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Membership in Pacific Rim Alliance gives you membership in LA Council of Ski Clubs (LAC), San Diego Ski Council (SDSC) and the Far West Ski Association (FWSA).





the Alliance

Big White-

The first trip of the new year is fast approaching. This winter Big White was the first resort in North American to open (October 20, 2001) with 100% natural snow. Their snow pack, so very light and dry, has so far been the best in their long history. *If you are at all interested in joining us for this trip, call us immediately as we may still be able to get you on.*

Les Deux Alpes-

Our second trip of 2002 is scheduled to France the first week of March. *This trip is full but if you contact us immediately, we may still be able to add you.* This area is one many American have never been to. If you were watching the Tour de France, this is near the spot that **Lance Armstrong** won his first stage in the mountains. It is quite spectacular.

The Les Deux Alpes area offers glacial skiing at the top along with one of the most famous expert resort called La Grave. Good skiers will talk about this for years. There is also an unbelievable ice cave on the mountain. Skiers and boarders will enjoy the immensity of the area which offers riding for all ability levels. There is plenty of night life and shopping for everyone. Side trips will, of course, be available. And for those who want to go off on their own, there is daily bus service to Grenoble available.

Costa Rica—

While we are still finalizing our fall trip to Costa Rica, we are taking deposits (see page 7). This is going to be one of those great Ecological Adventures you won't soon forget. We will be visiting two areas – Manual Antonio Park (Quepos) and Arenal Volcano. Both areas offer many adventures including the canopy safari, hiking, rain forests, kayaking, biking, horseback riding.

Manual Antonio Park, the most visited in Costa Rica, is a beautiful primary forest rich in fauna, flora, exotic animals and beautiful pristine beaches. In Arenal, we will be staying at the base of the Volcano, where on a clear day, we will have a fantastic view of this active volcano. We will have free access to the Tabacón Hot Springs where we can indulge in mud wraps, massages, etc.

We wieh you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

2002 COSTA RICA TRIP ANNOUNCED... see page 7 for details

TRIPPING AROUND

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• COPPER MTN, CO 26 .	January - 2 February, 2002
Maure	en Burrows @ 818-790-3576
• BIG WHITE, Canada	2-9 February 2002
Gen	e Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
• LES DEUX ALPES, France	e 1-9 March 2002
PARIS, France	6 February - 2 March, 2002
COSTA DEL SOL, Spain	
	e Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
• COSTA RICA	25 Oct - 3 Nov 2002
Gen	e Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
• ITALY	March 2003
Gen	e Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
• NEW ZEALAND	August 2003
	e Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469

✤ Los Angeles Councíl ♦

• BIG WHITE, Canada	2-9 February 2002
	Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
• ALYESKA, Alaska	Feb 26-March 4, 2002
	Ron Lucas @ 310-372-5236
• CASINO NIGHT, Los	Angeles 20 July 2002
	Jacquie Nemor @ 310-399-0945

♦ San Diego Council ♦

• ASPEN, CO, 13-18 December 2001 Mike Sanford @ 858-695-1442

Far West Ski Association *

• GRINDELWALD, Switzerland	
	Susie Vetter @ 858-278-9026
• FWSA Convention, Portland, (DR 6-9 June 2002
• IRELAND	. 20-28 September, 2002
• BIG MOUNTAIN, MT	25 Jan - 1 Feb, 2003



We would like to extend a special thanks to all of Pac

Rim's hard-working Ski Dazzle volunteers – Catherine Ohl, Gene Fulkerson, Kim & Scott Griffin, Raquel Craig, Cathy Schulte, Maureen & Paul Burrows and Patricia Ortiz. Thanks also to everyone who stopped by to say hi and share in a margarita.



Mo & Gene

MEMBER PROFILE

I first met **Fay Mumbauer** on a FWSA Board Meeting / Ski Trip in 1993. It was my first day of skiing for the season and basically Fay (not knowing who I was) told me that if I couldn't ski with the fast dogs, I should find another (slower) group to ski with. Well, I did ski with the big dogs and we've been skiing together ever since.

Fay was born in Pennsylvania where she lived until her husband, **Leroy**, graduated and his new job moved them California. A co-worker of Leroy's taught Fay to ski and she was hooked. She then taught her husband, son and daughter to ski because she was going to ski with (or without) them.

Fay is a formable force. Many of you may know her from the Ski Swap at Ski Dazzle which she has been managing for more than twenty years.



Fay Mumbauer

Fay has been involved in a number of Ski Clubs for over 35 years and has served as Founder, President, Trustee and Travel, Membership & Social VPs. For her clubs she has run trips to Sun Valley, Innsbruck, Breckenridge, Val d'Isere, Val Thorens, Grindelwald, Cortina, Whistler, Winter Park, Snowbasin and Big Sky. She has hosted and cooked for club Toga Parties, Christmas Dinners, Halloween, New Year's Eve, Valentine Day, St. Patrick's Day and an annual Luau.

Fay has also been involved at the Council and Far West levels. She was VP of Membership and Programs for LA Council. Fay also served as Trustee and VP of Travel for Far West and ran Ski Weeks to Jackson Hole, Park City, Breckenridge, Banff and Telluride. For all her contributions at all levels, Far West awarded her the "Schatzi Wood" and "Hans Georg" Awards. Fay was recently voted "L.A Council Woman of the Year."

On the national level, Fay was involved in fund raising for the National Ski Patrol at Holiday Hill where her husband and children were ski patrol volunteers. She was a board member for 12 years for the US Adaptive Ski Program (USARC) at Bear Mountain. For four years she cooked for five days for up to 60 people for the Peak-to-Peak Bike Ride, a major fund raiser for USARC. I hear she's a great cook, too!



by Catherine Ohl

Dennis Bechor to Head Alaska Region—

After spending three years in Washington heading the Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources staff for the U.S. Forest Service, **Dennis Bschor** has been appointed as Alaska regional forester. Though Bschor has been viewed as a friend of the ski industry, his reassignment is just one of several taking place in the forest service that are being viewed with optimism by the ski industry. Dennis was one of the guest speakers at the 2001 FWSA Convention.

Gotthard Tunnel Fire-

With up to 150 people reported missing in the latest tunnel fire to hit the Alps, the **Gotthard Tunnel** fire continues the catastrophic spate of tunnel fires in the Alps over the past two and a half years. There have been five other tunnel fires, all but one involving fatalities and four caused by truck fires.

There was a truck fire in a tunnel between the Italian ski resort of **Bardonecchia and Turin** in May this year. Five died in a car crash in the **Gleinalm Tunnel** in southern Austria this summer. A year ago 155 died in the funicular rail tragedy at **Kaprun**. In Spring 1999, 12 people died in a fire in a tunnel through the **Austrian Tauern Alps** and 39 died in the **Mont Blanc Tunnel** fire.

Safety inspections of all Europe's major road and rail tunnels have reportedly found up to a third have safety concerns. Heavy investment is currently underway to upgrade many of these.

Silverton Ski Resort To Open December-

Plans for a new ski resort in Silverton, CO, are proceeding on schedule. Lift towers were erected at the end of September. The 100% advanced terrain area is scheduled to open this winter. The 1,600-acre ski area sports 50-degree avalanche prone slopes on the north side of 13,487-foot Storm Peak.

Founder **Aaron Brill** built the chairlift on 300 acres of private land and plans to expand the ski area though a permit to use adjacent Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. The BLM has not yet determined how extensive an environmental impact study may be required.

Big White Purchases Silver Star-

The owners of Big White Ski Resort signed an agreement to purchase Silver Star Mountain Resort. This purchase gives the Schumann family its second resort and provides for some "interesting synergies" as both ski areas share the Kelowna International Airport.

Squaw Valley Up the Creek-

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board voted to order Squaw Valley to clean up Squaw Creek, but gave the resort 30 days to negotiate the details of the cleanup agreement. At first, the board was going to issue the order immediately, but held off when Squaw Valley officials asked for more time.

Fitness — Grapevine Moves

by Helen Olsson, excerpted from www.skiingmag.com

Balance and agility are key for skiing bumps, trees, and variable snow. To develop quick feet, do the grapevine.

In this classic drill, you're essentially jogging sideways, crisscrossing your legs (alternating with the lead leg in front and then in back).

Start by crossing right leg in front of left, take a step, then



right leg behind left, continuing to crisscross for 20 steps. Then reverse it. Cross the left leg in front of the right, take a step, then left behind right.

Move in a ready athletic position– hips low, knees and ankles flexed. Keep your hands out in front for balance.

Chef's CORNER

by Gene Fulkerson

Banana Crêpes Flambé!

Banana Mixture

³/₄ stick butter
¹/₂ cup brown sugar
10 bananas, sliced
¹/₂ cup Grand Marnier
¹/₈ cup Bacardi Black Rum



Melt butter in a hot skillet. Blend in sugar. Add bananas and coat with butter sugar mixture. Add Grand Marnier and top with Bacardi Black. Mix well with bananas. Be aware that the flame under the pan will ignite the alcohol in the pan. This should be done in an open area. Be very careful and do not spell mixture while flaming.

When done the mixture should be thick and gooey.

Crêpe	1 cup all-purpose flour	2 eggs
	¹ /2 cup milk	4 tsp. salt
	¹ / ₂ cup water	2 tbs. melted butter

Measure ingredients exactly as consistency is important. Blend all ingredients for at least one minute. Mixture should look like heavy cream when complete. Use a crêpe maker or medium hot teflon pan. Sightly brown only one side.

PresentationWhipped CreamChocolate SyrupCherry PreservesSliced Almonds

Lay crêpe open on a plate. Place bananas in the middle with a dollup of whipped cream on each end. Fold each remaining side over the middle. Add whipped cream in middle topped with a dollup of preserve. Drip chocolate over crêpe. Voila! You're done. Bon Appetite.

Ski History

excerpted from Morten Lund, editor Skiing Heritage

Ski Technology-

A 1940s skier was forced to endure a set of fragile and obdurate equipment. Skis made of wood warped and splintered; ski bottoms were coarse and needed wax every few runs.

The first high-tech ski, the aluminum ALU-60, came out in the mid-1940s, only to be buried under an avalanche of Heads, aluminum-sheet skis invented in 1947 by **Howard Head** of Baltimore. Heads turned so easily by comparison to wood skis that they were known universally as "Cheaters." In 1946,

Dynamique came out with the first hard plastic ski sole, the Cellulix bottom, which put an end to mandatory waxing with pungent preparations reapplied every hour. Plastic came of age in the 1960s when Rossignol and Kneissl began making fiberglass skis, an easier ride than even aluminum.

Binding Technology—

Bindings had to be laboriously fastened by hand, and would release only if unlatched. The misnamed "safety strap" required to tether a breakaway ski to the boot often caused the ski to windmill in a sliding fall, slashing mercilessly at the skier's legs. If the strap broke, a loose ski became a lethal missile.

In the 1960s, **Mitch Cubberly** and **Earl Miller** came out with ski brakes to replace the inherently risky safety strap. Unfortunately, the invention looked lethal– long unsheathed prongs sprang into position sticking out like daggers from the breakaway ski. Brakes were dubbed "stabbers." After the prongs were sheathed and shortened, ski brakes became universal in the 1970s.

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LOS ANGELES COUNCIL

A Blast-

Pac Rim teamed up with friends from Century Cities, Conejo and the Radar River Rats to make it more than thirty people representing our great ski clubs. Many of us belong to two or three of these clubs. **Catherine Ohl** and **Gene Fulkerson** hosted a pre-cocktail hour in their room which was attended by **Kim & Scott Griffin, Cindy Lemos, Cathy Schulte, Ray** & **Kathleen Craig** and **Annette Arbuckle**.

After the margaritas, we trooped over to the Marina City Club where the party continued with Steven Shiel, Raquel Craig, Sherri Reid, George Eaton, Fay Mumbauer, Patricia Ortiz, Mike Ruiz, Larry Davis, Ed Mahfuz, Barbara Blakeley, Stacy Sprowl, Jennifer Beever, John Davidson, Bill Shea, John Freeman, and Phil Burton.

The Winners—

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the 2001/02 Man and Woman of the Year. Among us there were three winners and four judges (Kim, Patricia, Jennifer and Ray). Gene served as the master of ceremonies. And the winners were **Fay Mumbauer**, Woman of the Year (representing Grindelwald), **Cindy Lemos**, second runner-up and **Larry Davis**, first runner-up. Both Cindy and Larry represented Century City. **Norbert Knapp** of Grindelwald was voted Man of the Year.

The Marina City Club is an elegant place for a party with excellent food – the salmon and prime rib was to die for. The dancing was invigorating but ended way too soon. Make your calendars for November 2, 2002 cuz you won't want to miss next year's Gala.



Steven Shiel, Cathy Schulte (standing) Sherri Reid, Larry Davis (seated)



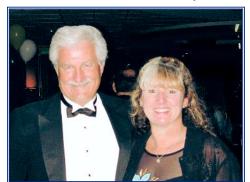
George Eaton, Patricia Ortiz, Mike Ruiz



Cindy Lemos, Ed Mahfuz, Barbara Blakeley



Queen Fay & King Norbert



Gene Fulkerson & Catherine Ohl



Raquel Craig



excerpted from an article submitted by Sherri Reid

Restricted Air Travel—

Travelers should expect significant changes to check-in policies, carry-on restrictions, and airport security rules. While the new restrictions are still in a state of flux, here are a few changes that may impact your travel plans.

Checking In-

Arrive at the airport at least two or three (three or four if international) hours before your flight. All airlines recommend confirming your flight's status before heading to the airport. If traveling on an e-ticket, bring a printout of your ticket with you or ask the issuing agent for a paper ticket.

At most airports, all bags must be brought to the check-in counter when you arrive at the airport. You may not check luggage curbside or at off-airport sites. Ticketing and seat assignments may be secured in advanced.

Your Carry-On Bag-

Place any sharp objects, such as your razor, nail file, scissors, swiss army knives, corkscrew and any sharp looking item in your checked luggage. You will not be allowed to bring these items into the cabin and will be taken from you.

Pack only the essentials in your carry-on bag, such as medications, toiletries, a spare shirt, water bottle, and book. The fewer items you carry, the quicker you'll pass through security.

In the Terminal—

Expect increased security. Cars at the curb will be closely monitored (or not allowed). You may see additional law enforcement patrols and canine units. FAA Federal Air Marshals will be flying anonymously on many flights.

Only ticketed passengers will be allowed beyond the security checkpoint. Meet incoming flights at the baggage claim as only ticketed passengers will be allowed past the gates.

Be sure to allow more time for increased scrutiny at the security gate, and expect to be asked to power-up your laptop. Consider eliminating as many of your non-essential electronic devices as possible.

Dealing with the New Restrictions-

You will probably be spending more time in the terminal. If you

travel frequently, this may be the time to consider joining an airline club that offers a comfortable lounge. A sweater and a neck pillow can make a long wait more comfortable. It's hard to relax when you're hungry—you may want to tuck a water bottle and a few healthy snacks into your bag (nutrition bars are a great choice).

Expect everything to take longer than usual. Bring extra reading material for yourself (a pack of cards can help the time fly!).

New restrictions, while inconvenient, are there to protect travelers like you. Please don't ask airline employees to be flexible in their enforcement—this situation is difficult for everyone, and our safety's at stake.

Other Considerations—

The Department of Transportation reported that more than one in every four flights were delayed or canceled last year. Even a slight delay can have a ripple effect all over the country.

Non-stop flights are best. If not available, choose a direct flight (you stop but continue on the same plane). In the winter, it may be better to connect through Dallas or Atlanta rather than Chicago, Detroit or Minneapolis.Compare airports before you book. Prices, even on the same carrier, can vary depending on whether you leave from Burbank, Long Beach, Ontario, LAX, Orange County or San Diego.

If your flight is canceled, and 200 people are making a beeline for the service counter, step aside and dial the airline's toll-free number. If you're delayed, and it's not weather-related, remember Rule 240, which states that in the event of certain flight irregularities, the original (delayed) airline takes your paper ticket and

endorses it over to the next available flight.

For more information on your travel rights, check out www.mytravelrights.com.

Trip Insurance-

We at Pacific Rim highly encourage our participants to purchase trip insurance. Normally, our tour operator offers a very good and reasonable policy. The policy is good even if you have health insurance as they will make arrangements & cover transportation costs if injured. Visit our web site to read about the advantages of trip insurance—

pacificrimalliance.org/F.TravelIssues/Tips/0Insurance.htm

In addition to the packages we recommend, the following insurance policies are worth checking out.

www.csatravelprotection.com www.travelguard.com

Costa Rica

Pacific Rim presents

An Ecological Adventure to



8 Nights



- Round Trip Air from Los Angeles or San Diego to San Jose, Costa Rica via United Airlines
- Round Trip Ground Transfer from San Jose to Quepos to Arenal to San Jose
- 4 Nights Lodging (Double Occupancy) Quepos
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MANUEL ANTONIO PARK

Manuel Antonio National Park supports 353 species of birds and 138 species of trees - a true testament to the area's rich ecological diversity. Its secluded

beaches, breathtaking views and dramatic rocky headlands make it one of the most alluring parks in Costa Rica. Hiking, bird-watching, swimming and snorkeling are all popular pursuits in



Manuel Antonio National Park.

Other activities in the Quepos area include whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, canopy safari, mountain biking, horseback riding snorkling, and waterfall tours, to name a few. Wildlife enthusiasts will enjoy boat tours of Isla Damas, a mangrove swamp just north of Quepos.

TABACÓN RESORT & SPA

Costa Rica's geological origin is volcanic. The three mountain ranges are comprised of multiple volcanoes. Arenal volcano is located in the province of Alajuela.

At night, Arenal is even more fascinating, and dramatic as the red hot rocks bounce down the slopes at up to 200 km/hr. Lava flows out of the crater



and, when it is raining, ends in a cloud of steam.

The Arenal Volcano and the surrounding tropical rain forest provide the perfect setting for a unique place unparalleled in the world, the Tabacon Resort.

From the heart of the volcano spring fountains of thermo-mineral water which form the Tabacón River, running at a soothing 102°F, forming cascades and natural pools through exotic tropical gardens. On premise is a spa where you can get massages, volcanic mud wraps and more — a treat after a hard day of adventures (kayaking, hiking, biking, canopy safari, horseback riding, etc.) in the rain forest.





SNOWBOARD STRIP

Daniel Franck of Norway captured the men's halfpipe, while **Shannon Dunn** (Carnelian Bay, CA) secured an Olympic team berth during a day of surprises December 16, 2001 at the Chevy Truck U.S. Snowboard

Grand Prix at Mammoth Mountain.

Luke Wynen, a recent transplant to Mammoth Mountain from Reading, PA, wasn't tabbed among the favorites, but he claimed the runnerup spot. **Ross Powers** (South Londonderry, VT), the 1998 Olympic bronze medalist, was third.

Shannon Dunn, the 1998 Olympic bronze medalist, mathematical secure her position on the US Olympic while team member, Tricia Byrnes (New Canaan, CT), a winner of 14 World Cup events, qualified second. ■

Membership Application 2001-02

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from 1 July 2001 through 29 September 2002.

To join the Pacific Rim Alliance, fill out the following and send with your check (payable to Pacific Rim Alliance) to:

MAUREEN BURROWS 5266 LA CAÑADA BLVD, LA CAÑADA, CA 91011

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WAIVER: I am aware that participation in the Pacific Rim Alliance events has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, snowboarding, alpine, Nordic, Heli & offpiste skiing, certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking ski lifts; changing weather conditions; exposed or hidden natural or man-made objects; avalanches; failure to ski or ride safely or within one's own ability; and negligence on the part of other skiers and boarders, the organization or their staff. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks and danger and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss, resulting therefrom.

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Pacific Rim Trip Sign-Up Form

(You must be a current member to sign up for this trip— include Dues and Membership Application if not a member)

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The PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of skiing, snowboarding, sight-seeing, photography, travel, public affairs and civic awareness. The Alliance is further oriented to the building of international relations among skiers, snowboarders and sports organizations throughout the Pacific Rim. The Alliance is a member of San Diego Council, Los Angeles Council, Far West Ski Association.

Surplus moneys above requirements for deposits for future trips will be donated to non-profit organizations devoted to charity, research &education. We are especially interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Jimmie Heuga Center and Olympic & Junior Racers.

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