

The 73rd Was the Biggest and Best Convention

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By Mike Sanford

Is it possible to write

WOW

bigger than last year? I hope so! What a party in Long Beach, eh? Thanks to everyone for all the energy and effort that went in to this year's party. I loved it and I wish we were still doing it. Although, I'll bet LA is a little tired right now. What a great time I had in Long Beach for our 73rd Annual Convention, celebrating our 75th year of existence! I don't know about many of you, but I had a blast and came home totally excited about how well we did on THE BIG ONE! The 75th was the biggest and best I have ever attended.

I want to take a moment and thank our friends and hard working teammates from Los Angeles Council and our Convention Committee. Many of you heard us thank them a number of times over the weekend, and I know they all believe that we are truly grateful for their efforts. They faced several chal-

lenges and I felt they met each with great success and true grace. I felt it all went swimmingly and the BOD/BOT was very pleased with the end result. To now Past President *Jacque Nemor*, to LA Convention Committee Chair *Catherine Ohl* and to all the hardworking *LAC Convention Committee*, FWSA is indebted.

Of course, my ultimate hope is that all Conventions could be as spectacular and enjoyable as this one but it is not likely we will

*Thanks to our
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Partners*

see this kind of effort repeated for some time. And, of course, I am referring to the over and above effort related to the history portion of this convention and the expanded effort in attracting maximum participation by our Industry Partners,



Mike Sanford, FWSA President

history related exhibitions, senior alumni and special guests. Thanks to all attendees for your time, time that I hope you think was well spent.

I can't stop the thank you's without recognizing *Jane Wyckoff* for achieving the highest level of sponsorships ever achieved for one of our little clambakes. We quadrupled our normal sponsorship intake! *Barbara Razo* also worked tirelessly to attract over \$116,000 in Silent Auction donations. Also, my thanks to *Bonnie West* for her effort on a wonderful Expo and to *Karen James* for serving as Registrar. You are the "A" Team. There is an additional list of volun-

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teers and friends of the Association deserving of thanks, too long to enumerate here, but I know you are aware of who you are and can only hope you realize your value to us.

Lastly, please (YOU) thank all our industry sponsors and partners every chance you get. They are so important to our success and we truly appreciate their generosity.

Our Special Guest list was a long one and made for lots of interesting interaction. I hope you enjoyed meeting these folks and took advantage of their presence to enlighten yourself on ski history.

As I enter a third year as your President I want to renew my

Far West Skier's Guide Deadline is July 31, 2005

FWSA officers and chairpersons, as well as council presidents who will be contributing to the 2005-2006 Far West Skier's Guide have a deadline of July 31, 2005.

If your copy is not received by this time, you will risk not having your article printed. Stories/photos can be e-mailed to fwsg@cox.net or sent to me at the address below.

Any images intended for print must be high res Tiff or J-peg files (300 dpi).

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pledge of service to you. I am honored you have expressed your confidence in me and have allotted me yet a third year to serve you. With the 75th now in the rear view mirror I want to focus on a few operational areas to improve service. I also want to work on developing longer-term sponsorship relationships with our convention partners so that we can rely on certain incomes and lessen the efforts we expend on recruitment. My take on our success this past year is that resorts are taking notice. They tell me we have one of the best if not THE BEST recreational show they attend and several are seeking ways to attach themselves for a longer term and more stable relationship. This is a significant turn of events and one we must take advantage of while it is still warm to the touch.

To the incoming Board, welcome. We have a lot to do. In '03, I laid out long term plans to affect our growth and path of progress for future years. Since then, our Board has been aggressive and focused on some of the significant tasks we identified. All this past year we have addressed these issues through concentrated planning sessions and you'll find progress reports on most of these issues in the VP or Committee Chair reports contained in your Convention CD. Many also appear on the web page. To those I am adding a revisit of our

Communications programs and awards and our effectiveness in database management. We have expended a lot of energy in these two areas and need to ensure we are focused on what the customer – YOU – really need and expect.

Steve Coxen just keeps pounding away with improvements to the web site and continues to make the site a more current and effective communication tool for all of us. *Catherine Ohl* has had the 75th Anniversary photos and post convention information available for weeks. Go visit it today.

Now that the 75th Anniversary Convention is behind us, it is time to focus on '06. *Steve Coxen* will return as the overall FWSA Chairman for the convention, and we're looking forward to an outstanding event in Phoenix at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass. Congratulations to *Arleigh Meiners*, the Arizona Council Chairman for Convention activities. He is already energized and working hard for another BIG ONE.

I am excited about the next year and look forward to serving you in the creation of a better FWSA. I am still a believer that a cohesive team, working together, can accomplish just about anything it wants. We can do that.



Telluride Grand Prize Donor for the Travel Expo, 20-Year Silent Auction Participant Appreciation Award Recipient

Mike Sanford & Tom
Watkinson

VP of Marketing

Partnering Up for a Big Event

By Debbi Kor-Lew

Boy, oh boy! What a great time we all had in Long Beach, right? We knew that the 75th Anniversary was going to be a big blowout, but WOW! The hard work, planning, and timing of everything came together so well. A huge pat on the back to the LA Council and for the tremendous amount of work done to help make this convention such a success!

I love our annual convention. It's such a great venue for meeting with old friends, renewing acquaintances, and making new friends. We work a little, play a little, and genuinely have a good time. It's such fun to get together with those folks that we only see one weekend a year. To catch up on what's been happening over the past year, what's happening now, and what's coming up in the future.

I so enjoy visiting with all of the industry reps from the various ski areas. There have been a few changes this past year, and a few new faces. I was pleased to meet with the new folks who will be working with Far West in the future. I feel truly lucky to be in the position that I am in, to continue working with such incredible people, and to be able to maintain the relationship that Far West has developed with each of them.

Nowhere is it more recognized, than at our annual convention, the tremendous generosity that Far West sees from the industry in the donations of trips and travel, ski wear or equipment, for the silent auction, or the many other areas of sponsorship that it takes to put on the high quality convention that Far West continues to produce year after year. Jane and Barbara have sent their thank you to the many sponsors and donors. However, I would like to add my thanks to our continued program sponsors: *Big White*

& *Silver Star* for their sponsorship of the Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year; *Aspen/Snowmass* for the annual Skier Safety Award; *Steamboat Springs* for their sponsorship of the Western Ski Heritage Award; and *Big Mountain & Grouse Mountain Lodge* for the Far West Athletic Scholarship. I would like to add *Schure Sports, Inc.*, who became a 2005 sponsor of a second Athletic Scholarship by their generous donation during

Ski Week. Without these folks, these particular programs could not continue as they do.

In 2004, as many of you remember, we published our beautiful 15-month Far West calendar. Many of you purchased one during Convention Weekend last June. To generate revenue for our organization this year, Tucker Hoffman came up with the idea of a raffle. The raffle was to be in addition to the silent auction, and would run throughout the weekend, with the winners being drawn on Sunday at brunch. Prizes were donated by *The Ski Chalet* in Portland, *The Ski Shop* in Albuquerque, *Mt. Bachelor* and *Eagle Crest Resort* in Central Oregon, *Bella Vista Resort*

near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, *Klaus Obermeyer*, an autographed poster, *AlpenHeat*, a great boot heater and to *Andy Vogel* for his beautiful Indulgence Basket. We raised a total of \$1100.00, of which a portion of the money will be donated to a named charity.

Have a great summer, everyone! Keep watching the website for updated member benefits.



Debbi Kor
VP of Marketing



Debbi Kor and Randy Lew
Both members of the FWSA Board, tied the knot

VP of Membership

Improved Communication is the Focus

By Barbara Bryant



*Barbara Bryant
VP of Membership*

What a tribute to the 75 year history of Far West Ski Association this year's Convention was! It's always wonderful getting together with friends who live hundreds of miles away from me. I am very proud and excited to be your new VP of Membership. I had the chance to chat with many other club members

about what they do to encourage the growth of their club membership. All seem to agree that bringing in young adults and families with children would be a good idea. I support FWSA's effort to plan and execute a fly-away trip for families in the near future. I believe it will benefit us as well as the families to offer reasonably priced trips with activities to interest young adults and families. Thank you to the 311 registered delegates who showed up in Long Beach. Of those, we had 267 voting delegates. To encourage new members I have several goals that I would like to accomplish:

- Improve communication between FWSA and its membership

- Increase exposure of FWSA to the public; I want **EVERYONE** to know who we are and what we stand for
- Along with the membership cards we distribute, I will communicate with each council / club and encourage them to publish an article in their newsletters explaining the benefits of membership in FWSA
- To promote the organization and membership in it, I plan to produce a FWSA video or DVD for distribution to councils
- Improve the election process at the 2006 Convention in Phoenix

The time for Direct Members to renew their membership for 2005-2006 is approaching. I will be sending out renewal letters to all 53 FWSA Direct Members. An application can also be downloaded from FWSA's membership web page.

It's also time to update your FWSA Ski Club / Officer form. Please return the form as soon as possible. Then, those who need the information can receive the Councilman.

Council Awards for Best Newsletter and Website



Council Outstanding Newsletter First

*Rinda Wohlwend (president), Mike Sanford,
Catherine Ohl (editor), Los Angeles Council (LAC)*



Council Outstanding Web Site First

*Mike Sanford & Steve Coxen (president)
Northwest Council (NWSCC)*

VP of Racing

Racing Looks Forward to Busy 2006

By Bob Ellis



*Bob Ellis FWSA VP of Racing
& FWRA President*

normal snowfall in 2006.

The race schedule this year will be full from beginning to the end of the season. The season will start with the Keystone Nationals at Keystone in Colorado on December 7-11, 2005, then continue on with race clinics and league races throughout California, Nevada and Oregon, and climaxing with Championship races in March and April.

The Far West Championships this year will be hosted for the first time by Kirkwood on March 17-19, 2006.

Kirkwood is famous for record snowfall, awesome powder, some challenging slopes and a quality race program. The Far West is looking forward to having some fun races, a great awards banquet, and a wonderful time at a resort we have not visited before for the Championships. This is a great opportunity to visit a great mountain if you haven't skied at Kirkwood before.

Most of the lodging at Kirkwood is within walking distance to the slopes, and the banquet will be in the lodge right at the base of the mountain. The parties for this weekend will be long and fun, and the skiing will be

This next year is going to be busy for racers and skiers. After a record snowfall in many areas in the western United States, a drought hit hard in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Skiers and racers are looking forward to a more

fantastic. Once again we will be having a Silent Auction at the banquet. Last year many participants walked away with great bargains from several of our supporters of racing that generously donated the Silent Auction items.

This time of year is also a time to review the possible winners of the Far West Ski Association's Junior Athletic Scholarship Program. This is the second year of the Scholarship Program and as of this date we have nine Scholar/Athletes that have applied to win this wonderful prestigious prize. Junior racers on their way to the Olympics need financial help before they are added to the Olympic Team. This program was begun to help a few

racers with monetary assistance, while they are young and on their way up through the ranks of regional and national sanctioned races. If you are interested in this program for your kids or friends, information about this program is on the FWSA website. The Far West Ski Association is accepting monetary donations for this scholarship program and hopes to continue to expand this program in future years.



Skiing at Kirkwood

Telluride will be hosting the Far West Ski Week this year, and I

look forward to managing the racing portion of Ski Week. Telluride has a great racing history and unbelievable skiing. Also, remember to sign up for another Far West Ski Week.

We will continue to foster and promote safe ski races and promote safe skiing. Remember it is better to ski or board safely versus doing something unsafe and ruining your season or someone else's season. Ski and board safely, and we will see you at the races.

VP of Public Affairs

History Expo Is A Smashing Success

By Scott Bowker



Scott Bowker
VP of Public Affairs

As part of the 75th FWSA anniversary celebration, FWSA conducted a History Expo which consisted of a Legends Reunion Reception, a Multimedia Presentation, and Sharing of History Forums. Also as part of the History Expo there were many wonderful history displays with outstanding photos, timelines, and stories. These were created by hardworking councils, clubs, museums, resorts/industry and other organizations. They were effectively coordinated by John James and Catherine Ohl.

The Legends Reunion Reception provided a wonderful opportunity to meet the special guests and notables in a one-on-one setting. Special guests included: *Dr. Michael Adams* (son of photographer Ansel Adams), *Billy Kidd* (1964 Olympic Silver Slalom Medalist), *Jimmie Heuga* (1964 Olympic Slalom Bronze Medalist), *Deb Armstrong* (1984 Olympic Giant Slalom Gold Medalist), *Doug Pringle* (Executive Director, Disabled Sports USA - Far West).

Glen Plake (Heavenly Lake Tahoe Ski.E.O.), *Bob Salerno* (1971 Professional Freestyle Champion), and *Chris Davenport* (1996 World Extreme Skiing Champion).

Other special guests included: *Marlene Finley* (Winter Sports Program Manager, Pacific Southwest Division of US Forest Service), *Laura Menozzi* (Director of Finance, National Ski Areas Association), *Richard Kun* (President of Snow Summit Ski Corp), *Joe Jay Jalbert* (filmmaker),

Notables included: *Bruce Campbell* (10th Mountain Division, 86-IM),



Howard Koch (10th Mountain Division, 86-C; National Historian & Southern California Chapter President of 10th Mountain Division Association Inc.), *Doug Pfeiffer* (freestyle skiing pioneer, long time editor of Skiing, NASJA), and *Walter Roessing* (NASJA - North American Snowsports Journalists Association)

The Multimedia Presentation included the following videos: Aspen, Billy Kidd, Deb Armstrong, Bob Salerno, Glenn Plake, Chris Davenport, Disney Skiing Cartoon (originally previewed at 1941 FWSA Convention), 10th Mountain Division (Fire on the Mountain segment), Disabled Sports USA, and Banff.

The Sharing of History Forums included: Challenges in Skiing Forum hosted by Sigrid Noack with Jimmie Heuga (1964 Olympic Bronze Medalist), Billy Kidd (1964 Olympic Silver Medalist) and Doug Pringle (Disabled Sports USA).

Early Days of Ski Resorts/Growing Up With Far West with the forum hosted by Steve Coxen & John Watson with Dr. Michael Adams, Marlene Finley (US Forest Service), Richard Kun (Snow Summit Ski Corp), Laura Menozzi (National Ski Areas Association), and Doug Pfeiffer (freestyle skiing pioneer).

The World of Free Skiing was hosted by Scott Bowker with Chris Davenport (1996 World Extreme Skiing Champion), Glen Plake (Heavenly Lake Tahoe Ski.E.O.), and Bob Salerno (1971 Professional Freestyle Champion).

Outstanding History Displays

By Scott Bowker

COUNCILS: Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Los Angeles Council, Northwest Ski Club Council, Orange Council, San Diego Council.

CLUBS: AEA Ski Club, Auslich Ski Club, Balboa Ski & Sports Club, Bergfreunde Ski Club, Big Pines Ski Club, Bota Baggers, Buckhorn Ski Club, Conejo Ski & Sports Club, Convair/Don Diego Ski Club, Eastern Sierra Ski Club, Edelweiss Ski & Sport, Grindlwald Ski Club, Long Beach Ski Club, Modesto Ski Club, Mountain High Snowsport Club, North Island Snowdrifters, Pacific Rim Alliance, Phoenix Ski Club, Radar River Rats, Sequoia Ski Club, Singles Ski Club, Skiyente, Torrey Pines Ski Club, Tri Valley/Woodstock Ski Club, Unrecables, and Yosemite Winter Club.

MUSEUMS: California Ski Library (Ingrid Wicken), International Skiing History Association (Doug Pfeiffer), Mammoth Ski Museum (T.J. Chase), Mt Hood Cultural Center & Museum (Sheri Parshall), US National Ski Hall of Fame, Western SkiSport Museum (Bill Clark)

RESORTS/INDUSTRY: Big White/Silver Star, B.C., Canada; Mountain Chalet; Red Mountain, B.C., Canada; Snowbird, UT; Snow Summit, CA; Steamboat, CO; Telluride, CO

ORGANIZATIONS: Jimmie Heuga Center, National Ski Patrol, 10th Mountain Division, California Chapter, US Adaptive Recreation Center, Western Lost Ski Area Project (Ethan Chickering)

I would like to acknowledge all of the wonderful contributions and effort by the many individuals and organizations mentioned above that made the History Expo such a rousing success.

Public Affairs Update Headlines - Area Development

By Scott Bowker

Arizona Snowbowl. Alternative 2 was approved on 3/8/05 in the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) & Record of Decision for Arizona Snowbowl's improvement and snowmaking proposal. Alternative 2 allows the following: Artificial snowmaking using reclaimed wastewater, lift capacity improvements, 74 acres of new ski runs, snowplay/tubing area, and improvements to the guest services facilities. To obtain more information, you can call Coconino National Forest Supervisor Nora Rasare 928-527-3600. This decision was appealed and then reviewed by Southwestern Regional Forester Harv Forsgren who upheld the decision for the Snowbowl Facilities Improvement Project on 6/9/05.

Bear Valley Mountain Resort, CA The Bottomley family sold the resort to Arapahoe Basin (Dundee

Realty USA) and is expected to close in July 2005.

Bitterroot Resort: This is a proposed resort to be located in Florence, MT It was discussed by county commissioners and Forest Service representatives. Tom Maclay's has stated that the resort could be one of the largest 4 season destination resorts with the largest vertical drop of 5,400 feet.

Mission Ridge ski area, WA. Snowmaking and chairlift improvements began in June 2005.

Mt Hood Meadows Ski Resort Snowmaking, OR. A decision is expected in December, 2005. The Mt Hood National Forest Hood River Ranger District Permit is Administrator Doug Jones at 541-352-6002.

Summit at Snoqualmie Pass, WA. A master development plan draft environmental impact statement is expected September 2005, and a final

EIS is expected February 2006. For more information, you can contact Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Team Leader Supervisor Larry Donovan 425-744-3403.

Timberline Express Chairlift Proposal, OR. A draft environmental impact statement was released 3/22/05, with a decision expected August 2005. You can contact Mt Hood National Forest Zig Zag District Special Uses Coordinator Paul Koehler 503-622-3191 x614 or at DEIS at www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/projects/

White Pass Ski Area Expansion, WA. A draft of the environmental impact statement (EIS) was released on 12/15/04 and the final EIS is expected January 2006. Contact Wenatchee National Forest Naches District Recreation Planner Susan Ranger 509-653-1446 for more information.

FWSA Welcomes New Council Presidents

By Michael German



*Michael German
VP of Councils*

Thank you Los Angeles Council for a wonderful 75th Anniversary Convention. Bring it on Arizona Council. The annual FWSA will be held June 8-11, 2006 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass (Phoenix).

Outgoing Presidents are Elaine Cobos, Arizona Council, Jacquie Nemor, Los Angeles Council, Steve Coxen, North-

west Council, Nancy Sanford, Orange Council, Judy Schultheis, San Diego Council and Barbara Bryant, Sierra Council. These Council Presidents did an excellent job of representing their home Council and the interests of FWSA membership. They will be missed.

Welcome to Marge Fons, Arizona Council, Rinda Wohlwend, Los Angeles Council, Mary Olhausen, Northwest Council, George Kish, Orange Council, Bobbie Owen, San Diego Council and Cliff Young, Sierra Council. Council Presidents ensure representation of Club Members by providing input and by voting on matters of importance to FWSA and its' member councils and ski clubs.

I will work closely with the Council Presidents towards the goal of improving programs and services offered by FWSA and the member councils. Another primary goal will be to ensure each and every member of FWSA has an opportunity to participate in FWSA travel, recreation, safety and history. We will make every effort to get a 2005-2006 Skier's Guide to each and every member of our FWSA community.

The Board continues to improve the process of Man and Woman of the Year. Thank you to Big White and Silver Star Ski Resorts for sponsoring the Man & Woman of the Year competition through the year 2006. This is a long term commitment. When you get an opportunity, thank Jim

Loyd and Michael J. Ballingall for their sponsorship. Congratulations to Steve Coxen (Northwest) and Barbara Bryant (Sierra) the FWSA 2005-2006 Council's Man and Woman of the Year.

The Board is continuing to work on an initiative to display FWSA information at each resort in the Far West. A safety poster from FWSA will be located in prominent places. This will attract more attention and members to our Association. Look for these posters at your favorite mountain resort this winter.

The Board is working on a family ski trip to Mammoth Mountain next ski season. The trip will be held during Mammoth's Ski Club Appreciation weekend in April. There will be many activities during the weekend with reduced prices and special events held for young adults and children.

I urge you to continue to check the FWSA web site for travel updates and new travel opportunities. Deposits are currently being accepted for Hawaii Cruise, China Adventure, Telluride Ski Week, Zermatt European Ski Week and Machu Picchu Adventure.

FWSA has numerous opportunities for ski club volunteers to continue their involvement in programs that have impact throughout the FWSA community. If you are interested in serving the FWSA Board, local council or your ski club, contact any board member and your services will be utilized and appreciated.

Council Awards

Newsletter

1st – Los Angeles
2nd - Sierra
3rd – Bay Area

Website

1st – NWSCC
2nd - Sierra
3rd – San Diego

VP of North American Travel:

Telluride Trip Still Has Openings

By Lynnell Calkins



Lynnell Calkins,
VP of Domestic Travel

Hawaii Cruise

If you hurry, it's not too late!!! Final payments are being made for our Hawaii Cruise.

Karen and

Harry Davis will be the trip leaders for our Hawaii Cruise on the *Pride of Aloha* the week of October 9 – 16, 2005. This seven day cruise visits the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui. Prices are as follows: \$1025 per person, double occupancy, for an inside cabin, \$1225 for an ocean view cabin, and \$1669 for a balcony cabin.

The price includes accommodations, meals, on-board entertainment and port taxes. Our cruise ship, the *Pride of Aloha* has six restaurants, thirteen bars and lounges, two swimming pools, five hot tubs, spa, fitness center, library, and a video arcade.

To sign-up for this trip, please call 800-301-9673, or use your credit card to sign-up on line at www.fwsatravel.com. Linda Botano at Montrose Travel can also arrange a two-night pre-cruise package at the Waikiki Marriott for \$169 per person. This includes double occupancy, airline tickets to Honolulu and ground transfers to the cruise ship.

2006 FWSA Ski Week

For those who can't wait until 2007, we still have spots available for our 2006 ski week in Telluride, the week of February 4 – 11, 2006. Lodging is available in both the historic town of Telluride and in the Mountain Village. Transportation between the two areas is provided by the gondola from 7:00 A.M. to midnight. Transportation in town is provided by The Galloping Goose, the free Telluride bus.

Telluride has groomed trails, bowls, glades and chutes for all skiing ability levels. The mountain has 24% beginner terrain, 38% intermediate terrain and 38% expert terrain. Prospect Bowl links the two sides of the mountain with terrain for all ability levels.

The Keystone Nationals

Presented by the Far West Racing Association

December 7 – 11, 2005

Keystone, Colorado

\$395 per person
excluding airfare

The Keystone Cup

At the Keystone Nations, there will be three days of racing, with competitions between Ski Councils from across the country in Slalom and Giant Slalom format for great prizes and bragging rights. Help your Council win the 1st National Championship.

Includes

- 4 Nights lodging at Soda Ridge Condos
- 3 days of lift tickets for Keystone Resort
- 3 day race program including Qualifying Race
- Awards Banquet Dinner
- Complimentary welcome party
- Complimentary Apres-ski party
- Complimentary Adventure Passport, good for activities throughout Keystone Resort
- All taxes and gratuities



**FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
2006 SKI WEEK**

TELLURIDE

February 4 – 11, 2006

Prices range from **\$700*** to **\$1100***

*Price does NOT include air or ground transportation.
Prices vary depending on lodging selection.

Price includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and the FWSA amenity package.

The FWSA amenity package includes:

- **Registration**
- **Welcome Party**
- **3 Races**
- **Mountain Picnic**
- **Apres Ski Party / Pub Crawl**
- **Farewell Awards Banquet**
- **5 of 7 day Lift Ticket**

For more information contact your Council Trip Coordinator:

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Central Council	Mary Alexander	maryalexander@sbcglobal.net	661-587-3671
Inland Council	Wayne Stolfus	spiderRx@aol.com	909-799-3118
Los Angeles Council	Bonnie West	travel@lacouncil.org	562-699-8880
New Mexico Council	Bob Stearley	dmstear@att.net	505-281-3755
Northwest Council	Debbi Kor	ljustwannarun@aol.com	503-682-1563
Orange Council	Jim Hughes	james.b.hughes-iii@boeing.com	562-429-1607
San Diego Council	Susie Vetter	sevetter1@yahoo.com	858-278-9026
Sierra Council	Debbie Stewart	gwstewart@prodigy.net	559-734-9294

Lynnell Calkins, FWSA - North American Travel, 2211-B Gates Avenue, Redondo Beach 90278
310-370-6948 phone/fax fwsatrvl@aol.com

Must be a Member of Far West Ski Association
CST # 2036983-40

Steamboat Wins the 2007 Ski Week Vote

By Lynnell Calkins

During our convention in Long Beach, the council travel committee heard presentations from five resorts that were prepared to host our 2007 ski week. The bid analysis and the ballots have been counted. FWSA is very happy to return to **Steamboat!**



skiable acres, Steamboat provides a variety of terrain for every level of skier. The trail classification is 13% beginner, 56% more difficult and 31% advanced/expert. There are definitely runs for every skier.

filled with groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, open meadows, and legendary tree skiing. The term “champagne powder snow” was coined in Steamboat.

During the 2004-05 season, Steamboat invested over a million dollars improving their chair lifts. Their uphill capacity is 32,158 skiers per hour. They have a total of 20 lifts which includes an eight passenger gondola and high speed quads.

The last time the FWSA ski week was in Steamboat was 1997, when we had 640 participants. Sign-ups for this trip will begin in March, 2006. So, plan now! Save the dates January 27 – February 3, 2007 to attend our Far West Ski Week in Steamboat.

Located in the Colorado Rockies, Steamboat is one of North America's largest ski mountains. With 143 trails, 3600 vertical feet, and nearly 3,000

Steamboat is a complete mountain range with Mt. Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Christie Peak and Pioneer Ridge. Steamboat's six peaks are

Consumer Advocacy/Trends

By Scott Bowker

Skier/Snowboarder visits: 2004/05 was the fourth best season ever with total U.S. skier/snowboarder visits currently projected at 56.4 million, down 0.7 percent from last year according to the annual Kottke National End of Season Survey. Snowboarding was flat at 28.7% potentially reflecting the weak Pacific Northwest season. Season passholder visits were flat at 29.5% in spite of a 7% increase in the number of passes sold.

Dollar sales increased: Winter sports market dollar sales increased: 1.9% to \$2.25 billion compared to \$2.20 billion in 2004 for August through March according to the season's final SIA Retail Audit while unit sales declined 7.8%. Twin tip skis dollar sales increased 26% to \$.9 million in specialty stores while snowboard equipment dollar sales decreased 3% to \$200.7 million.

Rescue Operation Costs: 3 backcountry skiers will pay \$1,200 for rescue operation costs when they ducked a rope at Breckrenridge and triggered an avalanche in Sky Chutes near Copper Mountain. Two of the skiers were employed as Copper Mountain instructors.

Interconnect Model: Big Sky & Moonlight Basin, MT to sell a combined ticket offering about 5,300 acres of skiable terrain and the 2nd biggest vertical U.S. descent at 4,350 feet. This is the 3rd such joint lift ticket in the U.S. for resorts with separate ownership to follow the European interconnect model.

World's highest gondola ski lift: Afarwat peak opened in May 2005 and is the highest gondola ski lift with 4,390 meters. It is located in Kashmir, India.

The Sediment Source Control Handbook is a new resource on Alpine erosion best practices. It was released in June 2005 by Sierra Business Council of Truckee, CA. This is a project that ski resorts, state agencies and scientists put together.

Rossignol: Quicksilver bought a majority stake in Rossignol from controlling Boix-Vives family March 2005.

Solomon: Atomic owner (Amer Sports Corp) will acquire Salomon from Addidas, effective September 2005.

New Guidelines and Deadlines for Contest

By Elaine Cobos



Elaine Cobos
VP of Communications

Well, the 75th anniversary convention is over, and now all the work for outstanding Wentworth Publication (newsletter) and website competitions starts all over again! Congratulations go out to all those clubs who participated in this past year's competition.

Due to the changes in entry format for the Tollakson Outstanding Club Award, we had double the participation this year! Let's keep up that growth. Congratulations to all the participants and winners of this award. Of course, Far West Ski Association (FWSA) is absolutely overflowing with outstanding clubs in all of our councils. This next year, we hope to get an essay from all of your clubs telling us about your outstanding club's activities. Please visit the website, www.fwsa.org for a complete list of criteria to include in your essay.

Congratulations also go out to all those clubs and councils who participated as well as placed as first, second, or third in your size classification for the Wentworth Outstanding Publication Award and the Outstanding Website Award. All entries were excellent and indicative of the hard working volunteers out there. You're all winners!

Special thanks go out to the judges from each club and council

who volunteered their time and efforts throughout the year to review entries. See the listing in this Councilman and be sure to thank them when you see them at your meetings, on the slopes, or the next convention. This program absolutely could not succeed without you as well!

I promised to make changes to this program and I fully admit I felt extremely challenged to fulfill this commitment. Some changes worked, such as the increased participation for the Tollakson Award, and some didn't. I have taken all your comments to heart, and I thank you for your candor. I can only wish that more people had contacted me (vp.communications@cox.net) a year ago back when I was first elected or early on in the process with their suggestions. Making changes to correct issues is difficult, as I'm sure you can understand, especially when they are only brought to light well after the competition deadline instead of beforehand, when I could have made a difference.

Please review the new guidelines and deadlines that will be posted to the website and note whether I have worked to address your concerns. If not, then let me know right away. After all, this competition is all about you and honoring the efforts of your clubs to communicate and provide value to your members at all levels - your club, your council and FWSA. Now, of course, it's time to sign up to be a judge for next year's awards.

Each club that submits their application **MUST** submit a judge for **EACH** competition in which they wish to participate. In other words, if you are entering for both newsletter and website, we **MUST HAVE** one judge for newsletters and one judge for website, for a total of **TWO** judges. We really need full participation so that we can make sure judges do not have to review entries in their own class category.

The judging criteria will be simplified again this year (judging of *one newsletter per quarter* and *one visit to the website per quarter*) to allow more opportunity for constructive feedback. Most people have found that to be the best part of the judging, getting ideas to make their newsletter or website even better for their members. I will be compiling all the comments received and sending them out to each club for improvement ideas - best in class.

Here are the changes we will implement based on suggestions received:

- Each newsletter and/or website will have two – four judges each, at a minimum, to ensure a balanced view of the entries,

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- Newsletter editors and webmasters, in addition to judges, will be sent the list of assigned judges so they can locate what clubs are judging them and contact them early,
- Classifications will be changed again this year, based on applications and comments received, to try for a better balance of entries. Class designation will be determined by the actual membership of the clubs as reported at the 2005 FWSA convention, unless the club wishes to remain in a higher class:
 - Level "A" 0 - 149 members,
 - Level "AA" 150 - 199 members,
 - Level "AAA" 200 - 324 members, and
 - Level "AAAA" 325 members and above

The deadline for judges and club/council entries is September 30, 2005, NO EXCEPTIONS. This early deadline allows for more prompt assignment of judges and compilation of information for fair judging throughout the year. For the 2005-2006 awards year, you can obtain entry forms either on the FWSA website, www.fwsa.org, through your council presidents, or by contacting me at vp.communications@cox.net.

Be sure to indicate which format(s) are available for your club publications. Again, it is very important to include someone from your club who will participate in the judging **FROM EACH COMPETITION YOU ARE ENTERING. Failure to submit a judge will disqualify your club for an award in that competition.**

Please indicate the format the judge would prefer to use when judging other club and council publications. Judging Criteria Competition Rules are also on the website. The judging timeframe is July 2005 through March 2006. That means each club and council should be saving one issue per quarter. When the judges are all assigned, clubs will receive their judges' information to contact them about mailing them newsletters.

Remember, newsletters and websites are the face of each club and paint the picture of the club's personality and atmosphere. Every entry is valuable and a viable part of FWSA. Don't forget that these forms of communication are your opportunity to make a good first impression to prospective new members as well.

Congratulation from Chuck Morse and Doug Pfeiffer

Congratulations to the LA Council's Far West Convention Committee.

Words cannot express how I truly feel about the FWSA 75th Convention. Fantastic. The BEST in the History of Western, or even National (USSA) SkiSport Conventions. Unbelievably a masterpiece of professional perfection, something that all of those who attended will remember the rest of our lives.



There isn't a thing the committee could have done better. I just wish it lasted a week so I could have spent time reading all the wonderful historical presentations word for word.

Your kindness and friendship to all those attending will last forever. I only wish there had been a reception line of all the volunteers so those of us in attendance could have shaken their hand and said a grateful "Thank you."

Chuck Morse
Former Executive Director, FWSA (and
damn proud of it)

And a Second

If Chuckles is making a motion, may I please second it.

Doug Pfeiffer
Ski Books International

2005 Host Convention Coordinator Chair

2005 Convention Will Not Be Forgotten



Catherine Ohl
Host Convention Coordinator Chair

By Catherine Ohl

Some have said that the 73rd Far West Convention was the BEST ever. I am inclined to agree but then I may be just a bit biased. But that's exactly what the great LA Council convention team set out to do—to make sure this convention would not soon be forgotten. With close to 300 registered delegates and hundreds more as guests, this convention is one for the record books.

As usual, the fun began Thursday night at the Pub Crawl with **Britt Johnson** leading about 120 happy revelers crawling up and down Pine avenue while enjoying tasty foods and mighty fine drinks at four great bars.

Friday brought some very special optional events to the convention as we took full advantage of our unique surroundings. The golfers gathered at 6:30 AM in the lobby to head over to Recreation Park for a round of 18. See sidebar on page 15 for fun details.

Barbara Kedwards led more than 60 people in the kayaking armada with help from **Karyn & Marty Purmot, Donna & Chile Holtz, Susie Yarian, and Joanne Seebach.**

Mary Albritton took more than 40 others to the Queen Mary for the “Historic” and “Ghost” Tours. The Ghost Tour guide definitely gave an academy award winning performance! Would you believe, one lady in our group had sailed the Queen years ago and still remembered her room number!?! [We did notice that some of our group had trouble remembering their room number at the Westin.] After touring, everyone enjoyed a fabulous lunch on board in the Promenade.

Melanie Dietz took about 20 people for a private guided tour of the Aquarium of the Pacific ending at Bubba Gumps for a delicious lunch.

The convention officially kicked off Friday night with the annual Silent Auction and, as always, there were many amazing deals to be had on trips and other items. Once again **Jane Wyckoff** and **Barbara Razo** did another great job. Our advertising paid off as there were more than 300 walk-ins in addition to our delegates. This explains why LA once again set a new record for sales revenue. Our thanks to **Grady Smith** [and his wife **Shelly**] for serving as auctioneer on his wedding anniversary. What a night! The “Welcome Party” was sponsored by **Big Mountain** and **Grouse Mountain Lodge** and the fine ale was donated by **Firestone Walker Brewery Company.**

As part of the 75 year celebration of our snowsport history, museums, resorts, organizations, Far West, clubs, and councils had amazing displays of ski history. Unfortunately, one would need a week to read everything that was so carefully researched and recorded. It was quite a kick to see so many of our friends, old and new, then and now, in the photos recalling our glorious past.

Saturday was a busy day. The morning was devoted to the Travel Expo, ably run by **Bonnie West**, where all delegates had a chance to meet with the ski industry, up close and personal, in eight ten-minute meetings. This is always a great opportunity for clubs and councils to learn about some new and different opportunities and catch up on changes in the industry. **Debbie Warzynski** won the trip to Telluride which was donated by **Telluride.**

After a short break, we all sat down to a fabulous King Salmon lunch. **Steamboat** presented the Western Heritage Skisport Award to **Ingrid Wicken** for establishing the California Ski Library. **Aspen/Snowmass** presented the annual safety award to **T.J. Barnes.** The first highlight of the day was the wonderful presentation of **Ansel Adams's** early photographs by his son, **Dr. Michael Adams.** Lunch was sponsored by **Intrawest Destination Resorts** and the fine ale was again donated by **Firestone Walker Brewery Company.**

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The activities after lunch were a departure from the typical convention faire as this time was dedicated to a celebration of our history. We began with a “reception and reunion” where everyone was given a chance to renew old acquaintances and remember when. The history exhibits were still available for viewing.

The reunion was followed by a multi-media presentation orchestrated by **Steve Coxen** where clips were shown of our very special guests—**Jimmie Heuga & Billy Kidd** [the first American men to win Olympic medals in alpine skiing], **Chris Davenport, Glen Plake & Bob Salerno** [our extreme skiing trio], and **Deb Armstrong** [’84 Olympic gold medalist]. There were also clips of the Tenth Mountain Division and Goofy’s “The Art of Skiing”, a cartoon previewed at the Far West Convention in 1941. The Multi-media presentation was sponsored by **Ski Big 3— Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine**. The fabulous desserts were provided by **Aspen/**

Snowmass and the ice sculpture for our mango martinis was donated by **Finlandia** vodka.



The final hour [or two] was spent in a choice of four informal presentations. **Jimmie Heuga, Billy Kidd** and **Doug Pringle** met to discuss “Ski Challenges.” **John Watson** hosted a session on “Growing up in Far West.” **Richard Kun**, Snow Summit President, and **Doug Pfeiffer**, former Snow Summit ski instructor, discussed “Ski Area Development in the Far

West.” And finally, the **Chris Davenport - Glen Plake - Bob Salerno** trio entertained many with their extreme spins on skiing.

Saturday night was dinner, awards, dancing and party time! The awards, always an important part of every convention, took up more time than normal as we took advantage of the additional guests to take “reunion” photographs of past award winners. The only “grass roots” award presented Saturday night was the crowning of **Steve Coxen** [Northwest] and **Barbara Bryant** [Sierra] as the Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year. **Big White** and **Silver Star** continues to sponsor this prestigious award. The dinner wine was donated by **Penfolds Wines of Australia** and hosted by **Vail Resorts**. The exuberant L’Amour Band was sponsored by **Mammoth Mountain**. The service awardees can be found on 18, 22, 23, 26, and 37.

On Sunday, the day started with the traditional 7 A.M. “eye opener.” Singles “**Wags**” **Waghorn** and her incredible crew—**Nick Carson, Dee Everts, Allen Elowe**— did an excellent job providing the eats. **Finlandia** donated its Lime Vodka for the Bloody Marys. After-

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Skiers at the Golf Course

On Friday, June 10, 2005, a morning filled with June gloom, 70 intrepid golfers attacked Long Beach’s Recreation Park golf course. Eighteen teams of ski industry and ski club golfers vied for prizes and bragging rights— both for team and individual glory.

After 5 hours of outstanding competition, the following teams ascended the proverbial victory platform:

1st place— **Justin Davis, Norm Kreutz** (Silver Star), **Bob Warzynski**, and **Debbie Warzynski**

2nd place— **Libby Arrigo, Brandon Bang** (Big Sky), **Val Clem** and **Eric Thompson** (Salt Lake City CVB)

3rd place— **Denny Bartlett** (Ski Big 3), **Bob Ellis, Adam Feehan** (Mt. Bachelor), and **Wanda Ross**

Not to be intimidated by these contestants, the team of **Norm Cullen** (past president of FWSA), **Casey Green** (Steamboat), **Dennis Heffley** and **Gwen Thompson** (Silver Star) were awarded the prestigious DFL title.

Individual honors went to **Norm (Gorilla) Kreutz** and **Linda (Gooch) Yamaguchi** for winning the longest drive contest and to **Laura Cuddie** (Destination Rockies), **Woody Hogan**, and **Kurt Schroeder** (Sportours) for nestling their tee shots closest to the hole. Congratulations!

Many thanks go to the people who helped make this year’s tournament so enjoyable. Heading the list is this year’s sponsor Snowbasin Ski Area, represented so ably by **Cyd Heatherly**. Thanks also to **Rick Malin, Jack Miller** and **Jacque Nemor** for their assistance. One final thank you to **M.C.** and **Harry Eastman** and to **Gene Fulkerson** for donating additional prizes.

On to Phoenix in 2006 for the next round!

wards, we all got back to the normal Far West business starting with the elections. Not even a slight earthquake during the Pledge of Allegiance could deter us from our path. No surprises here as all the incumbents were re-elected, with only two new additions to the board. The election results were as follows:

President	Mike Sanford
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The elections were interrupted for brunch and later followed by the club awards for outstanding club [Tollakson], newsletter [Wentworth] and web site. Council awards were also presented for outstanding newsletter and web site. See page 8 and 27 for club and council awards.

Photos from the convention, taken by our official photographer **Jim Degner**, can be found on the 2005 Far West Convention Web Site at <http://fwsa2005celebration.org/>. Please enjoy.

This convention and snowsport celebration was orchestrated by an amazing team of dedicated LA Council members. I am so very proud to be a part of this team. In addition to those mentioned in the convention wrap-up, I would like to thank the following people. **Karen James** did an amazing job as registrar. This is a HUGE task and she handled it with professionalism beyond expectations. **John James** worked miracles with the history exhibits which were enjoyed by everyone. **Laura Priess** did the grunt work tracking addresses of all the invited ski legends. We wouldn't have been able to keep track of all the convention tasks without the able minute taking ability of **Nancy Goettling**. Our wonderful entertainment and decorations were courtesy **Iris Williams**.

Nancy Sanford stepped up to handle an important task as hotel liaison. Grindelwald volunteers for registration were arranged for by **Fay Mumbauer** and **Norbert Knapp**, while **Judith Miller** provided other needed volunteers. **Ray Craig** did a fantastic job tracking all income. **Fay Mumbauer, Patricia Ortiz, Kay Cofield, Carol Shook, Andy Vogel** and **Gene Fulkerson** gave me sound advice and welcome support I didn't realize I needed. Besides handling sponsorships [other than ski resorts] **Andy Vogel** and **Gene Fulkerson** were indispensable in that they addressed issues before any of us were even aware of them. I owe Gene so very much for allowing and encouraging me to take on the convention. I couldn't have accomplished what I did without him.

Finally, kudos to the Westin Long Beach for doing such a fantastic job. **Stephanie Kim**, Convention Service Manager, was outstanding as she responded to all our wishes and needs in a timely manner. **Raquel Paredes**, Banquet Manager, was indispensable with the actual implementation—the meals were fabulous, the ballroom was reset in an incredible short period of time, and we never ran out of food. The Westin too had a great team.

Thanks everyone. You are the best.

The 2006 Far West convention will be at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona, June 8-11, 2006. Make your plans now to attend.



*Jacquie Nemor (Los Angeles Past-President),
Catherine Ohl (Convention Chair), and
Gene Fulkerson (Sponsorship)*



Silent Auction & Travel Expo



Participants

by Barbara Razo & Jane Wyckoff

FWSA and the Los Angeles Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 20th Annual Silent Auction and Travel Carousel participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners to the efforts of our Association. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2005-2006.

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Our FWSA Industry Family continues to grow strong and deep. We look forward to our next gathering of this wonderful partnership in Scottsdale for the 21st Annual FWSA Silent Auction and Travel Expo at the 74th Annual FWSA Convention. This is a must see venue and promises an enriching cultural experience not to be missed.

We Salute You



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Howard Koch and Bruce Campbell from the
10th Division with Deb Armstrong



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By Barbara Razo and Debbi Kor



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Convention sponsorships reached an all-time record this year we received over \$35,000 in cash, certificates, products and services (see a full listing on page 21). Appreciation is extended to our sponsorship committee: Jane Wyckoff, Gene Fulkerson and Andy Vogel.



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- A photograph showing a collection of ski-themed merchandise. In the foreground, there is a white ceramic mug with a graphic of a skier. Behind it, there is a blue ski bag or backpack with the word 'ride' and 'SKI' visible. To the right, there is a small figurine or statue of a skier. The background is dark and out of focus.



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Gene Fulkerson '95, Mike Sanford '98*

Wild, Wild Horse

FWSA Convention 2006

By Linda Westlund
Arizona Ski Council, Past President

Wild, Wild Horse is the theme for the 74th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention to be held June 8-11, 2006 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa, located in Chandler, Arizona. Just 11 miles south of the Phoenix International Airport on the Gila River Indian Community, this spectacular new resort is a great escape for travelers and locals. Five hundred luxurious guestrooms, all with private balconies and patios, are decorated with authentic art from the Pima and Maricopa Indian tribes. Wild Horses can be seen roaming the Sonoran Desert from the upper lobby.

The riverside oasis features cascading waterfalls as well as adult and children's pools. The Whirlwind Golf Club offers 36 holes of Championship Troon Golf designed by Gary Panks; home to the PGA Nationwide Insurance Tour each October. Convention attendees will have access to the Aji Spa with its 17 treatment rooms, fitness center, salon, juice bar, Watsu pools and wellness center. The Koli Equestrian Center offers trail rides and riding

lessons. Eight dining venues are available on the property; including "Fine Dining from James Beard" award winner Janos Wilder, upscale shopping, dining and entertainment is less than five minutes away at the new Casa Poaloma and Chandler Fashion Centers.

FWSA members can reserve their rooms now for the 2006 event, at a nightly rate of \$129 for single or double occupancy by calling (602) 225-0100, or booking online at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0507187395&key=12E83>. A direct link into our personalized meeting reservations site can be found on the FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.org>.

The Arizona Ski Council is proud to be hosting their third convention. The FWSA Annual Convention was held in Scottsdale in 1994 and in Phoenix in 2000.

You're going to love this destination!

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Charities & Our Community Chair Experts Discuss “Challenges in Skiing

By Sigrid Noack



*Sigrid Noack, Charities
& Our Community Chair*

Congratulations Catherine Ohl and our whole LA Council on another fantastic ‘LA hosted’ FWSA convention! It was wonderful having all the many celebrities and so many of you ski clubbers attending our convention in Long Beach.

I was especially excited to have two of our favorite Olympians, Billy Kidd and Jimmie Heuga, at this convention. Billy and Jimmie became very good friends after the days when they raced against each other. They won Silver and Bronze medals in the 1964 Innsbruck Olympics, where they

were the first American men to win any Olympic medals in alpine skiing. Billy has been at Steamboat for many years, taking skiers on mountain tours and being a great ambassador for the ski area. Jimmie founded the “Heuga Center” in Vail, Colorado, which provides support and assistance for individuals, who like Jimmie, have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

We were also very lucky to have Doug Pringle join us this year. Doug is the president of Disabled Sports, USA, and executive director of the

Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows, the Far West chapter of Disabled Sports, USA.

It was a thrill to have these experts as the center of our Saturday afternoon forum “Challenges in Skiing”. We had a small group, which gave us a feeling of intimacy, as everyone shared their experiences with skiing challenges.

Other VIPs contributing to this forum were Gordon Cardona, recent recipient of the FWSA Jimmie Heuga award, and past president of The Unrecables, LA chapter of DS, USA;

Dennis Heffley, president of the Bay Area Council; FWSA past president and Northwest Ski Club Council president Steve Coxen; and chairperson Sigrid Noack, past president of LA Council and The Unrecables.

A great big THANK YOU to all the participants for helping to make our forum such an informative and fun experience.



Jimmie Heuga Awardees

*(standing) KelLe Malkewitz ‘94, Billy Kidd ‘01,
(front) Mark Thoreson for Muffy Davis ‘05, Jimmie Heuga,
Gordon Cardona ‘02*

2005 Councils Man and Woman of the Year

By Mary Azevedo

The Councils Man and Woman of the Year in 2005 were exemplary examples of the best in the Far West Ski Association. **Steve Coxen** of the Northwest Ski Club Council and **Barbara Bryant** of Sierra Ski Council were selected as the outstanding man and woman for 2005. They were both the recipients of (2) five day lift tickets, lodging, and ground transportation at either **Big White or Silver Star**. They help their organizations promote skiing at the local, regional, and national level. The honorees have devoted untold hours to their clubs, councils, and race leagues. Steve is the immediate past president of the FWSA and spends countless hours making sure the website is up-to-date and visually appealing to its audience. Barbara has been Sierra Council president and will be assuming the office of VP Membership for the 2005-2006 term. The honorees won (2) two days of lift tickets, lodging and transfers to the resort at **Big White or Silver Star**.

Man and Woman of the Year Honorees

Orange Council

Jack James and Sallee Leslie

Sierra Council

Barb Bryant

Northwest Ski Club Council

Steve Coxen and Debbi Kor-Lew

Bay Area Council

Scott Bowker and Kathy Silver

San Diego Council

Cheryl Riess and Gene Fulkerson

Los Angeles Council

John Perkins and Elaine Guidotti



FWSA Nominees for Man and woman of the Year: Kathy Silver (Bay Area), Amber French (Big White/Silver Star), Jack James (*Orange*), Cheryl Riess (*San Diego*), Sallee Leslie (*Orange*), Elaine Guidotti (*Los Angeles*), John Perkins (*Los Angeles*), Debbi Kor-Lew (*Northwest*), Bruce Ballingal (*Big White/Silver Star*), **FWSA Woman of Year Barbara Bryant**, Gene Fulkerson (*San Diego*), **FWSA Man of the Year Steve Coxen** (*Northwest*), Scott Bowker (*Bay Area*), Jim Loyd (*Big White/Silver Star*), Donn Bryant (*Chairman*).

Arizona Ski Council

By Marge Fons



Marge Fons, Arizona
Ski Council President

We applaud the LA and Orange Councils for all of their hard work with amazing results at the FWSA Convention at the Westin in Long Beach, CA. What a convention! The bar was definitely raised for future conventions! Our thanks go to *Catherine Ohl* for her leadership in organizing this event.

We take our hats off to these councils as we start our journey of planning for the 2006 FWSA convention here in Phoenix, AZ. The 2006 convention will be at the Sheraton at Wild Horse Pass on June 8 – 11, 2006. As we witnessed a focus and celebration of the history of the ski clubs of FWSA, the history element will be repeated with the Native American history in the desert area. The Sheraton at Wild Horse Pass is on the Gila River Indian Reservation and the culture is evident throughout the resort- from the architecture, artifacts displayed and even some of the entrees in the restaurant! This will be the third time that Phoenix is hosting the convention.

This convention will be under the direction and expertise of *Arleigh Meiners* from the Phoenix Ski Club. Arleigh is another familiar face with the FWSA, and will be the convention coordinator.

Arizona Ski Council members were on the ball at the convention this year! Some of our clubs submitted entries for historic displays and for the competitions. If you ever had a question about skiing in Arizona, you should have seen the *Phoenix Ski Club* multi-media presentation! Their artifacts, newspaper clippings, and photos date back 50 years-wow! Congratulations to *Arleigh Meiners* and his *Phoenix Ski Club* committee for an outstanding exhibit.

Congratulations also go to *Linda Westlund* as she was re-elected as a trustee. She will join *Elaine Cobos* who is serving her second year as the VP of Communications, on the FWSA board.

In May the entire council board retired and a whole new leadership slate was elected. New, only to the positions they hold. All of these faces are familiar in FWSA and bring with them years of experience. First of all, there is our Vice-President *Sam Harris* of *Partytime Sports*. Our secretary is *Jeff Peebles* of *East Valley Ski Club* and originator of *Boeing Adventure Club*. Our treasurer, *Mary Beth Fitchlee*, of *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*, she was the AZ coordinator for the Lake Louise Ski Week. Of course we can't forget our Racing Coordinator, *Jaan Veehik* of *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*. So, this year's board brings a lot of experience and history to the table. Together they make up a powerhouse leadership team!

From being on different councils at different times the executive board recognized some immediate needs of our group. One of the main concerns that group members expressed is the need to be listened to and heard. Within the first month the executive board organized and conducted several small and large group retreats. One of the first meetings held was to meet with the Club Presidents and to find out their expectations and the needs of their clubs. Another was a board retreat open to all members, especially the newly elected ASC representatives. One of the most frustrating things for a newly elected member is that they do not know their role, expectations, some of the jargon, and the purpose and bylaws of an organization. The retreat was designed for just that. This made for a very exhausting month of May, but to give everyone an opportunity to become more familiar with the "job" made it very worthwhile.

The Second Annual Silent Auction is being planned for October 21, 2005. This year it will be held at the famous Wrigley Mansion in Phoenix, Arizona! Chairperson Jeff Peebles, with Elaine Cobos, and Ken Sparks are working to make this a successful event! Proceeds will benefit students of the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind. They can learn to ski with the help of TASP, (Telluride Adaptive Sports Program). We invite everyone to come and join us for the event and bid on some wonderful trips!



Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley



*Dennis Heffley
BAC Council President*

The Summer Equinox has taken place in 2005! This means that the days are getting shorter and the 2005 ~ 2006 Ski

Season is just around the corner! We in the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) are preparing for the upcoming season by assisting our clubs in "making a plan!"

On July 23, 2005 the BAC is hosting a Fun Day BBQ and Leadership Meeting. The invited guests are our BAC Board of Directors, club Presidents, club BAC representatives, our Open and Singles

League Race Directors and everyone's spouse or significant other. Two others are also invited: Mr. George Koster, who has been financially supporting the Race Program for BAC and FWSA; and Mr. Doug Pringle, who is the President of Disabled Sports USA.

Our "agenda" is to have a Fun Day where there will be good food, good energy, good conversation and a sharing of all of the tools and support that are available to our BAC Clubs through the BAC, FWSA and NSCF.



One of our many goals for the day is to assist our clubs in making a plan to not only invite "guests" to visit their club, but also how to retain them once they do show an interest!

The BAC is very excited to be considered as the Host Council for the 2007 FWSA Convention. We have a number of people who are already focusing their energy on this event! Los Angeles Council did an amazing job and we are looking forward to visiting the dry heat of Arizona in 2006!



*Nancy Kelly, Hans Georg Award
Member of Castro Valley
and Modesto Ski Clubs*

Teresa Barnes 'TJ' Wins 2005 Safety Award

by Richard Lubin, D.C.
"The Snowboarding Chiropractor"
FWSA Safety Chair

Safety is extremely important in snow sports. Ski resorts and manufacturers have made great safety advancements. Ultimately it is each person's responsibility to exercise awareness when participating.

The Safety Award is for the individual, within the association, that has done the most to promote safety through a number of criteria. This contest has been sponsored by

ASPEN SKIING COMPANY since its inception. We would like to thank Aspen's representative **Kris McKinnon and Mary Manning** for presenting the award.

While every ski resort promotes safety, Aspen has proven their dedication to making safety an important issue by rewarding these individuals with a fabulous ski vacation. This includes a 7-day package for 2 including airfare, lodging, 6 days of lift tickets, rental equipment, lessons, a mountain tour with an employee, and an appearance on the local TV show, Aspen Today.

This year's SPOY winner was **Teresa "TJ" Barnes** of the North Island Snowdrifters (San Diego Council). T.J., who is also a registered nurse, has originated a unique safety campaign for hearing impaired people. She related that some time ago, while skiing, someone called out to her that he was passing on one side. Because of her own hearing loss, she did not hear him and a collision followed. TJ has a come up with an organization called Hearing U Inc. She developed a distinct logo, which is a drawing of an ear with a question mark in it.

Central Council of California

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
Central Council of
California President*

The ski clubs in Central Council have been very busy this ski season. SLO Skiers and San Luis Obispo hosted two weeklong ski trips; one to Vail, Colorado; and a late spring trip to Park City, Utah. In addition, SLO Skiers went to Mammoth Lakes almost every month. Avalanche Ski Club in Bakersfield also spent most of the ski season at Mammoth. Camber Ski Club, located in Salinas, spent the majority of their ski time at the various resorts around Lake Tahoe. The clubs did all come together, however, to

support one terrific Central Council trip to Mammoth, and to support the FWSA weeklong trip to Aspen / Snowmass. What a great ski season it has been! It all ends July 4th, when Mammoth Mountain officially closes for the season.

Now that the weather has warmed and the snow has melted, Central



Council ski clubs have turned to water sports. Monthly trips to our local lakes will find most club members relaxing in the sun and enjoying the water on a variety of water toys. Central Council recently hosted the annual King's River float trip. This year we had 28 floaters on a variety

of flotation devices. The "trashiest" floater award goes to Scott from SLO Skiers. His four-part, makeshift, float dumped him and wound up in four independent pieces floating down the river in a heap. Scott thanks Jan for her valiant rescue! And What About Bob?...How did you wind up in the water instead of your boat???

Following about five hours of fun on the water, we all enjoyed cocktail hour with a blended drink contest (We were all winners in my opinion!) and a pot luck dinner. This is always such a fun event. Maybe we'll have 40 floaters next year!

Central Council has a new board with some returning members and some new faces. We are all looking forward to another great year of fun and camaraderie together. Visit us on our newly formed website: centralcouncilskiclubs.org, and see what we are all about.

Website Awards

The Outstanding Web Site Award is given to the club whose web site is judged best. Web sites are judged on a scale from 1-5 in the following categories: Layout, content, frequency of updates, usefulness, navigation, and ease of use. Club are assigned a category, from A to AAAA, with the larger clubs being assigned AAAA. See the VP Communications article for more details.

AA

- 1st – Mountain High
- 2nd – Motorola
- 3rd – Don Diego

AAA

- 1st – Pacific Rim
- 2nd – Phoenix
- 3rd – Action

AAAA

- 1st - Bergfreunde
- 2nd – No Island Snowdrifters

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

By Rinda Wohlwend



*Rinda Wohlwend
Los Angeles Council
President*

Hello! This is my first article for the Councilman as the new President of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs. I want to acknowledge and say a big thank you to Jacquie Nemor as Past President for her outstanding leadership and friendship. I'm so lucky to have her as my mentor for this year!

The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs was very proud to be a host council of the 73rd Annual and 75th Anniversary Far West Ski Association Convention held in Long Beach this past June. And what a fantastic convention it was! This Convention was special in so many ways. So good to see old friends and recall all the "old days".

Moving right along into summer, we find the LA Council clubs having houseboat trips, train trips, evenings at the Hollywood Bowl, wine-tastings, bike rides, kayaking, camping, lobsterfests, trips to Mexico, cruises, and the list goes on!

And, would you believe, as of this day in June, "our" Mammoth Mountain is still open for skiing from 7:00

A.M. to 2:00 P.M.! Talk about getting the most out of your season pass, wow! Several clubs will be there for Jazz Fest in July.

Farther along into Fall, on Sunday, October 23, LAC along with Orange Council will be holding our second "Shop 'til You Drop" event at one of the local ski apparel and accessory discount stores in the Redondo Beach, California. This year, in addition to food, drinks, music, prizes and a ride on the Virtual Snow dry-land ski ramp, there will be a ski swap.

Saturday, November 5, is our Snow Gala dinner dance which kicks off our ski season and honors our clubs Man and Woman of the Year contest. This year it will be held at the Marina del Rey Hotel.

Western Ski Heritage Prize 2005 Winner

by Scott Bowker

Ingrid Wicken of Oakhurst, CA, won the FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize 2005 for establishing the California Ski Library (www.skilibrary.com) in Norco, CA

The library contains an extensive collection of books, magazines, photographs, scrapbooks, oral history interviews, posters, brochures, catalogs, movies, and videotapes pertaining to skiing in the U.S. especially the West. Devon Purdy, Sales Manager at Steamboat Ski Resort, presented this prize on behalf of the prize sponsor **Steamboat Ski Resort**.

The purpose of this award is to raise the awareness of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of snowsports - competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role snowsports has had in its contributions to the communities in the West.

Ingrid is the author of the book *Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California* for which she won the FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award in 2002 and the International Ski History Association's Skade Award in 2003.

Ingrid holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Physical Education from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. In 1988, she was awarded her Nordic ski instructor's certification from the Professional Ski Instructors of America. An Associate Professor of Physical Education, she has taught at Riverside Community College since 1989. In February 2001, she presented a paper on Dr. Walter Mosauer at the second FIS Ski History Conference in Helsinki and Lahti, Finland. Ingrid's next project will be a series of books on southern California ski pioneers.

Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen



Mary Olhausen
Northwest Ski Club
Council President

Northwest Ski Club Council would like to thank the Los Angeles Council for hosting a VERY fun Convention in Long Beach!! We had an absolute blast at The Westin, presenting and viewing the history displays and chatting it up with the likes of all those great athletes who take time from their busy schedules to visit us at Convention!

Our hats are off to NWSCC Man & Woman of The Year **Steve Coxen** and **Debbi Kor-Lew**. **Steve Coxen** went on to be awarded 2005 FWSA Councils' Man of The Year. And congrats to NWSCC clubs, Bergfreunde Ski Club and Mt. High Ski Club, they competed in Outstanding Club, Publications & Website competitions and came away winners in these areas.

Our 7th annual "Clubs 4 Play" Golf Tournament will be held July 24th at the Oregon City Golf Course. Club teams compete in this event for the perpetual club trophy.

The Ski Shows are on our calendar!!
The Annual NWSCC Ski Fair will be

held on Wednesday evening, November 9th, 2005 at the Monarch Hotel. The Ski Fair is open to all club members and the general public. Clubs, ski resorts, industry representatives and several ski related non-profits will have booths to inform attendees about their activities and products. NWSCC Commercial Members donate items for the silent auction. Discounted lift ticket packages will be available from several Northwest ski resorts. November 4-6 will find us at the Portland Ski Fever & Snowboard Show, and our Seattle clubs will have a

booth at the Seattle Snow Sports Expo, October 28-30.

The NWSCC 2005-06 Travel Program gets into full swing starting with an early season ski trip to Breckenridge, December 7-11. This is another joint trip with San Diego Council which should be a blast (just like our trip with them last year to Vail/Beavercreek). Our council looks forward to FWSA Ski Week in Telluride. In February, Skiyente Ski Club is hosting a 4-day "family" ski trip to Big White. We'll be at Mt. Bachelor again for our "St. Patrick's Day" weekend trip in March, and April will take us to Whistler/Blackcomb for spring skiing.

Pacrat racing gets underway early 2006 with six races scheduled for Mt. Hood ski areas and the grand finale "Rat Attack" party in April. Pacrat racing information can be found at www.pacrats.org.

Ski area development is a big issue for NWSCC – we've set up a special section on our website, "NW Snowsports Advocates", to inform the skiing public about ski area development issues at resorts in

Oregon and Washington.

This site provides skiers the opportunity to take an active role in helping with ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans.



NWSCC held its annual elections in June. New officers include: *Mary Olhausen* (President), *John Reinhardt* (Vice President), *Jeanne Reinhardt* (Secretary), *Linda Coxen* (Treasurer), *Debbi Kor* (Travel), *Linda McGavin* (Publications), *Jack Folliard* (Pacrat Racing), and *Steve Coxen* (Immediate Past-President), *Barbara Parshall* (Commercial Membership Program/Advertising). Other directors will be appointed by the board in the future, as needed.

Please visit our website at www.nwskiers.org to find out more about NWSCC and all the great things our council and clubs are doing!!

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

By Bobbie Owens



*Bobbie Owen
San Diego Council
President*

The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs had several members, representing many ski clubs, in attendance at

the 75th FWSA Annual Convention in Long Beach. Everyone who attended the various activities from Thursday night's Pub Crawl to the Sunday brunch had a wonderful time. Awards were given to several of our clubs and council for their newsletters and web-sites.

The guest speakers were outstanding and the history program was phenomenal. We would like to thank L.A. Council and Catherine Ohl for a job well done. We would also like to congratulate our San Diego Man and Woman of the year, Gene

Fulkerson and Cheryl Riess, for representing San Diego Council at the Convention this year. They have both worked very hard and have done an excellent job.

Our elections were recently held and the new officers are: Bobbie Owen-President, Cheryl Riess-Vice President, Judy Schultheis-Treasurer, and Rusty Etzel-Secretary.

The annual picnic is scheduled for July 24th, chaired by Gene Fulkerson. This is always a great event for the council and well attended. We are in preparation for our annual Ski Swap which will be held October 22nd. Our annual Snow Gala will be held on November 12th where we will be selecting our new Man and Woman of the Year.

Our annual December ski trip will be to Breckenridge on December 7 – 12th. and our own Mike Sanford will be the Trip Leader.

We are looking forward to another great year of skiing ahead!

Wentworth Club Publications

The Wentworth Award is given to the club whose newsletters are judged best in the following categories: Layout, and content. Club are assigned a category, from A to AAAA, with the larger clubs being assigned AAAA. See the VP Communications article for more details.

A

1st – Unrecables

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2nd – Tri Valley

3rd – San Diego

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1st – Orange County

2nd – Torrey Pines

3rd – Pacific Rim

AAAA

1st – No Island Snowdrifters

2nd – Bergfreunde

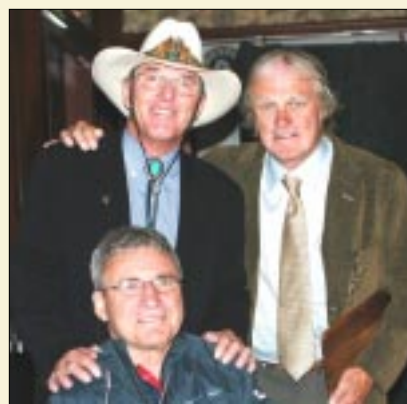
3rd – Apres

Jordan-Reily and Warren Miller Modern Media Award Winners



Steve Jordan-Reily Awardees

*Steve Coxen '03, Mike Sanford '00, Linda McGavin '98,
Ethan Chickering '04, Catherine Ohl '98, John Watson '91,
Marge Fons for Mark Udall '05*



Warren Miller Award

*Billy Kidd, Joe Jay Jalbert '05 recipient,
and (seated) Jimmie Heuga*

Sierra Council

By Barbara Bryant, Past President



*Barbara Bryant
Past Sierra Council President
and FWSA 2005 Councils
Woman of the Year*

Sierra Council's clubs are in full swing for a summer of fun and excitement. Since we live in paradise, many of us don't stray far from home in enjoyment of our beautiful mountains.

Las Vegas Ski Club's activities are many and varied. Club members enjoy tennis, TGIF parties; the Thirty-Third Annual Assault on Mt. Charleston Bicycle Tour; Colorado Day Raft Trip; Mesquite Spa and Get-A-Way Weekend; and the Lake Havasu Fun Trip.

Reno Ski and Rec will be busy nearly every day of the week with a variety of activities including live jazz Sundays at the Poolside bar; Monday night tennis; World Music Series on Wednesdays; TGIF's every Friday; a golf putting contest; ice skating at Squaw Valley; Shakespeare at Sand Harbor; hiking; the annual houseboat trip to Lake Shasta; Hat Creek Camping; Wine Tasting Overnight in Murphys and an overnight to

Tonopah, "Queen of the Silver Camps")

Sacramento Fagowees mourned the end of ski season with their annual End of the World Party; members enjoyed the 27th Annual Clam Dig to Dillon Beach; the club volunteers will be busy at Eppies' Great Race in July, a fundraising

triathlon with running, cycling, and paddling. Whitewater rafting on the American River; a Luau; and the annual Abalone Dive and Dine will keep members busy all summer.

Capital Ski and Sports Club, Code 3, Rat Pack, Sequoia Ski Club, Sugar Bowl Ski Club and Top Gun, are planning their summer activities such as golf and bicycling.

Sierra Council elected its 2005-2006 officers at the annual Awards



Picnic at Mt. Rose. After a morning of wonderful spring skiing, members met for a BBQ and potluck, awards celebration and elections. The following officers were elected: Secretary,

Kimberly Parkhurst; Treasurer, **Frank App;** VP of Travel, **Debbie Stewart;** Newsletter Editor, **Beth Perryman;** Statistician, **Neil Ordiers;** Web Master, **Pavel Bosin;** Head

Gatekeeper, **Keisha Curtis.** Committee chairs appointed for the year are **Paul Laudenschlager,** Race Practice; **Bill Ramoni,** Race Day Treasurer; **Kathy Ann Wilson,** Lift Passes and Logowear. Members will have an opportunity to vote in a special election July 9 for a new president.

Sierra Council is proud of Past President **Barbara Bryant** and Past Vice-President **Donn Bryant** for taking home several honors at the FWSA Convention in Long Beach.

Barbara was named Councils' Woman of the Year as well as the Terry Smith Award recipient. **Donn** was honored with the J. Stanley Mullin Award. Congratulations to both! **Barbara** also ran and won the election for Far West Ski Association VP of Membership.

Big White / Silver Star awarded Barbara a week's ski vacation for two at their resorts as the Councils' Woman of the Year.



*Donn Bryant, (Stanley Mullin
awardee) and Barbara Bryant
(Terry Smith Awardee)*

Judges for FWSA 2004 – 2005 Competitions

Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles Council and
Pacific Rim Alliance Snow Sports Club
Chris Miller, Northwest Ski Clubs Council
Judy Schultheis, San Diego Council
Norm Azevedo, Bay Area Council
Barbara Bryant, Sierra Council
Nancy Robinson, Arizona Ski Council
John Schilling, Arizona Ski Council, Motorola Ski Club
Marie Grillo, Phoenix Ski Club
Mary Olhausen, Bergfreunde Ski Club
Jerry Foley, Bergfreunde Ski Club
Emilio Trampuz, Mountain High Snowsports Club
Suzanne Lewis, Mountain High Snowsports Club
Maureen Taylor, Action Ski Club
Connie Smith, Don Diego Ski Club
Carolyn Blumenthal, Don Diego Ski Club
Don Violette, North Island Snowdrifters
Cheryl Riess, North Island Snowdrifters

Jerry Seifert, Torrey Pines
Dessy Vamporova, Apres Ski Club
Deborah Russell, Tri Valley Ski Club
Gordon Cardona, Unrecables
John James, Orange County Ski Club
Steven Rhodes, Snowchasers
Rinda Wohlwend, Tri Valley Ski Club
Laura Meldrum, Torrey Pines Ski Club
Robert Schell, Las Vegas Ski Club
Mary Azevedo, Snowchasers
Dorothy Pantel, Apres Ski Club
Kathy Stewart, Capital Ski Club

Tollakson Judges:

Bob Wilbanks, National Ski Club Newsletter
Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Industry Marketing Representative
Leigh Gieringer, Far West Skiers' Guide
Judy Schulteis, San Diego Council

FWSA Past Presidents



(L to R) Paul Arrigo (1991-93), Steve Coxen (2000-03), Harry Davis (1996-00), John Watson (1971-73), Jane Wyckoff (1981-85), Mike Sanford (2003-present), Norm Cullen (1993-96), Dick Goetzman (1969-71)

Far West Ski Association Awards

Ski Athletic Scholarships

By Robb Margrave

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Athletic Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to junior alpine ski racers.

Big Mountain Resort and Grosse Mountain Lodge, Montana, were our first sponsors of the fund. Announcements were sent to ski resorts and USSA affiliated clubs in the six western states where FWSA councils and/or clubs exist. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant had to be a United States Ski Association (USSA) or Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA) affiliated athlete, competing at the J1 (ages 17-18) or J2 (ages 15-16).

The two FWSA scholarships were awarded to Brandy Barna and Martin Harris.



Brandy Barna races for the Sugar Bowl Ski Team and is in her first year as a J1 athlete. At the beginning of the 2004-2005 race season, she was ranked seventh nationally by FIS (International Ski Federation) and eighth nationally by USSA in both slalom and giant slalom events. In addition to her success on the race course, she was selected by her school to attend “Girls State”, an honor awarded to a single student by each high school in California. She’s also listed in “Who’s Who Among American High School Students for the third consecutive year, an honor achieved by only 1% of all high school students nation wide. She also maintains a 3.8 GPA at Tahoe Truckee High School.

Martin Harris maintains a 3.69 GPA at South Lake Tahoe High School while racing with the Heavenly Ski Team and is in his second year as a J2 athlete. In his first year as a J2, Marty achieved notable results in both GS and slalom events at USSA regional events. He qualified for the J2 National Championships at Lake Placid where he placed fifth in the slalom. In 2004, Marty attended his first FIS races, an experience from which he will benefit in his last year as a J2 athlete.



FWSA wishes to welcome **Schure Sports, Inc.**, the makers of **Karbon** brand ski clothing to our growing list of sponsors. Applications for 2005-2006 racing season are due not later than May 31, 2005, with scholarships awarded by the end of June 2005. This year J1, J2 and J3 athletes are eligible for scholarships. J3 athletes ages 13 and 14. More detailed information concerning applying for these scholarships, plus the application form, is available on the FWSA web site at www.FWSA.org, then click on About FWSA.

Western Ski Heritage Prize 2005 Winner

by Scott Bowker

Ingrid Wicken of Oakhurst, CA, won the FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize 2005 for establishing the California Ski Library (www.skilibrary.com) in Norco, CA which is an extensive collection of books, magazines, photographs, scrapbooks, oral history interviews, posters, brochures, catalogs, movies, and videotapes pertaining to skiing in the U.S. especially the West. Devon Purdy, Sales Manager at Steamboat

It recognizes outstanding effort in the area of snowsports history to find, preserve, document and share the history of snowsports in the West.

Highlights of the California Ski Library include:

- Approximately 2,000 books on skiing, winter sports, and the Winter Olympics.
- Ethel Van Degrift Collection - Van

from one of California's founding ski journalists.

- Wolfgang Lert Collection - Extensive collection of photographs documenting ski racers, Western ski areas, and the 1960 Squaw Valley Winter Olympics.
- Hundreds of periodicals including Ski, Skiing, Snow Country, Powder, Cross Country Skier, Ski Illustrated, Western Skiing, ski annuals from the U.S. and other countries, and many regional ski publications.
- Extensive collection of ski columns by Frank Elkins, Oliver Kehrlein, Luanne Pfiefer, Burt Sims, Ben Tarnutzer, Ethel Van Degrift, and Carson White.



Western Ski Heritage Award

Billy Kidd (Steamboat), Jane Wyckoff,

Chuck Morse, Ingrid Wicken '02 & '05

Ski Resort, presented this prize to Ingrid on behalf of the prize sponsor (Steamboat Ski Resort).

The purpose of the Association's Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of snowsports participants and non-participants alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of snowsports - competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role snowsports has had in its contributions to the communities in the West.

Degrift was an Associate Editor for Ski Illustrated and the ski columnist for the Los Angeles Times from 1939 to 1954. The collection consists of thousands of photographs and ephemera, as well as books and periodicals.

- Cecil Charles Collection - Charles photographed California Skiing and ski area growth for more than 30 years, from the 1940s through the 1970s.
- Carson & Vi White Collection - A collection comprised of more than 50 years of ski columns, photographs, ski club memorabilia, and ephemera

Ingrid is also the author of the book "Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California" for which she won the FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award in 2002 and the International Ski History Association's Skade Award in 2003. Ingrid holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Physical Education from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. In 1988, she was awarded her Nordic ski instructor's certification from the Professional Ski Instructors of America. An Associate Professor of Physical Education, she has taught at Riverside Community College since 1989. In February 2001, she presented a paper on Dr. Walter Mosauer at the second FIS Ski History Conference in Helsinki and Lahti, Finland. Ingrid's next project will be a series of books on southern California ski pioneers.

The Far West Volcano is Not Extinguished

By John Watson

The annual meeting was extraordinary, fantastic, stimulating and FUN! I'd have to say that Los Angeles Council team has set the bar for all future conventions. Catherine Ohl did a spectacular job putting together a series of highlight panels on Far West history and events, as well as the best ever convention banquet program. Best ever also applies to the Skiers Guide by Leigh Gieringer. The music was great. The Sunday eye-opener actually had HEALTH FOOD, thanks to "Wags" Waghorn of Single Ski Club. Awards, and we had a slug of them, will be covered elsewhere. I was very impressed with the Schatzi Wood honorees. We have a powerful bunch of ladies.

But there were two big payoffs for attendees beyond even these superb achievements. The club, organization and area panel displays certainly exceeded all expectations. I spent half my time at the meeting studying each one. One thing about history: the more you learn the more you know you don't know. So, I learned a lot and I thank all those worker-bees out there for their lessons in ski history.

I certainly hope that these panels will be saved, because they make excellent recruiting and public recognition tools. The California Ski Library and Ingrid Wicken would certainly accept any for which storage is unavailable. I urge you authors and producers to use 'em, save 'em and archive them. More about that later.

The second big payoff was the number of old-timers and biggies that showed up. I have to mention Chuck Morse, who has been at the focal point in the development of organized recreational skiing for 40 years; Royall Brown, ex-Langlauer and chairman of the 1972 Public Lands Advisory Board; John Rosekranz, designer of the FWSA logo and former racer and official; Dick Kun, former junior racer, author and



operator of Snow Summit; Doug Pfeiffer, ski historian nonpareil and part of the National Ski Hall of Fame Committee; Gloria Slate, former Southern Council officer from Edelweiss – and those were just some of our own luminaries. Two fit WW II veterans from the Tenth Mountain Division, Bruce Campbell and Howard Koch honored us at the Saturday luncheon.

We were honored again this year by the presence of Jimmie Heuga and Billy Kidd. Billy and Devon Purdy presented the fourth Western Ski Heritage Prize from Steamboat

Springs Resort to Ingrid Wicken for her groundbreaking work on the California Ski Library in Norco. THANK YOU Steamboat for your continuing support. We did pass a resolution to try and sustain grass roots historical momentum by recommending a history slice at all future conventions. Maybe a designated focus item or two at each.

The panel sessions were recast this year with very positive results. We could have stayed another two hours in the panel session I was in, which included Michael Adams, Dick Kun, Doug Pfeifer, Marlene Finley, Pacific SW Region USFS, and Laura Menozzi, NSAA Director of Finance. It was a wide-ranging discussion including some very scholarly history from Pfeifer and Kun, skier day statistics and economic outlook, and perspective and status from the Forest Service.

The feedback from the Xtreme skier panel was very positive and touched on several safety issues. These guys are not only good they're smart. They are very concerned with the beginner skier and creating new skiers.

At first, I didn't see the connection between Michael Adams and skiing. And I was wary, because I knew his father Ansel Adams' work had been used by the Sierra Club to raise money for their opposition to lift-served skiing after the passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964. Getting Michael Adams was a stroke of luck or genius or both. The photographs of

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Ansel Adams and his stories of the expeditions to get them, many of which were on skis and packing in cumbersome equipment into the heart of the Sierra, were nothing short of spectacular. Many of these photographs have never been published. Adams' work is comparable to the historical photography of the Colorado River in the 1869 by Major John Wesley Powell.

The 75th birthday is still buzzing in my brain and I can still picture many displays and the faces of old friends. So, I've been thinking of some practical things to mention. For all historians, some advice. Keep all rosters; label all pictures with at least the year and as many names as possible; plan out your ultimate products (CD, DVD, hardcopy) and make them have as many "other" applications as possible; and start at least a year ahead of the

scheduled rollout. Judith Miller, a runner-up for the WSH Prize, can offer consultation on these very topics, as can Catherine Ohl, a past winner. One of the things on which Far West must take a long-term commitment is to electronically preserve the records of organized skiing. It will be a big job.

For newsletter editors, John Rosekranz has put many of his drawings, logos, cartoons, pins, etc., generated over 35 years, on the web. You can contact him at johndsgn@comcast.net and his website is <http://amuseum.home.comcast.net>.

This was certainly the most impressive Far West convention I've been to, and I've been to nearly 40 of them. Except for the house police threatening to throw us out on Saturday night

after the dancing, I would say we were rather staid, though. Nobody dropped anything off the Balclutha into San Francisco harbor, there were no protests over "human body rights," no couples got into a quarrel, no competing banners were kidnapped, and no dignitaries had to be put to bed.

Up there on the great cruiser slopes in the sky, Stan Mullin, Sut Kunkel, Bill Berry, Wendell Robie and their host are smiling down on us and saying "keep up the good work." Some of their younger companions make it "rock on." Over to you, Zonies, for 2006. Let's keep it rockin'.

I can tell you this. The people that make Far West happen are also a great generation. The Far West volcano is not extinguished.

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Friday Night Silent Auction

Mike Sanford, with Special Guests: Billy Kidd, Deb Armstrong, Jimmie Heuga, Chris Davenport, Glen Plake, Bob Salerno



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Eileen Sanford (wife of president Mike Sanford) with Dr. Michael Adams*

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