

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2018-2019

S.N.O.W. Sports Museum: The Sierra Nevada Olympic Winter Sports Museum welcomes visitors and locals, families and friends to enter the museum from the upper parking lot in the Squaw Valley Park. Follow the right hall to experience the amazing story of the 1960 Winter Olympics — How did it happen? What made it work? Why was it “The Best Olympics Ever?” **This** is what we have to look forward to once the museum is up and running. *DONATE ONLINE or BY MAIL:* SVSMF | P.O. Box 2697 | Olympic Valley, CA 96146. The Squaw Valley Ski Museum Foundation is a California 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Donations are tax deductible

News From Sun Peaks: Sun Peaks was excited to be the first resort in British Columbia to begin winter operations on Nov. 17, kicking off another wonderful winter season. They are expanding their complimentary in-resort shuttle service, with a new evening schedule, which will run from 4:30 to 10:30 daily. This new shuttle is a great way for guests staying outside the village core to get home safely after dinner, or a night on the town. Also new to the community this season, is Sun Peaks Taxi. An independently-owned and operated business, it will be running two vehicles this winter. They are available 24 hours a day to help transport guests throughout Sun Peaks and beyond.

Nancy Greene Inducted Into Canadian Tourism Hall of Fame: On Tuesday, November 27, the Tourism Industry Association of Canada welcomed **Nancy Greene Raine** as the newest inductee into the *Hall of Fame* during the 2018 Tourism Congress in Gatineau, Quebec. An active promoter of winter sports, following her retirement from ski racing, Nancy has always believed it is vital to highlight the incredible skiing and snow sports offered in Canada in order to bolster winter tourism to the country. The Hall of Fame induction is a fitting acknowledgement of her tireless work to promote Canada as one of the world's premier ski destinations.

Come See And Ski With Glen Plake This Winter: Longtime athlete and ski industry legend, **Glen Plake**, is bringing the *Down Home Tour* back to small ski areas across the U.S. this 2018-2019 winter season. The “*Down Home Tour*” is intentionally unplanned, with no set schedule or official way to sign up. It's all about being in the right place at the right time. Hosted by Glen and his wife, Kimberly, out of their 38-foot custom Freightliner rig, the tour route is set on a whim, depending upon weather and ski conditions. Their itinerary is loosely planned to travel through the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic to New England from mid-December 2018 through January 2019, parking their custom rig in ski area parking lots, skiing with locals and celebrating good times on snow. Watch your local ski shops and ski news to find out when the *Tour* may be in your area this winter.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Ski Week, 2019: **Space is still available.** February 2-9, 2019, are the dates for the Far West Ski Week trip to *Steamboat*. “*A Night at the Movies*” is the theme for this year's ski week. Councils are encouraged to select a movie and have participants dress as characters from the movie.

We will hold an Academy Awards Ceremony at the Thursday night Banquet and hand out various awards. Contact your Council Trip Leader or Nancy Ellis to sign up: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or (530) 414-8261.

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

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

2019 Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip: *TOPLESS CRUISE!* Any guys out there looking for a cabin on an AWESOME Cruise? Ladies will most likely want to keep theirs' on.... **BUT, we do have room for YOU!** The 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip will be aboard the *NEW* sailing vessel *Vela*. The ship departs Tortola and will sail May 19-26, 2019. Extended stay on the island of Tortola will be available. Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2019-FWSA-Windjammer> for more information. She assures me that there are still three cabins available..

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

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

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

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

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs:

- **Greek Island Trip – May 3-11, 2019.** This trip will be through Mayflower Tours and Cruises. Contact Eileen Sanford (esanford660@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Australia and New Zealand – October 13 - November 1, 2019:** SDCSC will be doing a trip through Australia and New Zealand, with a pre-trip to *Melbourne, Alice Springs* October 9-13, and post-trip to *Fiji*, November 1-5, 2019. Grand Circle Tours will be the tour operator on this amazing trip to *Cairns and Sydney, Australia; Queenstown, New Zealand, Rotorua, and Auckland*, before returning back home. Contact Eileen Sanford (esanford660@gmail.com) for more information.

Northwest Ski Club Council: NWSCC held their Christmas Meeting/PACRAT Bib Pick-up and Annual Pie Auction on December 5th, raising \$600 for the Far West Ski Foundation. The Council's Man and Woman of the Year were announced: *Becki Robinson*, Bend Ski Club, and *Ryan Rooper*, Cascade Ski Club. These two will join the other Council nominees at the 2019 Convention in Indian Wells, CA for the final judging and selection of the Far West Council's Man & Woman of the Year, sponsored by Big White Ski Resort.

Intermountain Ski Council: Intermountain Ski Council is heading to Sun Valley, January 5-12, 2019 and is inviting any FWSA Council member to join them for a week of fun. You can choose from a room at the Sun Valley Lodge, or a Sun Valley Condo. Kids ski FREE with each paying adult and 3-nights lodging. **ACT FAST** if you still want to join this group for some fun! Check with Paul Markowitz, President of Intermountain Council for further information: pmarkowitz@cablone.net.

FAR WEST FOUNDATION

Far West Ski Association Turning 90: John Watson, Foundation Chairman, has suggested that FWSA and its' clubs and council's, set a "**Founders Day**", to celebrate the founding of our particular clubs and councils. We have over 20 clubs, and 1 council who have been designated historic groups. (Founded prior to 1969). John has suggested the clubs mark the day of their beginning and celebrate it each and every year.

Far West is turning 90, on October 7, 2020. This marks the day in 1930, that a luncheon was held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, involving skiers, state officers and businessmen, and from that luncheon a decision was made to form an organization called the California Ski Association. Over the years the affiliation has changed a couple times to get us to where we are today, now known as **Far West Ski Association**. October 10, 2020 has been selected for the date to celebrate our 90th birthday, and for one and all to join us in San Francisco, at the Palace Hotel for that celebration. More info will be posted as it is made available. However, we will be celebrating our birthday at the 2020 Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon May 28-31, 2020.

Other Foundation News: FWSA Heroes. Every organization has a member or members that are unforgettable, but rarely recognized. Someone who has contributed greatly to the success or enhancement of snowsport or your particular organization. The Foundation would like to create a standard display for the History Table at Convention to display your hero's picture and a short description of what he and she has done to receive the honor. For more information, contact John Watson at: fwsa.watson@gmail.com.

California Ski Library. The California Ski Library holds photos, records, posters, equipment, books, and all sorts of memorabilia related to skiing worldwide, but with a special focus on Southern California. Ingrid Wicken, Far West "Western Ski Heritage" award recipient (twice over) is planning to double her space in the library. The Foundation is starting a campaign now as part of its Education mission to

support the expansion of the Library. Club and Council involvement is needed, as well as donations. Ingrid will have a display at the 2019 convention in Indian Wells, California, at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, June 13-16, 2020.

As a devoted skier or snowboarder, you may make contributions to a number of funds that support our Foundation missions in 2019. You may use PayPal, at no cost to you or the Foundation, for gifts to the Far West Ski Foundation...or send a check to our Treasurer at: John O. Reinhardt, 6105 SW Sheridan St., Portland, OR 97225, or to any FWSF Trustee.

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**Far West Skier's Guide Digital Edition:** The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Edition of the *Far West Skier's Guide*, is currently out in the racks at your favorite ski shop, and the digital edition is now available on the Far West website. Check it out: [www.fwsa.org/communications](http://www.fwsa.org/communications). Thank you, Leigh Gieringer, for another awesome issue!

**Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year's  
to you all!**