

Tommi Tyndall Award

Holidaze Ski Tours

Years of Service: 2019-2021

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It is our pleasure, and with great pride, to nominate the McErlean family, owners of the *Holidaze Ski Tours* for the *Tommi Tyndall Award*. They have been actively involved with the ski and snowsports industry since 1963 by starting to organize bus trips on the east coast to Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Their success in organizing domestic trips continued to grow in the early days, then they had the idea to plan an international trip to Innsbruck, Austria. The bus trips grew to 400-500 people. The international trips started small and continued to grow as the “word got out”. Currently they have expanded their travel destinations to Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Spain and other countries throughout Europe and the world.

Holidaze Ski Tours began working with various FWSA clubs, councils and the association beginning in 1977. They offer world-wide, high quality ski, adventure and travel experiences including sea cruises, bike and barge river cruises, touring programs and much more!

Their exceptional business relationship truly benefits FWSA. Some of those include the airlines, many accolades from various Tourism Boards such as: “*Golden Roof of Tourism*” by the Tourist Board of Innsbruck and its 25 Holiday Villages for “*Extraordinary Services in Winter and Ski Tourism*”; and the “*Gold Medal of Tourism*” by the Government of Austria.

For nearly 40 years, Holidaze Ski Tours has exhibited a strong dedication to the sport of skiing and adventure travel, and their commitment and continued support with FWSA for the past 23 years, is extremely valuable. Whether it's sitting as a panelist during our Snowsports Leadership Academy, making contributions to the Silent Auction, sponsoring an activity or event, or simply being there to answer questions as a travel advisor, FWSA appreciates all they do to make our ski week, pre and post trips and adventure excursions memorable!

As we all know, this past year was unprecedented. Holidaze Ski Tours worked closely with our VP of International Travel to postpone and rebook our international trip to Sölden, Austria without FWSA losing one penny! They negotiated with their international vendors to include a clause to address unique and unforeseen negative situations, not only to protect FWSA, but also our member travelers.

The McErlean's (*Holidaze Ski Tours*) commitment and love for snowsports is exemplary while being responsible, objective, genuine, sincere, reliable, honest, empowering to others, and extremely dedicated to this sport they believe in. They are truly ambassadors for recreational skiing, snowsports, travelers and their contributions are proof that they are deserving of this honorable recognition by receiving the *Tommi Tyndall Award*.

