since 2001, **Big White Ski Resort** has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging and lift tickets for Councils' Man and Woman of the Year.



Athletic Scholarships

Since 2004, funds for the scholarships are provided through contributions from **Whitefish**, **Grouse Mountain Lodge** and **Karbon**.

Convention Chair

By Jane Wyckoff

CANDACE CABLE, PARALYMPIAN KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR FWSA CONVENTION

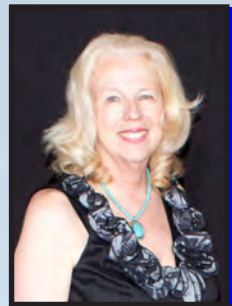
The 81ST Annual Far West Ski Association Convention was one for the record books. Our host, Bay Area Snow Sports Council, did an outstanding job in promoting the Convention, drawing a large attendance, much larger than we have seen in recent years. From the Thursday evening River Walk Pub Crawl to the closing gavel on Sunday, there were many educational and fun activities, and special moments to remember. We especially appreciated and enjoyed all the wonderful snowsports celebrities and guests who joined us throughout the weekend.

We were honored and privileged to welcome our Keynote Speaker, Candace Cable, a 9-time Paralympian, to our Convention. Her multimedia presentation was heartwarming and inspiring as we followed her life journey. A spinal cord injury at the age of 21 in 1975, brought about a need for Candace to create social relationships with other wheelchair users, to feel connection and inclusion in society. She believes that “adaptive sports saved my life and defined my purpose.” Adaptive sports were an easy way to build self esteem, friendships and health and the perfect vehicle to shift old stigmas about unable disabled to healthy, exciting, viable contributing members of society. Candace has spoken all over the country about the celebration of the human spirit.

Her achievement are noteworthy and quite incredible. Candace participated in 4 Summer Paralympics and 5 Winter Paralympics from 1980 to 2006, winning 12 Paralympic Medals (8 Gold Medals). A member of the U.S. Wheelchair Sports Team (1980-1996), she was a U.S. National Track Champion 55 times. Also a member of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team (1989-2006) she was a U.S. National Cross Country Ski Champion 32 times. Candace has been the winner of 84 marathons, including 6 Boston Marathons.

A pioneer in the sport of wheelchair racing, she was a member of a small group that evolved equipment, rules, race director guidelines, endorsements and media presence to where it is today. She is currently a Skiing Athlete Representative to the U.S.O.C. Athlete Advisory Board, and a Presenter and Co-Creator of the Disability to Possibility Kit.

For all those who were in attendance to hear her story, and especially those who had the opportunity to personally meet and speak with this warm and generous person, you couldn't help but know that “limitation” is just a state of mind, and feel inspired and motivated to make your own contributions in life.



*Jane Wyckoff
Convention
Chair*



Candace Cable



*Keynote Speaker Candace Cable enjoying the
Convention Awards Banquet with Doug Pringle,
recipient of the
Snowsports Builder Award*

Photos courtesy of Catherine Ohl

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Casey Greene (**Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.**)

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Contributed by Jo Simpson, Mike Sanford & Randy Lew



Ski Areas Prevail in Water Rights Litigation with Forest Service. The federal district court in Colorado in December struck down a controversial U.S. Forest Service water policy that would have required resorts to transfer ownership of valuable water rights to the U.S. government without compensation.

The court's decision affects 121 ski areas operating on National Forest System lands in 13 states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming. The ruling will remove the controversial water requirement from ski area permits that were renewed in 2011 and 2012 and preclude the Forest Service from including the requirement in future ski area permits. The decision allows ski areas to continue to own and control their water for crucial ski area operations and guest services such as snowmaking, restaurants, lodging, and restrooms.

The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), on behalf of its member resorts, sued the U.S. Forest Service in federal court in the District of Colorado in January of this year on the basis that the agency's water clause and underlying policy violated the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). The court agreed with the ski industry on all three of these claims.

Ski Areas Face \$1 Billion Risk from Warming Climate, Groups Say. Declines in snowfall because of global warming are shortening the winter ski season in the U.S. and harming the economy, according to a report from two environmental groups.

In poor snow seasons, such as last winter, visits to ski areas in states such as Colorado and New York drop, and that has cost ski resorts \$1 billion in revenue over the past decade, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Protect Our Winters (POW) said in the report. The winter sports industry contributes more than \$12 billion a year to the U.S. economy, according to the study.

"Climate change spells trouble for all businesses dependent on winter weather, from snowmobiling, snowboarding, and ice fishing to snowshoeing and skiing," the groups said in the report.

Protect Our Winters Takes Climate Change Message to the White House. POW founder Jeremy Jones and executive director Chris Steinkamp visit Capitol Hill every year to encourage legislators to support climate change bills. But until recently, they have relied on telling the stories of athletes who have witnessed the effects of climate change or of resorts who have lost revenue as a result of unreliable snow. Last December, POW got the hard data they need to make their case even stronger to the politicians who rely on facts and numbers. Jones and Steinkamp took those numbers to the White House where Jones was honored for his work on POW.

Ski Areas Honored for Environmental Efforts. NSAA has presented seven U.S. ski areas with its 2013 Golden Eagle Awards for Environmental Excellence including Homewood Mountain Resort, Alta Ski Area, Brighton Ski Resort, Snowbird Ski Resort and Solitude Mountain Resort ski areas, Greek Peak Mountain Resort (New York), and Killington Resort (Vermont).

The annual Golden Eagle Awards, now in its 20th year, are the ski industry's most prestigious award for recognizing ski area environmental programs and projects. Awards are given based on three ski area size categories (up to 200,000 annual skier and snowboarder visits; 200,000–500,000 visits; and more than 500,000 visits).

Environment Policy Survey Lists 'Best,' 'Worst' In Resort Sustainability. The 11th annual Ski Area Citizens Coalition survey on environmental practices has Park City Mountain Resort in Utah leading the ratings. Stevens Pass Ski Area (WA), China Peak Mountain Resort (CA) and Sugar Bowl Ski Resort also got 90-plus percent scores. Heading up the bottom ratings were Homewood and Arizona Snowbowl. The complete report is at <http://www.skiareacitizens.com>

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VP of North American Travel

by Nancy Ellis

I am excited to take on a new role in the FWSA organization as VP of North American Travel. Thank you Gloria Raminha for your work these past 6 years to develop our North American Travel program and expand it to include the Mammoth Summer Trips and Mini Ski Weeks. We now offer a variety of travel options to meet the needs of our members. Gloria will continue to be involved in the FWSA Travel program as a ski week staff member and will be a trip leader for the 2014 Mini Ski Week to Snowbasin.



*Nancy Ellis
VP of
North American Travel*

The goals of the FWSA Travel Program:

- To Spread the Word about Far West Ski Association
- To Increase Participation on FWSA Trips
- To Promote Travel Information at the “Grass Roots” (membership) Level
- To Ensure Quality Trips and Destinations

Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel, and I will work closely with our FWSA Travel Committee to develop and implement these goals over the next year. We are both committed to providing quality trips, great travel experiences, and exploring exciting destinations with our FWSA travelers. Here is what is on the calendar for our domestic travel program:

2013 FALL ADVENTURE TRIP

Interested in sleeping under a palm tree, strolling on endless beaches, and eating ice cream while floating in a turquoise sea? **Sail the Caribbean on the *Norwegian Epic*, November 8—16** and discover how relaxing, entertaining, and just plain fun a week really can be. Go to www.fwsa.org for more information and FWSA registration documents.

2014 BEAVER CREEK, COLORADO, SKI WEEK

Join us **January 25—February 1 in Beaver Creek Ski Resort in Avon, Colorado.** Beaver Creek has well groomed runs, base village escalators, cookie-time every afternoon, and lodging properties conveniently located close to the ski hill and base village. A welcome party, pub crawl, ski races, picnic, après parties, farewell banquet, and optional Vail Ski Day will keep you busy. The flyer on the FWSA website lists the council trip leaders taking sign-ups for the trip or contact me, Nancy Ellis, at fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or at 530-414-8261 for more information.

2014 MINI SKI TRIP—SNOWBASIN RESORT—DAVIS AREA, UTAH

Davis Area, Utah known as the “Amusement Park Capital of Utah, the “Home of the Great Salt Lake” and the “Gateway to Antelope Island”, and **Snowbasin Ski Resort**, location of the 2002 Men’s and Women’s downhill Winter Olympic races, will be the location of the 2014 mini-ski week. Dates for the trip are **February 22-27**. Enjoy 5 nights of lodging, skiing 3 or 4 days at **Snowbasin Resort**, a welcome party, daily deluxe continental breakfast, pub crawl, and farewell dinner/party at Antelope Island State Park for the low price of \$425--\$475 (air & ground transfers not included). Optional activities include The Canyons Ski Day (Vail Epic pass may be used at **The Canyons**); Lunch/dinner and shopping in Salt Lake City or Ogden, and party at Bogey Social Club. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, 661-800-8229 or 661-829-5996; or email: garski2011@gmail.com for more information.

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VP of Racing

by Bob Ellis

The year started off pretty good for snow, then fizzled out as the season came to an end. All the race leagues completed all of their races this year. We had about 700 racers compete throughout Far West. We organized races this year at several ski areas in California and Oregon. Next year's racing schedule should be published in August and posted on the www.fwra.com website.

The races at Aspen Snowmass went off smoothly. We had a long GS race, a nice Qualifier race, a challenging slalom race and a very competitive Council Challenge Race. All in all I think everybody involved had fun racing at Snowmass.

In February 2014, FWSA Ski Week will be at Beaver Creek in Colorado. The racing at Beaver Creek for Ski Week should be fun and exciting with a great full time racing arena located near the bottom of the mountain for easy access. We plan to have a Qualifier GS race for all participants that do not have a handicap with us, then we will have a Slalom with 3 separate courses, a GS with 3 separate courses, and the Council Challenge with a dual GS format and teams of eight racers per team.

The Far West Championships at Alpine Meadows were a huge success in spite of deteriorating snow conditions. We used chemicals to harden the course and the races went off very smoothly. Many people commented on the appetizers instead of a dinner and enjoyed that change immensely. Open League won with most points overall in both Adults and Juniors, and Singles League won the Roma McCoy Trophy for most points per racer.

Once again, we had our Silent Auction at the Championships, which helps us donate funds to the Athletic Scholarship program and subsidize our racing program to reduce costs to the participants. We would like to publicly thank all of our supporters of the Far West program.

Next April 2014, the Far West Championships will be at Mammoth Mountain. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

At the Far West Convention in Reno, we were proud to announce that Ken Kawahara of ULLR was the winner of the Terry Smith Award for outstanding service to racing in 2013.



Bob Ellis
VP of Racing

Nancy Ellis - Continued from previous page

2015 MINI SKI TRIP—WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

March 30—April 4 will be our mini ski trip to Whitefish Mountain Resort and staying at Grouse Mountain Lodge. This resort is located at The Big Mountain in northwestern Montana, west of Glacier National Park in the Flathead National Forest. The trip includes airport ground transfers, 4 or 5 day lift tickets, transfers to the ski resort, welcome and farewell parties. Other options include night skiing, snowmobile tours, moonlight dine and ski, Summit Nature Center, day spa, Glacier Park tours, dogsled adventures, and sleigh rides. Adult package prices will range from \$525-575. You will enjoy an authentic Montana experience on this trip! I am looking forward to seeing you on one of our trips!

Contact Nancy Ellis at fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or www.fwsa.org for updates on the FWSA North American Travel Program

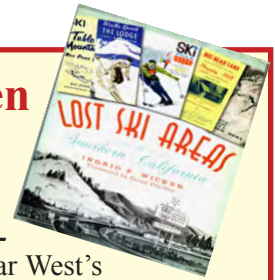
FAR WEST AWARDS

FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award 2013 - Ingrid Wicken

By Mike Sanford



The winner of this year's Western Ski Heritage Prize is Ingrid Wicken, California Ski Library, for her 2012 book *Lost Ski Areas of Southern California*. The lost ski areas (LSA) projects started on the East Coast and Far West's Ethan Chickering launched the western version (WELSAP) in 1992.



Wicken's book is the most detailed approach to LSAs and will be continued with her research underway for the LSAs of Northern California. The accounting for lost ski areas uncovers real historical treasures, personalities, partnerships, champions and championships and shows the fabric and evolution of snow sports.

Did you know that Mt. Palomar had a ski area in 1967? Did you know that a year-round ski area, Ski Villa in Carbon Canyon, opened in Orange County in 1966? It was a concrete slope paved in plastic tiles, and had a vertical of 280 feet. A pine needle slope was operated by Sepp Benedikter in the summer of 1939. It was on a slope at the corner of Lankershim and Ventura Boulevards, the current location of Universal Studios. Both Ski Villa and the pine needle slope operated for day and night skiing. The pine needle slope attracted many Hollywood celebrities.

Wicken had editions of the *Lost Ski Areas of Southern California* for sale at the recent 2013 FWSA Convention and Annual Meeting in Reno in June.

The winner of the Western Ski Heritage Prize receives a 5-day vacation for two from Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation, including 5-day lift tickets to Steamboat, 5 days of rentals, half-day lesson.

Award Sponsored by Steamboat since 2000

FWSA SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR WINNER 2013 GORDON LUSK

by Mike Sanford



The 2013 Safety Person of Year winner is Gordon Lusk of the Mountain High Ski Club of the Northwest Ski Club Council. Gordon is a long time expert skier. He is the president of the PACRAT Race League and has been involved many years with safety in racing. His efforts have been extensive with supervising course set-up, course starters, and crew. He has presented course safety information and techniques to club members and has written articles on this. Gordon has also coached high school and junior racers and promoted the FWRA SCHOLARSHIP program to these kids.

The FWSA believes that safety is an important component in snowsports. We recognize that the ski resorts do an extraordinary job of minimizing hazards. Ultimately, safety is based on individual responsibility and behavior. Aspen/Snowmass has partnered with the FWSA for over a decade in recognizing the individual who has done the most to improve safety-consciousness. The Safety Person of the Year Award includes a week of skiing at

Aspen/Snowmass, accommodations at The Crestwood and The Gant, airfare, and equipment rental. This fine award shows Aspen/Snowmass commitment to promoting safety. We would like to thank Mary Manning of Aspen/Snowmass for running this program for all these years.

We encourage each ski club to promote this fine award by nominating individuals who have contributed to snow safety through on slope activities, presentations, articles, etc. Details may be found on the FWSA.org website.

REMEMBER: SAFETY IS HAVING FUN CONSCIOUSLY

Award Sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass since 1998

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SNOWSPORTS BUILDER AWARD 2013 - DOUG PRINGLE

by John Watson



Doug Pringle

Doug Pringle (b.1944) is a ground breaker for disabled sports and a tireless innovator and organizational developer of services to the disabled since the 1960s. He remains so to this day, continuing his four decades of service to the expanding disabled community.

Doug Pringle, USMA Class of 67, arrived that year in Vietnam. Three months later, he lost most of his right leg in combat. His rehabilitation reinforced his determination to not allow injury to exclude him from recreational activities. He found that there were but three amputee ski clubs in the USA and in 1969 he and 13 other amputees organized and raced in an Amputee Championship at Donner Summit. This was the initial point for what is now Disabled Sports USA. It all began on snow. And Doug Pringle has been central in the evolution of disabled sports in the USA. Doug Pringle was the President of the founding chapter and is the current President of DSUSA Far West.

Today DSUSA serves over 60,000 youth, wounded warriors and adults annually in over 30 different sports, through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters in 37 states. Disabilities include those with visual impairments, amputations, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, other neuromuscular/orthopedic conditions, dwarfism, autism and related intellectual disabilities. DSUSA offers over 40 different sports including alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, biathlon, kayaking, water skiing, sailing, scuba, surfing, rafting, outrigger canoeing, fishing, hiking, golf, athletics, archery, cycling, running/wheeling, rock climbing, equestrian and others. These sports opportunities transform participants, highlighting the potential in each, embodied in the DSUSA motto "If I can do this, I can do anything!" It all began on snow with 13 amputee skiers who refused to be discouraged. Doug Pringle was there at the beginning.

SNOWSPORTS BUILDER AWARD 2013 - VERN SPROCK

By John Watson



Vern Sprock, wife Bobbie, daughter Kathy and son Peter in 1993 when the Sierra Ski Ranch was sold and became Sierra at Tahoe

Vern Sprock (b. 1921), a dedicated outdoorsman, bought Sierra Ski Ranch in 1953. Vern Sprock was one of the last of the area resort founders who did it his way and on his own. In the 40 years of the family-operated Sierra Ski Ranch, it was noted for its offerings of affordable family and weekend packages and a number of imaginative innovations as well. The tradition begun by Sprock was to provide a great value on legendary terrain. His wife Bobbie and his children Kathy and Peter were there from the 1950s and were there in 1993 when the Ranch was sold. He and his family made an indelible imprint on snowsports.

The Sprocks faced many challenges in the 40 years of the Sierra ski Ranch. In 1968, they were required to move the entire operation and were promptly hit by a record snowfall in the Christmas season. In the 1982-1983 season Echo Summit received 747 inches of snow, the largest recorded snowfall ever in California. But this time, Sierra Ski Ranch was prepared. Vern Sprock's last big challenge was his 1988 proposal to the

USFS for a 3-phase, 10-year plan for the Sierra Ski Ranch. In the hearings and media leading up to a negative determination by the USFS, the spotted owl was brought into the discussions. While not fatal for the ranch, the decision made its future course indefinite.

Vern Sprock started with two rope tows in 1953; when sold to Fibreboard in 1993, the Ranch had nine chairlifts. The Sprock family has moved on. But their four decade heart and soul investment is a testament to perseverance and a family approach to area services. Snowsports is indebted to Vern Sprock for his operation of Sierra Ski Ranch from humble beginnings in 1953, through trying times and circumstances, to 1993 when it became what we now know as Sierra at Tahoe.

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2013 CLUB & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AWARD WINNERS

Category	First	Second	Third
Tollakson — Club of the Year			
AA	Pacific Rim Alliance	Fresno	North Island Snowdrifters
AAA	Reno	Idaho Falls	Rusty Bindings
Wentworth — Outstanding Publications			
NL-A	The Unrecables Gordon Cardona	Edelweiss Karen James	Skiyente Meg Spillman
NL-AA	Pacific Rim Alliance Catherine Ohl	Fresno Kim Riehl	North Island Debi Young
NL-AAA	Reno Lynn Wilbur	Mountain High Emilio Trampuz	Idaho Falls Debbie Rasch
NL-Council	Los Angeles Bonnie West	Northwest Linda McGavin	
Outstanding Web Sites			
WS-A	Skiyente Lisa Dierksen	The Unrecables Georgina Hackett	Capital Crissymarie King
WS-AA	Fresno Crissymarie King	Pacific Rim Alliance Catherine Ohl	Singles Danielle Battut
WS-AAA	Mountain High Emilio Trampuz	Idaho Falls Bev Novak	Torrey Pines Judy Fontanella
WS-Council	Northwest David Schor		

Club & Council Classifications

Class A:

Membership of 10 to 99

Class AA:

Membership of 100-199

Class AAA:

Membership of 200+

Councils are a class of their own.

MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Woman of the Year

Jennifer Milstein
Bay Area Snow Sports Council



Man of the Year

Dale Parshall
Northwest Ski Club Council

This award has been sponsored by Big White Ski Resort since 2001

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HANS GEORG AWARD - BILL CLARK



Bill Clark has been involved with California skiing his entire career which spans nearly 40 years. Starting as a junior racer in the Auburn Ski Club (his dad preceded him as a jumper); Bill is now the club's executive director in charge of a 6 figure budget. After graduating in the mid 70s from Sierra College and Sacramento State with a BA in Commercial Recreation Bill joined the coaching staff conducting programs at Boreal in the winter and Mt. Hood in the summer.

As Executive Director, Bill directs the Auburn Ski Club Training Center and the Western SkiSport Museum on Donner Summit. The Western SkiSport Museum was founded in 1969 by the Auburn Ski Club. Its mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of winter ski sports in the western United States. Bill is a former member of the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame selection committee, the Far West Alpine and the Far West Nordic Board of Directors. He is currently a board member of the Squaw Valley Olympic Museum Foundation, which is working to establish a new museum there.



ELIZABETH "SCHATZI" WOOD AWARD- NANCY ELLIS

This award covers the years of service from 2010-2012. Nancy Ellis has been an active volunteer for Far West Ski Association for many years. For this award we have chosen to focus on the years 2010 through 2012.

Nancy has been an integral member of the FWSA ski week travel staff. She can always be counted on to take responsibility for any task that needs to be completed before, during and after ski week.

Nancy has been responsible for ski week registration, rewriting the ski week registration forms, collecting and compiling them for our ski week participants. She assists on the race course during the day, and completes the race results on the computer at night. Nancy wrote the Ski Week Guides for Keystone in 2010, Sun Valley in 2011 and Jackson Hole in 2012. When FWSA began allowing children at ski week, Nancy wrote the ski week policies approved by the FWSA board for children at ski week. She is a very active member of the travel committee at the FWSA board of directors meetings. Her latest endeavor for ski week is compiling a list of duties and tasks that must be completed during ski week along with the travel staff person responsible for the task. The FWSA database is very important to the operation of FWSA and our industry partners. Nancy has been the convention registrar or assisted with registration for the conventions in 2010 in Palm Desert, 2011 in Industry Hills and 2012 in Utah. Her organizational skills have been an asset at our FWSA conventions as she continues to be the registrar for our conventions. Far West Racing Association has also benefited from Nancy's commitment to skiing and racing. She has assisted with every FWRA race since 2004. In 2011 she became FWRA treasurer. She currently is a FWRA pacesetter. Nancy has written numerous newsletter articles encouraging others to race and participate in our race programs.

On the local level, Nancy is a member of Bota Bagger, Cabernet and Tahoe Donner ski clubs. She has been elected and volunteered for numerous positions within these clubs. In 2009, FWSA president, Randy Lew, presented Nancy with a President's Award for her service and commitment to FWSA.



BILL BERRY, HARD NEWS AWARD - SYLAS WRIGHT

The Far West Ski Association welcomes Sylas Wright, Sports Editor for the Sierra Sun and North Lake Tahoe Bonanza newspapers, as a guest at our convention banquet. Sylas graduated from Fresno State University in 2004 with a degree in print journalism, and was hired by the Sierra Sun in February 2005.

Surviving numerous cutbacks and changes, he took on more responsibilities, shooting photos in addition to writing and editing, and expanding his coverage area from Truckee to Lake Tahoe's north and west shores. He subsequently also became sports editor of the North Lake Tahoe Bonanza. He enjoys covering the sports and outdoor scene in a world class athletic destination, where the athletes never cease to amaze him. In 2010, Sylas was awarded the Far West Ski Association's Bill Berry Award for outstanding service to skiing by writing for the printed media. His coverage of junior ski racing was especially noted in that he brought recognition to both the sport and to deserving young athletes.

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J. STANLEY MULLIN AWARD - BOB ELLIS



Bob Ellis serves as President of Far West Racing Association (FWRA) with the responsibility of working with the race league chairs in the Far Western region. He encourages and supports recreational racing in Far West Race Leagues which include PACRAT league of Oregon; Sierra, Singles, and Open Leagues of Northern California and Nevada; and Inland, Ullr, Schuski, Rokka, and San Diego of Southern California.

Bob is responsible for putting on the FWRA Championships each year in April – everything from securing bids from ski resorts to organizing the event to ensuring that they are financially solvent. Bob continues to oversee the FWRA Silent Auction which he developed in 2004. Part of the proceeds help fund the Athletic Scholarship Program.

Bob serves on the FWSA Board of Directors as VP of Racing. He is passionate about supporting junior racers and serves on the selection committee to choose Athletic Scholarship recipients each year. He is on the FWSA Travel Staff and although his primary responsibility lies with organizing and putting on the races for participants at ski week, he is a tireless worker, setting up for parties/events, manning registration tables, and assembling participant packets.

On the national level, Bob has recently served as the Racing Committee Chair of the National Ski Council Federation. He works with member councils to encourage racing and participation in national competition.

Bob is extremely dedicated to promoting the sport of skiing. He writes articles in the FWSA Councilman about racing opportunities and acknowledging accomplishments of racers in various clubs/leagues. He maintains the FWRA website with racing information; he includes photos of racers of all ability levels. He promotes a positive attitude for racing by distributing awards to as many racers as possible.

JIMMY HEUGA AWARD - FRED NOBLE



Fred Noble was a teenager in the 1950s in Portland, Oregon when he became hooked on skiing on the slopes of Mt. Hood. This was long before high speed lifts and quad chairs. He spent a few years in the army after high school. When he returned home he resumed his passion for skiing. Within a few years, he was launching off cliffs. Fred came to prominence as an elite-level backcountry skier as a subject in the popular Warren Miller extreme skiing movies in the 1980s. Fred was the movie's MC in the '70's and '80's. Known as a sort of Pied Piper of the ski slopes, Fred Noble has been sharing his love for adventure for more than 40 years.

He also became a noted maverick in the sport of windsurfing, where his daring antics were matched by his passion for helping the sport grow to acceptance. He is a founding member of the Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association, and was instrumental in establishing several windsurfing-friendly state parks on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge.

Fred's sense of adventure led him to discover helicopter skiing in the remote mountains of British Columbia, where he led groups on heli-skiing and heli-hiking vacations as a sales agent for Canadian Mountain Holidays. Fred donated several trips through CMH to raise money for the Far West Athletic Scholarships and he attended FWSA Conventions with a booth in the Silent Auction.

In late 2010, Fred was diagnosed with ALS, and has since applied his passion for volunteerism to the fight against the fatal disease. Fred has been the Honorary Chairman of the Ski to Defeat ALS event in Oregon since its inception in 2012.

The event has raised over \$300,000 in just two years. The 2013 event drew 350 participants and Fred's team alone raised nearly \$75,000. Fred skied in his "bucket" at the event with his many friends surrounding him.

To quote Fred, "Life for me has been one big adventure. Now I find myself bedridden or in a wheelchair. In reality, ALS is pretty grim, but I do not want people to feel sadness or pity for me. Most people diagnosed usually feel depression, denial, anger and then acceptance. I skipped the first three and went right to acceptance.

I have done everything in this life I wanted to do. I just want to help the ALS association make a pile of money before I go." He turned 76 on April 16th. For Fred, each day is a gift. He continues to live by one of his favorite mottos: "Make the world a better place for others, and you make the world a better place for yourself."

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JORDAN-REILY AWARD, JUDY DORSEY, BRENDLE GROUP, COLORADO

When she started Brendle Group in 1996, **Judy Dorsey**, the firm's president and principal engineer, had a vision of an environmentally focused engineering consulting firm. Over the last 16-plus years, Judy's vision became one of Northern Colorado's better-recognized companies.

You might never have heard of the Brendle Group, but the Fort Collins-based engineering consulting firm headed by Judy has a lot to do with the future of the ski resort industry. They've worked with the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) and SnowSports Industries America (SIA), as well as resorts like Alta and Jackson Hole, to craft sustainability strategies.

Those trying to create a picture of a future, sustainable version of their own resort will not have to strain too hard, as the main innovations will come in how the resort works as a holistic unit. The classic lodge will still look the same but deep energy retrofits will reduce their energy use by up to 80%.

There will still be snowmaking, but as water accounting (for both quantity and quality) methodologies improve and snowmaking systems become hyper efficient and their application becomes more exact, the net impact on their watershed will approach zero. Water credits may exist much like carbon credits today, benefiting those in a given watershed who are able to use water more efficiently.

There will be more small-sale wind and solar generating more of the power for the lifts, but where Judy and her team are most interested are the potential for ski resorts syncing under-utilized assets like the backup generators on chairlifts with on-site renewables and the resort's various energy needs to demonstrate and validate the value of grid modernization.

Judy and her team, despite being trained engineers, see the greatest opportunities for innovations not in silicon and steel, but in spreadsheets, business plans and perceptions. Their most successful project to date has been NSAA's Climate Challenge, a novel collaboration where a group of resorts pooled money in order to fund development of greenhouse gas inventory tools specific to ski resorts, set reduction targets and take on at least one project a year each towards that goal. Without the collaboration among supposed competitors, it would have been cost-prohibitive for any one resort to undertake that set of projects.

Judy also co-founded the Colorado Clean Energy Cluster— an economic development organization aimed at growing primary jobs in Colorado in the area of clean energy through formal partnerships between clean energy companies, the public sector and higher education.



BILL MACKEY AWARD - BRANDON BANG, BIG SKY

Brandon Bang started his career at Big Sky after receiving a double major in marketing and management from The University of North Dakota. Brandon is currently the Director of Sales and Marketing for Big Sky Resort, Montana.

During his years at Big Sky, Brandon has worked at the front desk, accounting, reservations and managerial roles before beginning his sales career at Big Sky as National Sales Manager in 1998. In 2008 Brandon was promoted to Director of Sales.

Brandon has been working in the ski industry for over 20 years. Skiing, golf, great friends and the love of the mountain are the reasons he is a very happy long time local to Big Sky. Under Brandon's marketing leadership, Big Sky has been a long time supporter of the Far West Ski Association.

At the 2009 Far West Ski Association Convention, Big Sky received the Tommi Tyndall award. Big Sky has participated in the Silent Auction since 1992.

In January of 2009, FWSA held their first ever ski week in Big Sky. This event was successful from the first sales presentation to planning to check-in to the on mountain activities due primarily to Brandon's involvement in every aspect of the ski week. Brandon's intimate knowledge of the resort, positive attitude, big smile, handshakes and hugs shows he is genuinely friendly to all who are around him. All aspects of the trip (lodging, skiing, racing, parties, food, etc.) were outstanding.

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TOMMI TYNDALL AWARD - MT BACHELOR



Mt. Bachelor, operating since 1958, was formed 11,000 to 15,000 years ago as a volcano shield. The resort is one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest with 3,683 skiable acres, a vertical drop of 3,365 feet and rises over 9,000 feet. **Mt. Bachelor** is about to get bigger with a new chairlift and associated trails, replacement of some existing lifts, expanded snowmaking coverage, construction of a lift-served downhill mountain bike park and additions to the Nordic trail.

This year **Mt. Bachelor** hosted the second annual FWSA mini ski week. It was a huge success with lots of skiing and innovative events including a moonlight snowshoe walk.

In its fifth year, "**Mt. Bachelor** Charity Ski Weeks" provides assistance to several charitable/non-profit organizations in Central Oregon. **Mt. Bachelor** provides lift ticket vouchers to non-profit organizations that can be redeemed for a \$25 full day lift ticket to be used during Charity

Ski Weeks. **Mt. Bachelor** contributes 100% of the proceeds back to the non-profit organizations.

For the past seven years **Mt. Bachelor** has supported the Ski-For-Schools Program fundraiser to benefit the Education Foundations for Bend-La Pine and Redmond Schools. **Mt. Bachelor** generously donates ALL Ski-for-Schools revenue back to the Foundations, raising more than \$135,000 to benefit local schools over the last seven years.

In addition, **Mt. Bachelor** supports Riders For The Cure, Oregon Special Olympics Winter Games, Stuff The Bus food drive, Shred Camp with U.S. Ski Team member Laurenne Ross and National Ski Safety Week with a focus on chairlift safety for kids.

Mt. Bachelor has been at the forefront of the environmental movement within the ski industry. Over the past decade, they have developed a strong environmental presence that has brought them to a leading position within the industry. This year and for the past several years, the Ski Area Citizen's Coalition recognized **Mt. Bachelor** as one of the top 10 environmentally conscious resorts in the U.S.

Mt. Bachelor's continued support of the Far West Ski Association has remained solid. **Mt. Bachelor** ranks high among our industry partners in their financial support of the Association's programs. This year's Convention will mark **Mt. Bachelor's** 28th year of participation in our Silent Auction.

TERRY SMITH AWARD - KEN KAWAHARA, ULLR LEAGUE



Ken first started skiing at Mammoth in 1984. Growing up in Seattle, Ken never tried it in Washington. Ken took a leave of absence from his job at TRW to be a ski bum at Mammoth in 1986-87, one of the worst snow years ever, and worked at Footloose.

Ken first joined the TRW ski club in 1985, then the Long Beach Ski Club (LBSC) in 1994. Ken started ski racing with Long Beach in 1994, where he was part of a group of LBSC racers known as the "F Troop". In 1998 he served as the LBSC Elske rep, then joined the Beach Cities Ski Club in 1997, and was briefly a member of the South Bay Ski Club and the Singles Ski Club.

In 2004, Ken made the mistake of volunteering to be the ULLR League Race Chairman, where he has been stuck ever since. Ken has attended every Championship Race and Summer Rules Meeting since becoming the ULLR Race Chairman, and has made his presence known with his contributions and ideas. Ken has also been very instrumental in acquiring silent auction donations from several parties and being a positive force at all of our meetings.

In 2012 Ken retired from TRW after 37 years in the defense industry and has been living in Mammoth during the winter and Washington state during the summer.

In addition to Mammoth Mountain, Ken has also skied at June Mountain, Mt. High, Mt. Baldy, Bear Mountain, Kirkwood, Heavenly, Alpine Meadows, Northstar, Snoqualmie Summit, Mt. Baker, Stevens Pass, Crystal Mountain, Jackson Hole, Alta, Snowbird, Park City, Canyons, Deer Valley, Solitude, Sundance, Taos, Telluride, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, Vail, Keystone, Breckenridge and Beaver Creek.

Prior to skiing, Ken was an amateur auto racer, racing in Showroom Stock and Formula Vees in the Sports Car Club of America auto races in Washington, Oregon and California in the 1970s. He also moonlighted as an engineer/mechanic for various professional auto racing efforts through the 1990s.

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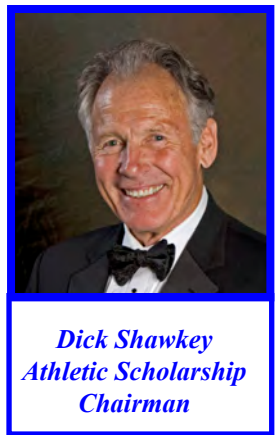


Athletic Scholarship

By Dick Shawkey, Chairman

A New Record for the FWSA Athletic Scholarship

The 2013 Far West Ski Association convention was one for the record books. The FWSA Athletic Scholarship auctions and raffle set a new record. Jason Forrest, from **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, surprised everyone when he announced that the resort would provide a second ski package for the runner-up bidder in the auction for the five-day ski and stay package. The two vacation packages netted \$2,850 for the scholarship fund. In addition, Bob Ellis put up his Ski Week package, won in the Travel Expo raffle, to the highest bidder with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund. The winning bid was for \$1,000. A \$450 bid won the **Grouse Mountain** ski package, and the U.S. Ski Team's jacket and "grab bag" netted \$322. The raffle brought in \$1,825. All together, these events brought in \$6,397. To put all this into prospective, we raised \$3,005 at the 2011 convention and a record \$4,400 at the 2012 convention. It is anticipated that we will have sufficient



*Dick Shawkey
Athletic Scholarship
Chairman*

resources to fund 21 scholarships in 2013. A special thanks to Paul Vlasveld and **Adobe** for contributing several software packages for the raffle.



*(left to right) Lila Lapanja, Dick Shawkey,
Kayleigh MacGregor, and Randy Lew*

The convention was privileged to welcome two wonderful recipients of FWSA scholarships, Kayleigh MacGregor, from Mammoth Lakes, CA. and Lila Lapanja, from Incline Village, NV. In her remarks at the Saturday luncheon, Kayleigh described how much skiing and ski racing meant to her and her deep appreciation for the FWSA and Los Angeles Council's financial support. Her words were poignant because Kayleigh has been stricken with cystic fibrosis since birth. Lila Lapanja is a four-time recipient of FWSA athletic scholarships and the first scholarship recipient to be selected for the U.S. Ski Team. Lila gave a brief talk at the banquet in which she recounted

the trials and tribulations in her quest for a position on the U.S. Ski Team, and the many challenges and opportunities ahead of her. Few in the audience realized that Development Team members must raise \$20,000 in sponsorship in order to compete on the team. In addition to these two athletes, we were privileged to have Billy Kidd at the Banquet. Billy, a long-time Far West favorite and former U.S. Ski Team member, gave an impromptu talk about his experiences back in the sixties and how important programs like ours were to aspiring alpine athletes. Undoubtedly, the talks given by Kayleigh, Lila and Billy impressed the delegates because the following day they responded to a challenge by John Watson that yielded to a avalanche of generosity. We don't have a final count, but the donations exceeded \$3,000.

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program continues to be indebted to its sponsors who have supported the program from its inception: **Whitefish Mountain Resort** (www.skiwhitefish.com), **Grouse Mountain Lodge** (www.grousemountainlodge.com), **Schure Sports Inc.** (www.karbonmail.com), maker of the Karbon brand of snow sports apparel, and the Far West Racing Association (www.fwra.com). Readers are reminded that **Schure Sports** offers a bargain team rate on its snowsports clothing. Buyers must order a minimum of 10 jackets of the same style and color to qualify. Once qualified, there are a plethora of clothing options available to the buyers. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Randy Lew (fwsa13randy@telis.org) or Dick Shawkey (rshawkey@comcast.net).

Charities and Our Community

by Sigrid Noack, Chairperson

FWSA Charity Involvement Recognition



Crissymarie King and Scott Knutson

Congratulations to **Fresno Ski Club** of Central Council for winning the 2013 FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition Award. This annual recognition is a \$300 FWSA check, which the club is donating to one of their favorite charities, **Special Olympics of Northern California**. Thank you Scott Knutson and Fresno Ski Club for doing so much wonderful charity work. The winner of our new Ski Council Recognition Award is **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs**.

Because we have so many clubs and councils that actively support a huge variety of charities, FWSA presented two separate awards this year, recognizing our most outstanding clubs and in a separate category our ski councils. We are excited to be recognizing all the amazing efforts of our FWSA family. By bringing these selfless activities out into the open, recognizing them annually at our convention, we also hope to encourage others to become more involved with charity work.



Sigrid Noack,
Charities
and our
Community
Chairperson

The photo display boards presented by the three club finalists and the ski council winner were very impressive. A big thank you to our other finalists **Modesto Ski Club** of BAC and **Single Ski Club** of LAC for all their involvement with charitable organizations. The two runner-up clubs and the ski council winner each received a \$100 check donated to one of their favorite charities. Congratulations and a great big THANK YOU to all the applicants and to the club members who work so hard organizing charitable activities!

The other club and the councils, who are also very much involved with community service activities and took the time to apply for this special FWSA recognition were: Intermountain Ski Council, BAC, and Torrey Pines Ski Club of SDC. Congratulations and thank you for all the great charity work you do!

FWSA has another opportunity for recognition for our ski councils, the "Community Service Awareness Program". Our eleven council presidents are encouraging their clubs to get involved with charitable activities. At the convention we announced the "**Honor Roll of Councils**", recognizing all councils that have clubs involved with charities. Congratulations to all the councils and clubs for putting forth this great effort in supporting their community organizations.



"Honor Roll of Councils"

Arizona Ski Council – President Arleigh Meiners
Bay Area Snow Sports Council – President Dennis Heffley
Central Council of California – President Fran Long
Intermountain Ski Council – President Michael Bouton
Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs – President Norbert Knapp
Northwest Ski Club Council – President Mary Olhausen
Orange Council of Ski Clubs – President Judy Thurman
San Diego Council of Ski Clubs – President Eileen Sanford
Sierra Council & Race League – President Jo Simpson



Arizona Ski Council

by Arleigh Meiners, President



Arleigh Meiners
Arizona Ski
Council
President

Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents seven clubs and between 700-800 members, primarily in the Phoenix metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the state of Arizona. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders and social members. The Snowbowl in Flagstaff, Arizona has won the legal battle to make snow and started making snow on December 12, 2012. This effort has been around ten years in the making and our thanks to the US Forest Service for helping in the last legal battle in front of the US Supreme Court. We will now have a reliable ski area within 2 hours of the Phoenix area.

Six members from the Arizona Ski Council attended the FWSA convention that was held in Reno, Nevada from June 6th through June 9. Wanda Himler represented the Arizona Ski Council as their Woman of The Year. Jim Nachbar from the Scottsdale Ski Club was elected to the FWSA Board as Vice President of Communications. ASC is very proud of both Wanda and Jim.



Arleigh Meiners & Paul Castaldo
at PSC 65th Anniversary

The Phoenix Ski Club (PSC), celebrated their 65th anniversary by entering a float in the annual horse drawn Parada Del Sol Parade. PSC received an award for the most Comical entry! The Phoenix Ski Club also held a 65th anniversary banquet at Pinnacle Peak Patio which was a huge success. About 200 former and present members attended. Attending the banquet were 22 past presidents. Old pictures and newsletters were on display for everyone to view. A melodrama called "Sagebrush Sidekick" was another activity that was part of the 65th anniversary celebration.



PSC on Colorado River Trip



Left - Judy Upton, Chery Sullivan,
Helgard Burri at the
PSC 65th Anniversary Celebration



Anna Phender, Helgard Burri and Kristie Welch
on PSC Colorado River Trip

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club (AOTC) which is mostly a hiking club, continues to have hikes all year long. They have exercise hikes planned every Tuesday in the Phoenix Mountain Preserve. AOTC sends out a weekly email to their members telling them about the hikes and other activities happening during the week. Go to www.arizonaoutdoortravelclub.com for more information on these and other exciting trips.

Sailing Adventure Club (SAC), which is a member of the Arizona Ski Council, is a social club based in Phoenix, Arizona with activities ranging from local sailing, and non-sailing events, to out of country sailing adventures. Singles, couples and families are welcome to join this club. Go to www.sailingadventureclub.org for more information on this club's activities.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SS&SC) is an adult ski and social club also. SS&SC is kicking off the summer with happy hours every Friday evening, campouts, pub crawls, wine and cheese parties, tubing and kayaking, baseball games, casino night and many more events. SS&SC ski trips for 2013-14 are in the planning stage. For more information go to www.scottsdale-skiclub.com

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Boeing Employee Adventure Club continues their social schedule and family events around town. Employees may contact www.boeing.com for more information about recreation activities that are planned!

East Valley Ski Club (EVSC) is an adult family-friendly ski club with activities that include happy hours and, of course, taking in some baseball games at the indoor, air conditioned Chase Field. EVSC leases a condo in Summit County Colorado for 3 months of skiing every winter.

Partytime Sports (PTS) is an adult ski, boating, and social club that plans boating trips to get them through the summer heat. During the winter they do a ski trip to Telluride, Colorado during Arizona Days. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

It will not be long and the 2013-2014 ski season will be here. The Phoenix Ski Club has their 2013-2014 ski season calendar all put together and have their trips on sale already. Here is their trip schedule, Wolf Creek in December 2013; Powder Mountain, Snow Basin for New Years 2014; Arizona Days at Telluride in January 2014; FWSA to Beaver Creek in January 2014; Big White, Silver Star in February 2014; Steamboat in March 2014; and ending it with Surf The Rockies, Telluride in April 2014.

Feel free to check out any of the clubs activities through Facebook or links for the council website at www.arizonaskicouncil.org.



"Zonies" at the Convention Banquet



Donn Bryant and Wanda Himler



*Wanda Himler, Linda Westlund, Jim Nachbar
SS&SC at the
2013 Far West Convention*

Intermountain Ski Council

by Michael Bouton, President



*Michael Bouton
President
Intermountain
Ski Council*

The Intermountain Ski Council (ISC) is coming of age. We have added four new clubs, experienced an epic ski trip to Grand Targhee Resort, padded our treasury a bit with a very successful auction and raffle, and have a full slate of officers going into our eighth year with the FWSA. Along with all of that, we have shown increasing numbers of delegates attending the annual conventions.

We have our ski trip planned this next season for Jackson Hole, WY the first week of March 2014. The tentative price is \$599.00 for 4 days of lift passes and five nights of lodging with breakfast and transportation to Teton Village. This should be a great time of year for lots of powder. ISC along with the Idaho Falls Ski Club will sponsor a European ski trip to Grindelwald, Switzerland in February 2014. The prices will be available by September. We would like to invite other clubs to participate. We have a club from Maryland traveling out to Jackson Hole. Our reputation from last season at Targhee has spread to the east coast (we are a fun bunch.)

The council officers for this year: President-Michael Bouton, Treasurer- Paul Markowitz, Secretary-Luci Snowsosi, Communication Director- Lennia Machen, VP of Travel- Kitty Im-dahl, and VP of Membership- Kim Hovern. They were elected at the regular council meeting held June 11, 2013.

I believe this will be an energetic and creative group of people moving the council forward for greater purposes into the future. I will be adding a representative from each of our University Clubs (Boise State, Utah State, and Weber State Universities) in the fall. There will be plenty of young skiers and boarders to learn a few things from as well as to recruit others to our clubs. I know we can have some terrific service programs going on throughout the season.

Another planned trip that is coming together is a bicycle excursion along the old Hiawatha Trail in Northern Idaho. It is scheduled for mid August for three days. The trail is the old Northern Pacific rail bed through seven different tunnels. The longest is over two miles long. The entire route is 28 miles down hill. We will take in a visit to the oldest building in Idaho, the Cataldo Mission between Wallace and Kellogg. I invite any of you adventurous people to contact me as details are coming together at this time.

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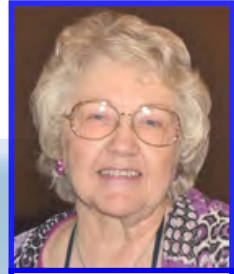
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Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

by Sandra E. Knapp, President



*Sandra E. Knapp
President
Los Angeles
Council*



As the new president of Los Angeles Council, I am excited to report we had a great turn-out at the fabulous FWSA 81st Convention in Reno this June! And we are all proud of **the new FWSA President, Linda Scott**, from Los Angeles Council and Intermountain Council.

We are also proud to bring home numerous awards for club newsletters and websites, AND the Outstanding Council Publication Award for the Los Angeles Council newsletter, *Snow Scene*. Congratulations **Bonnie West**! I think our greatest pride comes from our \$100 award for the Council division of FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition which we will be donating to The Unrecables, our adaptive ski club. We will aim to make next year a **repeat**!



Kayleigh MacGregor and her parents, Christina and Brian

Kayleigh MacGregor and her parents, Christina and Brian, were able to join us for the Saturday luncheon and dinner – what a treat. They moved from Malibu to Mammoth so she could train with the Mammoth Ski team; she placed fifth and sixth in the March 2013 FWSA Open Series Giant Slalom, Ladies at Northstar, CA. Congratulations Kayleigh!

Sandra Blackwell, V.P. of Travel for LA Council, salvaged our council ski trip to Mt. Bachelor February 23-March 2. Seventeen happy skiers (see photo below) enjoyed the various faces of Mt. Bachelor as well as the wonders and delights of Deschutes County and Bend. Who knew there were lava tube

caves just next door to Sunriver Resort? Where else could we find a butterfly and hummingbird aviary except at the marvelous High Desert Museum midway between Sunriver and Bend? Did you know there are not only wineries and breweries, but also a vodka distillery in and around Bend? And a few hardy souls learned they could actually snowshoe around the rim of Crater Lake! We're looking forward to exploring more of this marvelous area next year at the 82nd FWSA Convention in Bend.



Looking ahead, we are planning another season-starting Snow Gala, this time at the prestigious Taix French Restaurant (pronounced “tax”, really) November 9. We will again host a fund-raising silent auction for our Unrecables Ski Club, part of the adaptive ski community. We trust our clubs’ men and women of the year candidates will culminate in another highly qualified pair of candidates for next year’s FWSA Man and Woman of the Year at the Gala.

In 2014 LA Council will join with the Far West’s annual trip to Beaver Creek; 64 pillows have already been reserved. Let us all cross our fingers for a super ski season ahead.

Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen, President



Mary Olhausen
Northwest
Ski Club Council
President

Ahhhh July---a time for some reflection as to all the really great things Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) and its member clubs have done this past year. Let me recap with congratulations to our Council Man & Woman Of The Year - *Dale Parshall*, Schnee Vogeli Ski Club and *Louise DuFresne*, Skiyente Ski Club. Both Dale and Louise have demonstrated outstanding support and leadership for their respective clubs, council, FWSA and the skiing community! Our Dale went on to become the FWSA Man of The Year!! A special congrats to Dale. NWSCC held a successful and really fun golf tournament last July and held our annual Appreciation Night in August. In the fall we supported consumer ski shows as well as hosted our own "Ski Fair" event. We published our annual ***Skier's Directory***. NWSCC supported the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program with a \$1000 scholarship for a Northwest (NW) area USSA junior racer, Elyse Burandt of Spokane, WA. We incorporated safety talks into our council meetings with topics on helmets, rescue techniques and safety for recreational snowriders. "Ski Days" were promoted at some of our NW resorts—***Mt. Hood Skibowl, Mt. Hood Meadows, White Pass, Crystal Mountain, and Mission Ridge***—FWSA/NWSCC card-carrying members received discounts! Mt. Hood Ski Patrol celebrated their 75th anniversary this past fall with a big in-town party and an on-hill event. We continue to support our ski areas for advocacy issues through our *NW Snowsports Advocates Program*. We took 30+ to FWSA Ski Week in Aspen, CO. Racing in our PACRAT league is popular and a great way to get out on the slopes and meet new friends – visit www.pacrats.org for more information. NWSCC held a fund raiser for US Women's Ski Jumping with a "Movie Night" – showing "*Ready To Fly*", the documentary feature film about *Lindsey Van*. Our \$600+ in proceeds will benefit the team. Plus--we collected food for Oregon Food Bank. Club members took part in three great ski events for fund raising – Hope on The Slopes/Ride For a Cure, Oregon Cancer Ski Out, and Ski To Defeat ALS. Several club members sponsored teams and raised a lot of well-needed funds for charity!! Nearly 25 of our club members attended the recent FWSA Convention in Reno and we had a blast! Much thanks to Bay Area Snow Sports Council for an awesome convention! And, our Council and a few of our clubs took home awards from the recent FWSA 2013 Convention. My hat is off (BIG TIME!) to the Council Board members of 2012-2013, who really make NWSCC proud. I take this opportunity to thank each of them for all the time and support they provide to me and NWSCC! Vice-President – Dave Rasmussen; Secretary – Julie Rasmussen; Treasurer – Marcia Brighton; Communications – Linda McGavin; Membership – Colleen Heffernan-Walter; Outreach – Christine Ciardi; Public Affairs – Steve Coxen; Racing – Gordy Lusk; Safety – Sylvia Kearns-Orefice; Special Events – Debbi Kor; Travel – Barbara Bousum; Washington Clubs – William Shadbolt; Eugene Clubs – Becki Robinson; SW Washington Clubs – Norvin Peer; Immediate Past President – Sheri Parshall; Webmaster – David Schor.

And, looking forward---more of the same with some new things sprinkled in. Summer always finds our clubs busy with hiking, biking, golf and water sports. Throw in the occasional chocolate party, pray for snow party, seafood party, and you have got a lot of great reasons to belong to a snow riding club! And, while we participated in snow events for charity you can bet that many of our club members are doing walks and runs for charity over the summer months.

Hang on to your Volcanos! You heard that correct. Stay tuned here with NWSCC as we busily prepare to host the 82nd Annual FWSA Convention in Bend, Oregon. We will be there June 12-15, 2014 hanging out at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center. We have got a *Volcanic Paradise* planned for you! Bend and central Oregon offer a host of outdoor activities – can you say skiing on Mt. Bachelor? Hiking Smith Rock? Paddle Boarding the Deschutes River? Or, take in some shopping or a spa day. It is all here – plan to arrive early and stay late – make a vacation of it – after all, it is Paradise! Oh---and did I mention sampling microbrews? Plus we will have the silent auction, travel expo, education sessions, VIP athletes, and much more! See the flyer in this issue of the Councilman for details on the 2014 Convention. I hope to see many of you there!

Enjoy your summer time adventures and please do not hesitate to contact about all related to NWSCC.
www.nwskiers.org – omary52@comcast.net.

Orange Council of Ski Clubs

By Judy Thurman, President



ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS



*Judy Thurman
Orange Council
President*

Orange Council of Ski Clubs has been serving and supporting ski clubs since 1971. Being an active part of Far West Ski Association has always been an integral part of our Council plan. Orange Council has 8 active ski clubs located in the Southern California area. Whether you live in North Orange County, Central, East or West Orange County, or in one of our beach communities, there is a club especially for you. Check our website, www.orangecouncil.org for information on all Orange Council Ski Clubs located in the Southern California Orange County area.

Orange Council is very proud to announce our Man of the Year, Drew Young of The Balboa Ski and Sports Club. Drew represented the Orange Council of Ski Clubs at this year's Man and Woman of the Year competition at the Far West Convention in Reno June 6-9, 2013.

Balboa Ski and Sports Club meets the first and third Tuesday at Newport Beach Golf Club Tee Room, Newport Beach. This year's week long ski trip was to Aspen-Snowmass, Colorado to attend the FWSA Ski Week 2013. In the summer months the meetings are held on the third Thursday, at the American Legion Yacht Club, Newport Beach. Summer meetings include themed events with a DJ to provide music, makes this a special monthly event. Other summer events include, tennis tournaments, day trip to Catalina Island, and summer concert at Irvine's Verizon Amphitheater are planned. Balboa also participates in giving back to the community, this is the fifth year that Balboa Ski and Sports Clubs has participated in the Packages of Gratitude Project, Toys for Tots at Christmas time, and they attended the Susan G. Komen Race held in September at Fashion Island. Membership information contact: Alan Lawrence (949) 232-8012.

Fountain Valley Ski Club meets on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in Stanton, Ca. This year's 2013 ski week trip was to Sun Valley, Idaho. When the club members are not skiing, you can find them bicycling, kayaking, attending beach parties, camping, and playing golf. For information on all club activities contact Jim Wisenbaker at president@fountainvalleyskiclub.org.

Huntington Beach Ski Club – Meetings are held at Mario's Mexican Restaurant located at 18603 Main Street, Huntington Beach the first Tuesday of the month, social is at 6:30 p.m. and the club meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Activities include 7 weekend trips to Mammoth Mountain, river rafting trips, Long Beach Blue Cruises, beach parties. Huntington Beach Ski Club is also involved with the Disabled Sports USA program. For information contact hbskiclub@yahoo.com.

Orange County Ski and Snowboard Club meets on the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at REI in the Tustin Market Place. This year's ski week trip was to Park City, Utah. For more information please contact President Anne Barneson at www.ocskiclub.com.

Shooters Ski Club is all about their international travel program. Meetings are held the first Monday at 8:00 p.m. Check their website for meeting locations at www.shootersskiclub.org.

Snowbounders Ski Club has monthly dine-out meetings. Meetings vary: Contact Bill Hurban at www.snowbounders.com.

Snowflinders Ski Club meets on the second Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at Roundtable Pizza, 10101 Valley View St. Cypress, CA. For membership information contact Jim Hughes (562) 593-9905.

January 2014 the FWSA Ski Week Trip will be in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Please contact Sheila VanGuilder, VP Travel svanguil@yahoo.com for further information on this trip.

Orange Council has a very strong race program. We have scheduled races one weekend a month in Mammoth Mountain, starting in December and ending at the Far West Racing Association finals which will be held in Mammoth Mountain in April 2014. We are always looking for more racers. For information on the race program, contact Maxine Hanlon at maxch@prodigy.net.

Mammoth Mountain is a major destination for our Orange Council's ski clubs. All our clubs have scheduled trips going up to Mammoth Mountain. For more information on all Orange Councils Club activities and all scheduled trips check www.orangecouncil.org.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

By Eileen Sanford, President



*Eileen Sanford
President
San Diego
Council
of Ski Clubs*

Summer in San Diego is beautiful, especially after the June gloom! We will start the season off by attending a San Diego Symphony Summer Pops tribute to **The Rolling Stones** on August 29. It is an outdoor event by the bay. We bring lawn chairs, dinner and drinks and enjoy an evening under the stars with friends, music and fireworks.



*Eileen Sanford, Barbara Blase,
Helen Harris
Appreciation Dinner*

We had our San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) annual **Appreciation Dinner** on June 13 at the Boathouse, Harbor Island. Twenty-one people attended and shared their memories of SDCSC and club activities this year. We invited board members, Man and Woman of the Year contestants, and others who have contributed to the success of SDCSC this year. Thanks again to all.

Deposits are already coming in for the FWSA trip to **Beaver Creek** 2014. SDCSC will be staying in Highlands. We have a new assistant travel director, Alan Godwin, who will learn the ropes from Susan Shaffer this year. We are excited because he is under 40 and a snowboarder. Maybe he can get our younger members on this trip!

SDCSC will have 21 bikers on our second European bike trip in September 2013 to Loire Valley, France. We have already purchased matching women's Paris bike shirts and showed them off at FWSA Convention in Reno. After biking and visiting chateaus and wineries we will return to stay in Paris 3 days and join a Grand Circle River Cruise down the Rhone River from Lyon to Nice with 30 SDCSC cruisers. C'est la vie!

The council will host an **Aspen Ski Trip** from Dec. 11-17 run by Mike Sanford. We will be staying at our Aspen home away from home, The Gant. The price is \$1265 approx depending on air and lift options. Contact Mike at bubasanfrd@aol.com if you are interested. Deposits are \$200 due now. We usually take about 40 people and sell out early so get your spot now.

Our official start of the ski season will begin with our formal **Rock and Roll Gala** held at the Holiday Inn on Shelter Island on Nov. 16 at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$38 for a fun evening with dinner and dancing to a DJ. This wonderful event is organized by Barbara Blasé, Chris Gill and Jean McCasey. The clubs will select an outstanding man and a woman as a way of honoring their most valuable and active members. We will choose the SDCSC man and woman at this event. Last year our award winners were Diane Raines of Torrey Pines Ski Club and Dave Arnold of North Island Snowdrifters. They both attended the FWSA Convention in Reno and represented us well. Thank you Dave and Diane!

SDCSC supports various charities, such as Can Do MS, the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Special Olympics, United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC), Habitat for Humanity, San Diego Community Youth Sports Mentoring, Toys for Tots and Becky's House. One of our clubs maintains an active account at the San Diego Blood Bank in case a member needs blood. We believe in supporting our community.

The officers for the 2013-14 year will be: Eileen Sanford, President, Tom Bundgard, Vice-President, Debbie Schroeder, Secretary, Stew Smith, Treasurer, Susan Shaffer, Travel Director, and Alan Godwin Assistant Travel Director.

We enjoyed the **FWSA Convention** at Reno and brought 15 SDCSC members. Barbara Blasé German was presented a special plaque for her long time support of the Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament. Congratulations Barbara!

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SDCSC along with the FWSA board members and friends dressed in black top hats, white gloves and canes presented a musical rendition to "All That Jazz" to honor Randy Lew, our outgoing president of seven years. John Watson led the introduction with grandiloquence! The women in their white boas and tiny top-hats danced for Randy to the Macarena. What a great time we had at Convention. Thanks again Randy for all your hard work for FWSA.



Left: Randy Lew and Donn Bryant get special thanks from SDCSC President, Eileen Sanford

Sierra League and Council

By Jo Simpson, President



*Jo Simpson
President
Sierra League
and Council*

Sierra Completes Successful Season

Sierra Council did very well in the 2013 club and council awards. The Reno Ski and Recreation Club won first place for Outstanding Club and Newsletter Awards in Class AAA. Capital Ski and Sports won third place for their website in Class A.

The Reno club provided strong support for the convention Silent Auction by holding their weekly club happy hour at the Grand Sierra.

Sierra proudly supported our Man and Woman of the year—Gayle Sherman and Peter Callison of the Reno Ski and Recreation Club.

Although one of the smaller FWSA councils, Sierra has typically enjoyed good representation on the board of directors and this year is no exception. Both travel vice presidents are Sierra Council members.

Debbie Stewart from our Sequoia Club is VP of International Travel and Nancy Ellis of our Cabernet Ski and Race and Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club was just elected VP of North American Travel. Nancy is also a member of the Bay Area Council's Bota Baggers Club. Additionally, I was privileged to be elected VP of Council Services.

Donn Bryant of Cabernet Ski and Race chairs the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year competition and Crissymarie King of Capital Ski and Sports (and Fresno) chairs the Club and Council Communication and Outstanding Club Awards.

Our clubs have a lot of summer activities planned that include camping trips, hiking, wine tasting tours and more.

The Sierra Council race league completed all eight scheduled races as scheduled for the first season since 2010. The heavy snows of 2011 caused cancellations and the lack of snow in 2012 did the same. Racing is a primary program for Sierra Council and we are developing our 2014 schedule in conjunction with the BAC Singles and Open Leagues.

We are grateful for the Council Outreach Funds that Sierra received, which enabled us to procure a new, larger banner with the FWSA and NSCF logos.

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10-Year Award

*Brundage Mountain Ski Resort
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies
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SIA Snow Sports Recycling Program Has Kept Over 350 Tons of Used Equipment Out of Landfills. Eventually every piece of well-loved snow sports equipment needs to be retired. In order to keep gear out of landfills and new gear on the slopes, SIA's Snow Sports Recycling Program (SSRP) recycles worn ski and snowboard gear donated by consumers and retailers.

Over four seasons, SSRP has reduced more than 350 tons of used boots, skis, boards and poles collected from Rocky Mountain retailers and resorts into grinds that can be repurposed for other snow sports products. Nationwide, 68 storefronts are participating, with most in Colorado and Salt Lake City. Over the next year, the program will expand farther west to Boise, Albuquerque and Phoenix.

Aspen Employees Fund 13 Environmental Projects. The Environment Foundation, with primary funding provided by Aspen/Snowmass employees, has made the largest grant in its 16-year history, donating \$50,000 to protect 220,000 acres of Federal land from oil and gas development. The land is at Thompson Divide, outside of Carbondale, Colo. The grant is part of a total \$118,000 in donations made this spring to 13 environmental projects.

National Visit Numbers Increase in 2012-2013. The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) announced that U.S. ski areas tallied an estimated 56.6 million skier and snowboarder visits during the 2012/13 season--the results represent an 11 percent increase over the previous season. The previous season was one of the worst in recent history, when visits totaled an estimated 51 million, a decline of 15.7 percent from the 2010/11 record total of 60.54 million, according to the Kottke National End of Season Survey. This season's numbers represent the largest year-over-year gain in 30 years.

Retail Sales Increase in 2012-2013.

The SnowSports Industries America (SIA) RetailTRAK™ numbers for August - March 2012/2013 are total market projections based on data collected from the Point of Sale systems of more than 1,200 snow sports retailers. The 2012/2013 season brought in \$3.4B in retail revenues, up 3 percent compared with dollars sold during the previous season. By category, dollar sales in accessories increased 6 percent, apparel was up 3 percent and equipment sales were flat compared to the 2011/2012 season.

End to Arizona Snowbowl's Legal Battles - After years of court battles, the Arizona Snowbowl's legal battles came to an end last fall and the resort was able to launch snowmaking for the 2012-2013 ski season.

Loveland Master Plan Accepted.

The U.S. Forest Service has accepted the master development plan for Loveland Ski Area, setting the outline for expansion and improvement plans for the next decade or more. Specific projects included in the plan will still be required to undergo the usual environmental approval process, but the decision indicates that the proposed developments are aligned with the Forest Service's resource management plan. Among the elements of the plan are improvements to the beginner experience, upgrades to improve circulation between the two sections of the resort, which is bisected by U.S. 6, and the potential for initiating backcountry guide services and facilities.

Telluride Drops World Cup, Buys Hotel. In a sign of changing priorities, Telluride Ski and Golf Company will no longer host a pre-Christmas FIS World Cup Ski and Snowboard event, and has bought a boutique hotel in town. Telluride executive vice president Jim Mikula said that the World Cup event consumes a lot of resources and energy at a time when the resort is also trying to get ready for the holiday crowds, and that the event creates a relatively small return

on that investment.

Mammoth Plots New Future for June - June Mountain is set to re-open next December after a year in mothballs. The resort will continue to target families and entry-level skiers and snowboarders, with tentative plans for lift and snowmaking upgrades down the road.

"Next winter we look forward to bringing skiers and snowboarders a great on-mountain experience while also planning for June's future, including the possibility of a new lift and enhanced snowmaking," June Mountain general manager Carl Williams said in a release.

CEO Rusty Gregory of Mammoth Mountain, which owns June, told attendees at the national meeting of the North American Snowsports Journalists' Association (NASJA) that the company will invest \$6 million in a new chairlift for June once the necessary permits are acquired.

Historic Timberline Lodge Enters Pantheon Of Historic Hotels. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has announced that the famed ski lodge on the shoulder of Mt. Hood had been accepted onto its list of Historic Hotels of America.

Utah's Proposed SkiLink Gets Lots of Noise at Public Forum.

There are more than a few entities who would like to put the kibosh on SkiLink. The unorthodox idea is to transport Utah skiers from Canyons Resort in Park City to Solitude Mountain Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon via a gondola. While it sounds good on paper, a noisy crowd showed up at a public forum in Park City to protest the project.

Breckenridge OK'd For Peak 6 Expansion; 23 Percent More Terrain. Skiers and snowboarders who call Breckenridge their home resort can

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expect another boost in terrain next season. The proposed development of Peak 6, the resort's fifth mountain, has weathered the U.S. Forest Service approval process and recently received a final go-ahead after an appeal period ended in November 2012. Although more litigation has been threatened, the Forest Service decision appeared solid enough for the resort to make a definitive commitment to getting Peak 6 operating in the 2013-2014 season.

Mt. Bachelor Gets OK for Expansion. Mt. Bachelor has received the go-ahead from the Forest Service for an improvement project that will take place over the next 10 years. Included in the plan are expansions to terrain, three new lifts, a lodge expansion, new hiking trails, a lift-served downhill bike park, a zipline course and rock climbing structure. Also on the drawing board is the construction of a biomass co-generation facility that will provide electrical power and steam heat.

Whistler Blackcomb Plans \$18 Million Lift Upgrade. Whistler Blackcomb has unveiled capital plans for an \$18 million lift expansion. Whistler Mountain's Harmony detachable quad chairlift will be replaced with a new Doppelmayr detachable six-pack. Blackcomb will replace a fixed-grip triple in the Crystal Zone with a high-speed quad.

Homewood Expansion Plan to get Further Review. Homewood Mountain Resort's expansion plan has been put on hold temporarily. U.S. District Judge William B. Shubb ruled that Placer County and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency approved the Homewood plan without considering whether a smaller (and less environmentally impactful) project would suffice, as required by law.

Crested Butte Produces New Master Plan. Crested Butte Mountain Resort has submitted a new Master Development Plan to the U.S. Forest Service. The plan incorporates previ-

ous approvals at the main mountain, along with adjacent private land development projects, new proposals for terrain outside the resort's existing permit area on Crested Butte, and a much-reduced proposal for Snodgrass Mountain, which has been the source of controversy (and rejected proposals) in the past.

Northstar Submits Master Plan for Environmental Review. Northstar, California, has released its Mountain Master Plan (NMMP), outlining what the future holds with regard to on-mountain improvements and additional recreational opportunities at the resort. The plan, submitted to Placer County for environmental review, outlines mountain improvements proposed at Northstar over the next 10 to 15 years. The Northstar Mountain Master Plan proposes new ski terrain, lifts, skier facilities and additional recreational opportunities, as well as upgrades to existing ski terrain and facilities.

Google Adds 38 Ski Slopes to Google Maps App. The Google Maps app, available for free on Android devices and iPhone, now includes 38 new maps of ski runs and lifts from some of the most popular ski resorts in the United States and Canada.

Our thanks go to the following electronic news providers for the information contained in this report: Mountain Travel Research Program (MTRiP), National Ski Area Association (NSAA), Ski Area Management (SAM), SnowSports Industries Association (SIA), and SnoCountry.

One of our most recent activities has been fund raising and a public affairs initiative supporting the acceptance of Women's Ski Jumping as a Winter Olympic Sport.

Our partners include: US Ski Team, National Ski Patrol, Far West Racing Association, Far West Ski Foundation, US Ski Hall of Fame and Museum, Vermont Ski Museum, Western

America Skisport Museum, Mammoth Lakes Foundation, Alf Engen Ski Museum, Mount Hood Cultural Center and Museum, 10th Mountain Division Foundation, California Ski Library, USDA National Forest Service and National Ski Areas Association, to name a few. And we have loads of friends in high places within the industry.



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March 6* to 15, 2014 & Barcelona & Madrid, Spain Mar. 15 – 23, 2014

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- Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival.
- Wi-Fi in lobby or hotel room depending on lodging property [see lodging options sheet]
- **Welcome/Orientation on March 8th at The Zermatt Alpine Museum**
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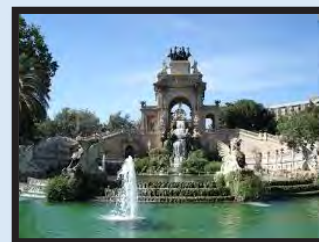
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Travel Expo 2013 – A Wonderful Success

by Sigrid Noack, Travel Expo Coordinator

Thank you Bay Area Snow Sports Council for hosting a fantastic convention. Everything ran smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy all the weekend activities.

One of the high points of our annual convention is the TRAVEL EXPO on Saturday morning. Our industry friends really value this one-on-one time with members of our ski clubs. It is an important time to get acquainted and start planning future trips with ski club delegates. Many club members came prepared with club profiles and club business cards, which was very much appreciated by our industry representatives.

A great big thank you to all our industry friends and ski club delegates, who participated in Travel Expo. And thank you also to our wonderful volunteers, who helped to set up the room and assisted throughout Travel Expo.

See y'all next year at Travel Expo 2014 in Bend, Oregon!



Above Michael Green and Hannah DeGoey, *Mammoth Mountain Ski Area* reps and Drew Jackson and Terese Jarvis, *Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort* reps (right) with a few club delegates



Michael Green (*Mammoth Mountain*)
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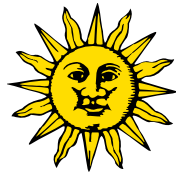
Jason Forrest (*Whitefish Ski Resort*)

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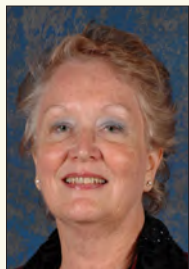
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Did You Change?

FWSA keeps a database on members, clubs, and councils. It is important that information in this database be current so that communications are received in a timely manner. Let me know if there are changes in club or council officers, changes in membership addresses and phone numbers, changes in members' club affiliations, or if your club or council has changed its meeting location. *Requests for information from the database must be sent to the FWSA President (Linda Scott) for approval before it will be dispersed.* The Far West Ski Association website (***fwsa.org***) has a *Ski Club Officer Update Form* that can be downloaded, completed, and mailed to me at:

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