



# Update

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## SUMMER splash

Check out what's on tap for us this summer!

### WATER SKI June - October

We've been working with the Radar River Rats on our summer water ski trips. We have once again scheduled nine trips for June through October. We set camp up on our own beach on the Colorado River, 10 miles east of Needles. Equipment and instructions are included. Details, dates and cost can be found on page 15.

### BIKING summer fun

I've been checking out some intermediate bike trails in the San Diego area and have a bunch of ideas for combining biking with picnics and other fun. For instance, we could ride around Mission Bay and end at The Pennant for 1/2 price beer and food. Interested? Just give me a call or drop me an email.

### BIG WHITE opening and closing

We will again offer two trips to Big White in British Columbia, Canada. We love Big White and love the early and late ski season there. We will be flying into Kelowna and staying slope side at the White Crystal Inn for 7 nights.

Lodging, lift tickets, nightly après ski parties and transportation to/from Kelowna are included for the low price of \$699 per person for the week based on double occupancy.

You are on your own to get air. Air Canada and Alaska have round trip air fares for around \$400 out of Los Angeles and San Diego. West Jet is also available out of Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

### COUNCIL trips

Be sure to check out the Los Angeles and San Diego Ski Councils' trips for the upcoming winter. Pac Rim and both councils are joining Far West in Aspen, CO February 2-9, 2013. In addition, LA Council is going to Mt. Bachelor, February 23 - March 3, 2013. San Diego Council will be in Vail, CO December 2-6, 2012.



photo courtesy Trail Runner Magazine

Check out page 9 for fun activities for the offseason to prepare for skiing.

### FWSA convention

The recent FWSA convention was a great success. I had a blast coordinating the Pub Crawl and whitewater rafting optional activities. The highlight of the convention was the awards. **Catherine** was presented the Hans Georg Award for her long-term contributions to snow sports.

Pacific Rim was also awarded 1st place for **Tollakson Award** (best ski club), **Wentworth Newsletter Award** and **Web Site Award** for Class A category (under 150 members). Another trick hat for Pac Rim! Congratulations everyone.



Rather than presenting plaques, which end up in drawers or garages, Far West has issued digital icons as seen above.

Wishing that everyone have a fun and sporting summer! ♦

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## TRIPPING around

## snow TRIPS & ACTIVITIES on tap

Details and flyers can be found under **TRIPS** at [PacificRimAlliance.org](http://PacificRimAlliance.org)

### [Pacific Rim Alliance](http://PacificRimAlliance.org) [pacificrimalliance.org](http://pacificrimalliance.org)

Contact Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469 unless otherwise noted

- **Biking** Typically one Friday a Month, 10 AM
- **Water Ski Weekends** June – Oct, 2012  
*Patricia Ortiz / 323-651-0686*
- **Wine Maker Dinner for Can Do MS** Sept 29, 2012
- **Big White** December 8–15, 2012
- **Snowmass, CO** February 2–9, 2013
- **Big White** April 6-13, 2013
- **Italy & Cinque Terre** March 2014
- **New Zealand & Tasmania** August 2014

### [Los Angeles Council](http://LosAngelesCouncil.org) [lacouncil.org](http://lacouncil.org)

- **Snow Gala** October 27, 2012
- **Ski Dazzle** November 15–18, 2012
- **Aspen/Snowmass, CO** February 2–9, 2013
- **Mt. Bachelor, OR** February 23 – March 3, 2013

### [San Diego Council](http://SanDiegoCouncil.org) [skisandiego.org](http://skisandiego.org)

- **Winter Gala** November 3, 2012
- **Snow Jam** November 9–11, 2012
- **Vail, CO** December 2–6, 2012
- **Aspen/Snowmass, CO** February 2–9, 2013

### [Far West Ski Association](http://FarWestSkiAssociation.org) [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)

- **Cayman Brac Diving** September 1–8, 2012  
*Randy Lew / 530-304-0802*
- **Panama Canal Cruise** Sept. 28 – October 12, 2012  
*Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471*
- **Aspen/Snowmass, CO** February 2–9, 2013  
*Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471*
- **Innsbruck + Garmisch + Munich** March 2–17, 2013  
*Debbie Stewart / 935-944-9816*
- **Mt. Bachelor, OR** March 25–30, 2013  
*Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471*
- **Convention** June 6–9, 2013  
*Dennis Heffley / 925-998-4415*



Join PaC Rim for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Wine Maker Dinner**  
Fundraiser for MS

Saturday, **September 29, 2013, 5 PM**  
10818 Viacha Dr, San Diego

### Sign Up—

- YES, please sign me up!
- Sorry I won't be able to attend. Accept my donation.

### About the Dinner—

- **Mary Trimmings**, Executive Chef, will be back as our guest chef.
- The dinner will consist of 6-7 courses with an exquisite wine specifically matched to each course.
- The dinner typically lasts 5 hours.

### For Information—

Call Gene at 858-467-9469



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## catching up with MEMBERS

*Where are they now.*



Was good to hear from **Bob Miller**. He's still skiing after all these years. He closed Mammoth Mountain last year with his son **Robert** and opened this season in November. In March, Robert and Bob skied Zermatt to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first time he skied there. It was his twelfth trip to Zermatt.

This summer he was in Grumpa's and he ran into another fireman from our past, **Steve Wells**. Steve and his wife **Cindy** are best known for skiing all the grappa bars in Italy.



**Jan Holman** was in an ski accident at Mt. Rose this spring. Here's what she posted after her stay in the hospital.

I am home! I think I will survive, but no more skiing this year. For those of you who don't wear helmets, like I always said, "You will probably only need a helmet once, but you better have it on when you do." Had I not had a helmet on, you would be attending my funeral or I would be drooling in a corner somewhere.

**DON'T PUT IT OFF, BUY A HELMET.** They are on sale now. I have to buy a new one. Also, had I not had the ear protection on my helmet (solid, not soft), I probably would have broken my jaw!

For anyone wondering about the fall— it was a freak thing. First run of the day, coming down Mt. Rose to the NW chair, making the turn, looking up to see where to dodge the snowboarders that constantly block the entrance, and WHAM! Making a right turn, caught an edge on the outside ski, threw me forward onto my head, not my face! I had no indication I was in trouble, it happened in a second!

It caused a small bleed on the brain, which is the reason I was in ICU for a night. It stopped and I should be fine. I hate not skiing, but I guess I hate not having a brain even more, so I will behave myself!

Thanks to you all for your concerns and responses, and especially to Sally Miller and Gayle for taking such good care of me! ♦

## happy BIRTHDAY

### June

- 2 Gary Bunney
- 3 J. B. Hammond
- 4 Larry Angione
- 6 Conor Griffin
- 6 Cormac O'Donovan
- 6 Helen Schulz
- 8 Marie Richard
- 9 Martha Eads
- 10 Barbie Brown
- 13 Craig Henderson
- 14 Jordyn Mathis
- 24 Trini Solano - Galvez
- 25 Larry Armstrong
- 25 Jo Ann Rego
- 26 R. T. Johnson
- 26 Fran Papa
- 29 Jonnie Johnson

### July

- 2 Jim Gable
- 10 Sherri Reid
- 15 John Moran
- 18 Rene Blanchard
- 18 Larry Stern
- 21 Mary Ann Miller
- 22 Mary Aileen O'Donovan
- 23 R. L. "Smitty" Smith
- 23 R. T. Thompson
- 25 Jeany Davidson
- 27 Jeanette Day
- 31 Cliff Bonner

### August

- 3 Russ Walters
- 4 Angelo Bontempo
- 4 Jim Jensen
- 20 Donald Brenholt
- 25 Donna Buys
- 30 Marguerite Jorgensen

it's a **WRAP**

## FAR WEST ski convention

*Pac Rim scores a hat trick— first place for newsletter, web site and club.*

The 80<sup>th</sup> annual Far West convention took place in Ogden, Utah June 7-10, 2012.

### Pac Rim takes 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Far West A Club Awards—

It was a great convention for Pacific Rim as we were given first in the Tollakson Award for best A Far West Club. Pac Rim's "Update" newsletter was given a first place Wentworth award. And finally Pac Rim's website earned a first place. Thank you, Catherine, for a job well done and congratulations on the hat trick.

### Far West The Silent Auction—

Pacific Rim was represented by attendees **John Watson, Catherine Ohl** and **Gene Fulkerson**.

Once again we had lots of fun running around trying to outbid our fellow skiers. We lost most of what we bid on but we did buy a trip to Whitewater, BC, Canada. The hardest part will be trying to schedule it in. Thanks goodness for retirement.

We really enjoyed meeting with the special guests. We got to spend a lot of time with them on Friday. We especially enjoyed talking to the Woman's Ski Jumping USA Team Members **Lindsey Van** and **Sarah Hendrickson**.

### The Convention—

Intermountain Ski Council did a fabulous job on the convention. Gene and Catherine ran both the Pub Crawl up and down 25th Historical Street and the Whitewater Rafting trip on the Weber River. Great fun.

The three days went by way too fast. We attended the Awards Luncheon, Awards Dinner Dance and all the parties. It was wonderful to have the time to catch up with old friends in both the ski clubs and the industry.



*Wet and Wild fun with Carolyn, Gene, Michael, Betty, Bob and Laura.*

photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

Far West hosted their First Film Fest. We were honored to preview the following films:

- "CAN DO: The Legacy of Jimmie Heuga," a story of how Jimmie changed the lives of those living with MS.
- "Ready to Fly," a story about Women's Ski Jumping USA featuring Lindsey Van and Deedee Corradini.
- "The Movement", a story about disabled athletes featuring Rick Finkelstein, produced by Kurt Miller, narrated by Warren Miller and Robert Redford.

Ticket proceeds were donated to The Jimmie Heuga Endowment, Women's Ski Jumping USA and Make A Hero.

### 2013 Far West Convention—

The 2013 Far West convention will be hosted by the Bar Area Snow Sports Council to be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada on June 6-9, 2013. Gene been tagged to help with the Pub Crawl. It should be another great one. See page 18 for the current convention information. ♦



*Catherine Ohl is presented with the Far West Hans Georg Award by President Randy Lew.*



*Michael J. Ballengal, Big White & Silver Star, is presented the Far West Tommi Tyndall Award for best resort.*

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# FAR WEST ski convention

*It's all good— fun, parties, friends, awards and everlasting memories.*



*Gary Machen, Heidi Hardwood, Gene Fulkerson at Pub Crawl. Heidi is owner of City Club (pizza & Margaritas) & Brewskis (Bailys & cupcakes).*



*Pete Buschardt, owner Roosters (great dinner & fabulous micro-brew, Gene (our fearless leader) and Jamie Lokan, Reno CVB (sponsor).*



*Catherine working at her station. She did all the slides for sponsors, activities, awards, multi-media presentations & more. This was her 7<sup>th</sup> year.*

photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

## far west **SERVICE AWARDS**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Snow Builders Award   | <b>Greg Thompson</b> , J.W. Marriott Library<br><b>Bill Marolt</b> , President/CEO USSA                 |
| Hans Georg<br>- Long-term contributions                         | <b>Catherine Ohl</b><br>Los Angeles / San Diego Councils  |
| Elizabeth Schatzi Wood<br>- Female One or Two-Year Contribution | <b>Eileen Sanford</b><br>San Diego Council  |
| J. Stanley Mullin<br>- Male One or Two-Year Contribution        | <b>David Krupp</b><br>Los Angeles Council   |
| Jordon-Reily<br>- Public Affairs                                | <b>Robert Redford</b><br>Sundance Ski Resort  |
| Terry Smith<br>- Racing   | <b>Maxine Hanlon</b><br>Orange Council  |
| Jimmie Heuga<br>- Humanitarian                                  | <b>Chris Waddell</b><br>Para-Olympian   |
| Tommi Tyndall<br>- Ski Industry Contribution                    | <b>Big White &amp; Silver Star</b>  |
| Bill Mackey<br>- Ski Industry Employee                          | <b>Bob Bourquard</b><br>Mt. Bachelor  |
| President's Awards  | <b>Mary &amp; Norm Azevedo</b> , Bay Area Council<br><b>Sarah Hendrickson</b> , Women's Ski Jumping USA |
| Bill Berry<br>- Feature Article                                 | <b>Jon Tullis</b><br>"Timberline Lodge: A Love Story" Book  |
| Bill Berry<br>- Hard News                                       | <b>Bob Wilbanks</b><br>National Ski Club Newsletter   |
| Warren Miller<br>- Modern Media                                 | <b>Steve Bellamy</b><br>"Winter" The Ski Channel  |
| Safety Award  | <b>Fran Long</b> , Central Council  |
| Ski Heritage Award  | <b>John James</b> , Los Angeles Council   |
| Man of the Year   | <b>Norm Azevedo</b> , Bay Area Council  |
| Women of the Year   | <b>Sigrid Noack</b> , Los Angeles Council   |
| Charity Recognition   | <b>Fire 'N Ice</b> , Bay Area Council   |
| History Recognition   | <b>No Award</b>   |

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## BIG WHITE spring skiing

*The snow was unbelievable for April—light, deep and never ending!*

This was our tenth annual April trip to Big White in hopes of catching some of that late season powder. It didn't seem much like spring as it snowed just about every day. And it was still coming down as we departed the resort.

The highlight of this trip was the awesome snow. The snow was light, deep and never ending. We skied through the trees on Black Forest, the chutes under the Cliff Chair, the groomers off the Ridge Rocket, the powder from the Falcon Chair and around the snowghosts in the Gem Lake area. Gene even managed to lead a group from Far West out of bounds on Gem Lake.

We also enjoyed dinners out and dinners in, happy hours, free hot chocolate and a bonfire at Happy Valley, ice climbing, recovery time in the hot tub, good friends and new friends, the tube park, sunrises and sunsets, Big Whites at Big White, daily pasties from the Big White Bakery and the beauty of Big White. We ended the trip with a fabulous wine party with heavy appetizers.

The week also included a pre-celebration for their 50th anniversary. The highlight for us was skiing with co-founders Marie and Doug Mervyn. A real treat! ♦



*Hooked up with the Far West people at the Big Whites for Big White. Our fav Big White gal Katie is with 2 Dans.*



*We hosted the Far West people at our condo for desert and cocktails— Fran, Katie, Gloria, Catherine, Sheri.*



*Trish, Kaycee, Catherine enjoying the runs off the Ridge Rocket.*



*Gene enjoying Beano Cafe with our favorite BigWhite boys— Blair, Jimmy & Michael J.*



*Skiing with the co-founders of Big White: Marie, Gene, Doug, Catherine.*



*Dinner with Kaycee, Frank, Fay and Trish.*



*Sandy, Andy, Michelle, Matt enjoying the annual Dummy Downhill.*

exciting  
**CHANGES**  
for skiers in the west

*Excerpted from saminfo.com*

**New Mexico**

**Ski Apache Fights Fire With Snowmaking Guns**

A massive wildfire in New Mexico has damaged some ski lifts at Ski Apache. The ski area fought the fire in the Lincoln National Forest, with its own snowmaking equipment, setting up guns around its base lodge to ward off the flames.

**Utah**

**Utah Reports Lower Skier Days**

Utah announced that it had 3,802,536 million skier day visits during the 2011-12 ski season — down 10 percent from the previous season's numbers.

**Idaho**

**Creditor Seizes Tamarack Lift**

Bank of America has removed the \$4 million Wildwood Express chairlift at bankrupt Tamarack Resort and stored it locally in preparation for sale. The Tamarack Municipal Association (TMA), a homeowners' group, has operated a portion of the resort for the past two winters, but the Wildwood lift was not part of that effort.

**California**

**Town of Mammoth Lakes Files Bankruptcy**

Mammoth Lakes has filed for bankruptcy over a \$43-million breach-of-contract judgment brought against the town by a real estate developer. The town plans to ask the bankruptcy court to approve a 10-year payment plan of about \$500,000 a year. That way it can operate with enough services to assure the safety of residents and tourists.



**Mammoth to Close June Mountain**

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area announced they will not operate June Mountain this summer and for the upcoming 2012-13 winter season. June has operated at an annual deficit each year since its purchase in 1986. Mammoth brought June in 1986 in the hopes of connecting the two ski resorts.

**Colorado**

**Aspen to Harness Methane from Mines**

The Aspen Skiing Co. is investing \$6 million to harvest methane emissions from a coal mine in Somerset, CO and convert the greenhouse gas into renewable energy for the local grid.

Aspen Skiing Company president and CEO, Mike Kaplan, said. "It's going to offset 100 percent of our energy consumption." It also will eliminate three times the company's annual carbon emissions, Kaplan claimed.

**Echo Mountain Ski Area For Sale**

Echo Mountain ski area, located just 35 miles from Denver, will be sold at auction in August. The 226-acre area had 32,000 skier visits and saw revenue climb 30 percent and daily ticket sales up 50 percent in what was a bad year for just about every other resort in the state.

**Colorado Reports Lower Skier Days**

Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) announced that its 22 member resorts hosted an estimated 6.16 million skier visits during the 2011-12 ski season, representing a decrease of 11.4 percent. These figures do not include those resorts owned by Vail Resorts — which is not a member of CSCUSA.

**BRING A FRIEND**  
challenge

Snow sports industry colleagues who created Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month organized the The Bring a Friend (BAF) Challenge.

The Challenge is not relegated to January but the goal is the same — introduce newcomers to skiing and/or snowboarding by helping them sign up for lessons from professional instructors.

The "challenge" is to introduce at least one newcomer to skiing and/or snowboarding this winter by helping him/her enroll in a lesson program.

By doing so, both you and the newcomer are eligible to win some prizes from leading product suppliers and resorts. Current skiers and snowboarders can sign up as many newcomers as they wish. Each newcomer counts towards a new entry in the Challenge.

Check the program out [www.bringafriend.org](http://www.bringafriend.org) for more details. ♦



**Canada**

**Big White & Silver Star under Separate Ownership**

Big White and Silver Star resorts, which had been under a single ownership and operation for a decade, have split apart following the death of owner **Desmond Schumann** in April. Schuman's son, **Peter**, now runs Big White, and his daughter, **Jane Cann**, runs Silver Star.

**New Ski Area in BC, Canada**

A new 640 acre ski area, Kelowna Mountain is partially complete near Big White and Silver Star and above the town of Kelowna, B.C. The area will have a triple chairlift serving 14 runs plus a half pipe and rail park. ♦

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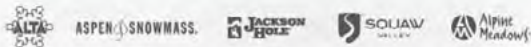
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If your first ski day each new season delivers pain all over your body (even your brain) ponder a while on atrophy. The muscles used in skiing need attention the rest of the year. Seek sports that challenge you mentally and physically in skiing's off season, so you can enjoy skiing's on season with aplomb.

**Eco Tours**

You can get into mountain ecology to learn more about the mountains you ski. One resort offering guests a view into local ecology is Whistler Blackcomb. From rainforests to glaciers, Whistler Blackcomb's eco tours help the skier realize the environment around their favorite sport. There's even a visit to a bear's den!



**Crosskating**

A new way to attack slopes sans snow comes from the mind and energy of MIT and Stanford alum James Page. Crosskates are part ski boot, part mountain bike, part — well, no description can fully explain these outdoor toys, so watch the videos at [crosskate.com](http://crosskate.com).

**Inline**

Inline skating can meet most skiers' cross training needs. Add inline skates to a parking lot with a slight incline for a great place to repeat slalom turns. Moderately steep hills (and an



experienced skater) are great for hop turn practice. Or blaze down your local "rail-trail" to give your body and its most important muscle (the brain) a workout.

**Bicycling**

Whether on the road or down a mountainside, riding a bicycle can do many positive things for your mind and body, including the parts you use for skiing.

You need the right gear and approach. Bike Magazine, and MountainZone.com's mountain biking department, can help you there.

**Trail Running**

When is running so much more fun than plain old running? When it's trail

running! Perhaps, think of trail running as very fast hiking. Quickly negotiating mountain trails on foot sharpens the skier's mental processing ability. And trail running gives you an excuse to get to the mountains.

Learn more about trail running from Trail Runner Magazine.



**Hiking**

Skiers, like hikers, enjoy their outdoor sports on varied levels. Hiking trails come in a range of difficulties, not unlike skiing trails.

When you hike in the mountains regularly, your body may be better prepared for the lower air pressure that slows some skiers. ♦

wanna **RACE?**

If you'd like to test your skills in a race course, as a member of Pac Rim you can race in League, Council and Far West sponsored races. **More information is available at [fwra.com](http://fwra.com).** These dates are tentative and subject to change. *Rokka & Ullr are LAC leagues, SDAL is a San Diego League.*

December 15, 2012 (Sat)	Rokka 1 & Ullr 1 (GS) & SDAL 1	Mammoth
January 7-11, 2013 (M-F)	Rokka Ski/Board Race Camp	Mammoth
January 12, 2013(Sat)	Rokka 2 & Ullr 2 (SL) & SDAL 2	Mammoth
February 6, 2013 (Wed)	SDAL 3 (GS)	Aspen
February 23, 2013 (Sat)	Rokka 3 & Ullr 3 + SDAL 4 (GS)	Mammoth
March 23, 2013 (Sat)	SoCals (GS)	Mammoth
March 24, 2013(Sun)	SoCals (SL)	Mammoth
April 5, 2013 (Fri)	FWRA Championships (pacesetters)	Alpine Meadows
April 6, 2013 (Sat)	FWRA Championships (SL)	Alpine Meadows
April 7, 2013 (Sun)	FWRA Championships (GS)	Alpine Meadows



## on-water SAFETY

be **PREPARED**  
*mentally  
physically  
equipment-wise*



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

### Water Ski Safety

Water skiing is a great way to have fun while enjoying boating. That said, it's not an activity to be undertaken without preparation. It requires some special skills by the boat operator and the skier, an understanding of hand signals, and demands a lot of attention to safety by both parties.

### Know the Code

A skier must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket that has a high impact rating designed for water skiing.

An observer is required whose only job is to watch the skier, receive signals and

alert the boat operator if the skier falls.

The water skier should enter the water and move away from the boat before the boat's engine is started.

Wait for the skier to signal that he or she is ready to go. Skier should yell "hit it."

Pay attention to what the other boaters are doing and don't jeopardize your skier's safety by pulling in front of other boats.

The skier should never wrap any part of the tow line around his or her body. It's also a good idea to take off all jewelry.

The skier should stay aware of and avoid surroundings and potential hazards.

After falling or dropping, the skier should hold a ski up out of the water while waiting to be retrieved, and if necessary waves his or her arms.

Even if not required by state laws, the observer should fly a red flag while the skier is down in the water.

When approaching a skier, always keep the skier in view and on the operator's side of the boat.

Always shut off the engine before allowing the skier to board the boat.

Retrieve the towline as soon as possible to avoid other boats from running over your rope. ♦

### Coast Guard Considers Mandating Adult Life Jacket

*Reported in a Boat US Reports  
by Ryck Lydecker.*

An advisory panel to the U.S. Coast Guard gave its go-ahead to pursue federal regulations that would require adults to wear life jackets on certain boats.

The National Boating Safety Advisory Council asked the Coast Guard to consider mandating that anyone aboard a boat less than 18 feet long be required to wear a life jacket when underway. In addition it asks that all those being towed in water sports, riding personal watercraft, or in human-powered boats of any length be required to wear life jackets as well.

The 16-5 decision mirrors a trend among

state boating agencies to increase the number of people actually wearing Coast Guard-approved life jackets with the aim of reducing boating fatalities.

Unlike the Council recommendation, which would apply to all ages, most state laws apply just to children and specify varying age cutoffs, typically 12 and under.

The U.S. Forest Service estimates that 82 million people participated in boating in 2010 and Coast Guard statistics show 736 people died in boating accidents that year.

According to a Coast Guard mathematical model, if a 70 percent wear rate was achieved, mandating boaters nationwide to wear life jackets in boats less than 18 feet could save 71 lives each year. ♦



photo courtesy Boat US

## GOOD STUFF for the kids & grandkids

*Summer is here... water, sun and fun!*

While childhood memories are often filled with carefree days, emergency room doctors know it as "trauma season." Tragedies peak during the warmer months because children are supervised less, have more free time and engage in more outdoor activities.

### Water Safety Tips for Kids—

- If you do not know how to swim, always wear a life jacket.

If you fall, get pushed in or accidentally get near deep water, a life jacket can keep you floating on the surface until you can get help. Even strong swimmers should wear a vest in deep or rough water.

- Swim with a buddy.

You've probably heard this many times, but it's worth saying again. If you get into trouble, your friend can get help fast.

- Always go feet first into unfamiliar water.



*Water sports in the pool.*



There could be rocks or tree stumps in rivers and lakes. Even pools can be more shallow than they look. So always check out the depth of water before you dive in.

- If you see someone in trouble, signal the lifeguard or responsible adult.  
Don't try to rescue the person yourself — you could get pulled under the water. Wave your hands over your head to signal the lifeguard or another adult.
- Don't EVER pretend you are drowning.  
It wastes lifeguard's time and may take their attention away from someone who really needs help.
- It's a good idea to stay near people who know you and will notice if you are in trouble.  
If you are with a group of people, have a check-in time and place to meet. Be sure you show up on time so you won't give the adults gray hairs.
- Don't let your friends tease you into something you don't want to do.  
Even if all your friends are jumping in, don't do it if you are afraid or feel like you can't handle it. Knowing your limitations is nothing to be embarrassed about.
- Make sure you always follow the adult in charge's instructions!
- Wear sunscreen! ♦

### ONLINE SAFETY for kids

Kids, here's are some Safety Tips for you when you go online.

- Don't ever give out information about yourself like your last name, your phone number, where you live, or where you go to school.
- Never e-mail a picture of yourself to strangers.
- If somebody emails something to you that makes you uncomfortable, don't look around or explore. Tell your parents.
- Making plans to meet your internet buddies in real life is a really bad idea. People in real life can be very different from how they are online.
- Don't open up e-mails, files, or web pages that you get from people you don't know or trust.
- Don't ever give out your password, except to responsible adults in your family.
- Always follow your family's rules for the using the internet.
- Don't ever do anything that costs money. ♦

## ski LEGACY



### ALTA turns 75

*Alta is one of the oldest ski areas in the US and one of three resorts for skiers only.*

*Visit <http://pacificrimalliance.org/history.html> for more ski history.*

The community of Alta was established in 1871 as an offshoot of the silver mining operations in Little Cottonwood Canyon. A fire destroyed most of the town in 1878, then a cataclysmic avalanche in 1885—combined with the decline of mining—heralded a period of dormancy for the town. The area experienced a modest resurgence in mining in the 1900s, but the town declined again shortly thereafter, and was deserted with the exception of a few hardy miners who continued to intermittently prospect the area.

In 1935 the U.S. Forest Service retained the noted skier Alf Engen to hike into the area and determine its potential as a future ski area. Engen's reports expressed great promise for the area, and recommended the purchase of additional surrounding lands to form the ski area.

In 1937 a prominent Salt Lake City lawyer, Joe Quinney, along with other local businessmen, formed the Utah Winter Sports Association to oversee the development of skiing at Alta.

In the following year construction began on the original Collins chairlift, fashioned from a surplus mining ore tramway system that featured a clamp-cam bullwheel gripping a metal cable strung with single-seat chairs. Slow but

dependable, it was just the third such lift in the United States, after Sun Valley and the Magic Mile at Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood. Alta opened to skiers for the first time on January 15, 1939, offering a single ride on the chair for 25 cents.

In May 1958, under the coordination of the Alf Engen Ski School, Alta hosted the first meeting of the National Ski Association of America (NSA) Certification of Ski Teachers Committee and National Professional Ski Instructors.

This one week "on-snow" conference was held for the purpose of establishing national certification standards. As a result of this gathering, former Alta instructor, Bill Lash, wrote and published a book titled *Outline of Ski Teaching*, which became the first complete ski instructors manual of skiing protocols which ultimately became known as the *American Skiing Technique*.

The Town of Alta was incorporated in 1970. Lee Bronson was appointed as first president of the Town. In 1972, Bill Levitt became the first elected president and the first Alta Planning Commission was appointed. In the early 1970s, a sewer line was installed the length of Little Cottonwood Canyon. The Town established an emergency dispatch center to provide support for the Alta



Dick Durrance 1940, photo courtesy Alta

#### ALTA today

Alta ski area features long, straight, fall-line pitches. Among the most well known and most favored are High Rustler, Eddies High Nowhere, Stone Crusher and the Baldy Chutes. Though widely respected as one of the most challenging of in-bounds ski areas in the world, Alta has always viewed itself as a local's and family oriented ski area with some 40% of its terrain devoted to intermediate and beginner skiers.

Marshal's Office. The Alta Justice Court began operation in 1975; the first justice court in Alta since the 1870s.

In 1978 Alta developed its first state-approved culinary water system, providing town water through the Bay City Mine tunnel. The Alta Fire Station was completed to house the volunteer fire department.

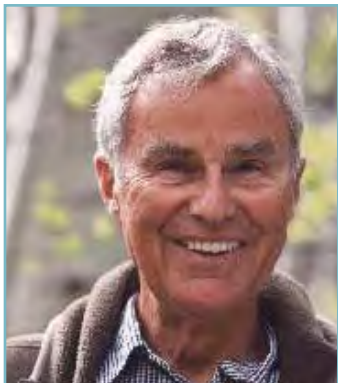
In 1981, the Alta Defense Fund, a non-profit organization, formed to assist the Town's efforts to manage growth. Later, the group incorporated as The Friends of Alta. Priorities include preservation of Alta's environment and heritage, protection of the watershed, and acquisition of lands in Albion Basin to remove them from unnecessary development. ♦



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*Alta Lodge circa 1945.*

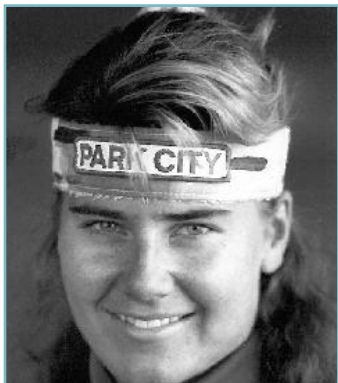
## 2012 hall of fame HONOREES



**Dick Dorworth** ski racer and world speed record holder, wore many hats throughout his career. As a racer, he was collegiate All-American in 1962. In 1963, he set a record for speed at 170 mph in Portillo, Chile. After retiring, he did stints as a ski instructor and a U.S. Ski Team coach before putting pen to paper as a novelist and sports journalist.



**Joe Pack**, Olympian, began his career as a Nordic ski jumper until he was spotted by freestyle aerialist Trace Worthington, who directed Pack to freestyle. It was a good move, as Pack enjoyed 12 trips to the World Cup podium, three times for gold. Pack won silver at Deer Valley's freestyle aerial venue during the 2002 Olympics in front of a supportive hometown crowd.



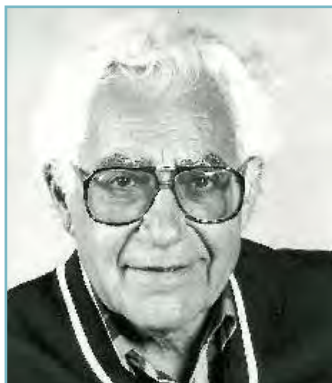
**Eva Twardokens** rocketed into the public spotlight at the age of 17, gaining the ski world's attention as Junior Racer of the Year in 1982 and again in 1983. Her 12-year career saw 34 top-10 finishes, including three World Cup podiums and a sixth-place GS finish at the Lillehammer Olympics.



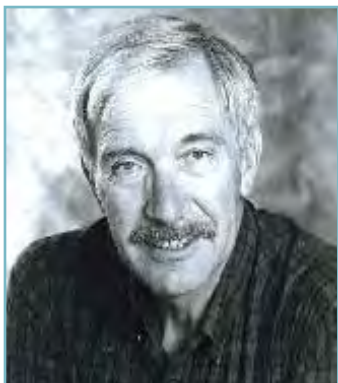
**Mason Beekley** was a history aficionado determined to ensure skiing's history be documented. He formed the International Skiing History Association in 1991, which is 2,000 members strong today and continues to publish Skiing Heritage magazine. Beekley also amassed a personal library of thousands of ski posters, photographs and art until his death in 2001.



**Harold Leonard**, along with partner Jerry Simon, created ski shows as we know them today, beginning with his inaugural show in 1958 outside of Chicago. He introduced the Ski Deck and brought athletes and entertainers to the skiing public, turning the ski show into a viable way to connect skiers with the resorts, gear and services they need.



**Nick Badami**, former owner of Alpine Meadows, CA, and Park City Mountain Resort, and CEO of Powdr Corp., went on to leadership roles at both the National Ski Areas Association and several governing committees of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics. He died in 2008.

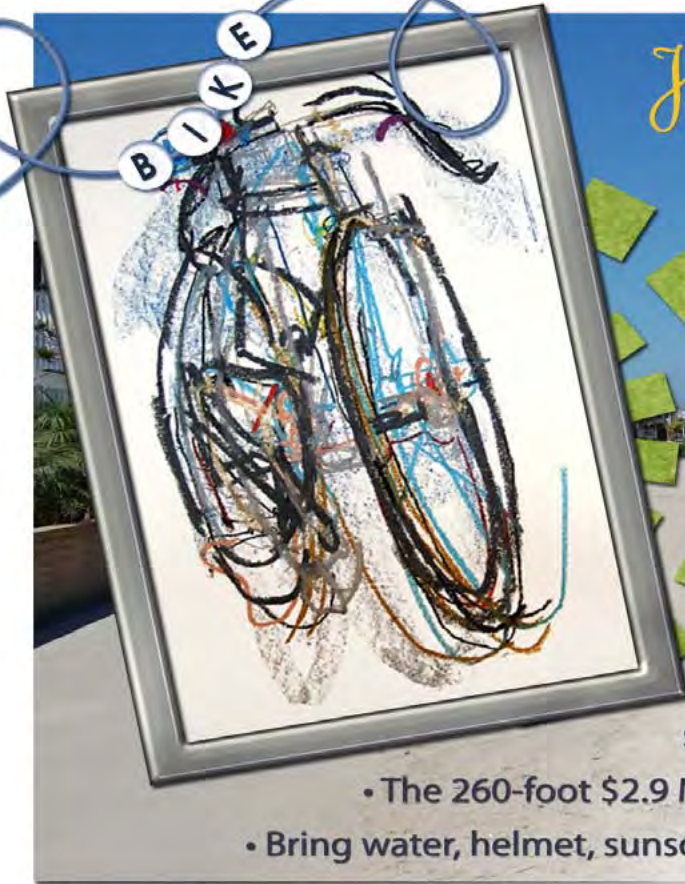


**Phil Gravink** is a ski-area management icon, transforming New York's Gore and New Hampshire's Loon mountains into successful resorts. He went on to pursue various leadership roles with the National Ski Areas Association, even serving as chairman from 1979 to 1980.



**Typer Palmer** made his mark on the ski community in 1969 as a junior champion. In 1971, Palmer became the first American man to finish in the top three in a World Cup race. It wouldn't be the last time: Palmer went on to win two World Cup slaloms before turning pro, racing on Bob Beattie's World Professional Ski Tour.

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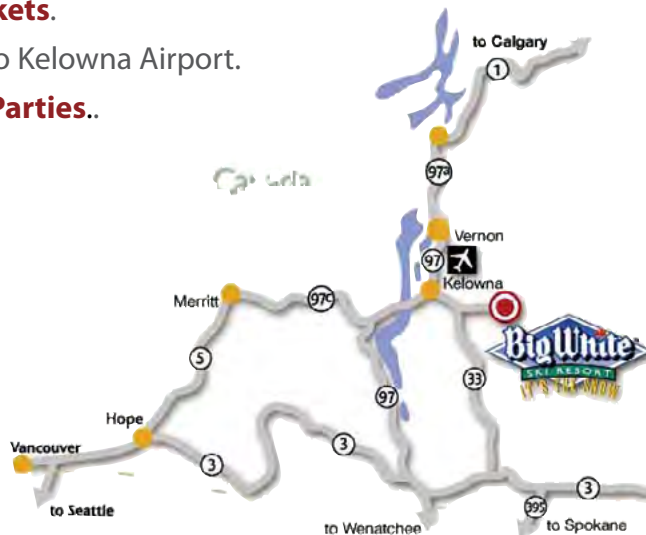


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## Big White December 8-15, 2012 OR April 6-13, 2013

Basic Package \$699 per person dbl occ \*

- Seven nights **Lodging** at The White Crystal Inn (dbl. occ.)
  - Ski in / Ski out, located in the Village Center.
  - Superior Room with 2 Queen Beds.
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  - On-site Santé Grill open Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
  - Hot Tub & Sauna, Ski Storage.
  - Includes HST and Bed Taxes.
- Six days **Lift Tickets**.
- **Transfer** from/to Kelowna Airport.
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**..



### about **Big White**

- 25 feet annual dry powder.
- 2,800 patrolled skiable acres.
- 2,550 feet of vertical.
- 4.5 miles longest run.
- 6% ◆◆ 22% ◆ 54% ■ 18% ●
- 118 designated runs.
- 10 ski lifts (6 are high speed).
- Free ski hosts two times a day.
- 5,757 feet Village elevation.
- 18 Restaurants & Bars.
- The Best Ever Powder Skiing.



### NOT Included—

- Air** to/from the Resort
- Air Canada, West Jet, Alaska fly to Kelowna

### Payment due NOW—

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- San Diego, CA 92124
- Cancellation policy will apply

### For Information—

- Gene Fulkerson**
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- 858-467-9469





photo courtesy Aspen / Snowmass by Jeremy Swanson

**Basic Package \$1,325\* per person dbl occ \***

- **Seven nights Lodging** in Snowmass at Terracehouse [dbl. occ.]
  - Located just below Snowmass Village Mall
  - 50 yards to Fanny Hill Ski Slope
  - 2-Bedroom Condo with 1 Queen + 2 Twins
  - Condos have Full-Kitchen and Fireplace
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  - Free High-Speed WiFi Internet Access
  - Parking for a Fee
- **Five-of-Seven Day Lift Ticket**
  - Interchangeable at Snowmass, Aspen, Highlands, Buttermilk
- **Daily Pacific Rim Après Ski Parties** at Terracehouse
- **Far West Package**
  - Registration
  - Welcome Party
  - Races
  - Pub Crawl
  - Mountain Picnic
  - Ski Week Banquet
  - Awards Après Party

**Not Included**

- Air (Far West air prices will be available in June) or book your own
- R/T Ground Transportation from Denver or Eagle to Terracehouse (**\$TBA**)

**\* Additions / Deletions**

- Single Supplement **add \$790**
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- Non-skiers **deduct \$279**

**about Snowmass**

- 3,132 skiable acres
- 4,406 feet of vertical
- 5.3 miles longest run
- 6% ● 50% ■ 12% ◆ 32% ◆◆
- 91 designated runs
- 21 lifts (10 are high speed)
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- 8,104 feet Village elevation
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- First lift opens 8 AM while most close at 3:30 PM
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- Free bus ride to Aspen, Highlands and Buttermilk for skiing
- Bus to Aspen at night for small fee



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**Payment Schedule**

\$200 deposit due NOW  
 \$300 August 1, 2012  
 \$400 September 1, 2012  
 Balance October 1, 2012

**Cancellation / Refund Policy**

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 \$75 after July 20, 2012  
 \$100 after Sept. 20, 2012  
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## Far West 2013 Convention



### June 6-9, 2013

### Grand Sierra Resort & Casino



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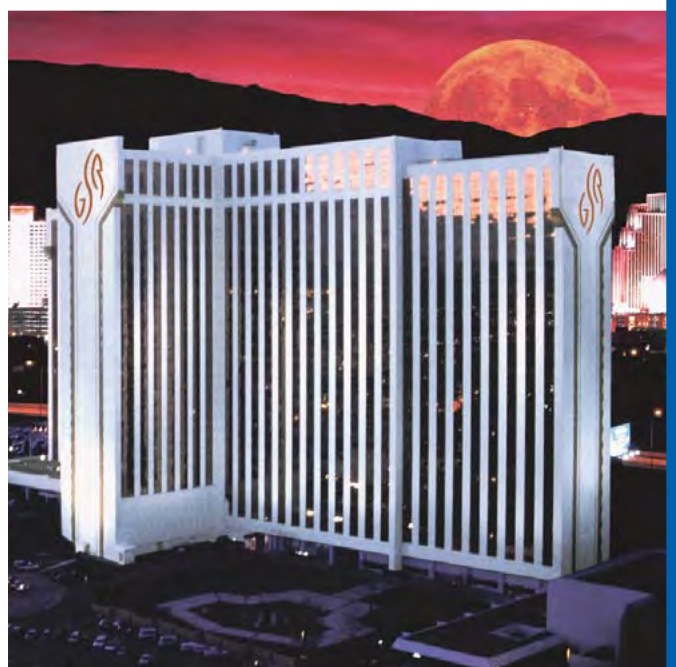
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- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi-Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- Pub Crawl
- Michael German Golf Tournament
- Beach Party
- So Much More

### Information [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

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Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair  
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#### • Linda Indreboe

BAC Host Council Convention Coordinator  
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# Membership Application

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

To join the Pacific Rim Alliance, fill out the following, Sign your release of liability and send with your check [payable to Pacific Rim Alliance] to:

**Pacific Rim Alliance**  
**10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124**

Name [1]: \_\_\_\_\_ Name [2]: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate Membership  
 [Includes membership in FWSA, LA & San Diego Councils, NSAA]

- \$8 INDIVIDUAL Membership
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Photographs of members participating in club activities are routinely included in a newsletter or on our web site or facebook which is distributed to the membership and other interested parties and is made available to the general public. Signature is required below to agree to this and to the terms of the Release of Liability to the right.

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 Signature [1] Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature [2] Date

## Release Of Liability, Waiver Of Claims, Express Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement

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 & off-piste 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.

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I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS [releases Pacific Rim Alliance] WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

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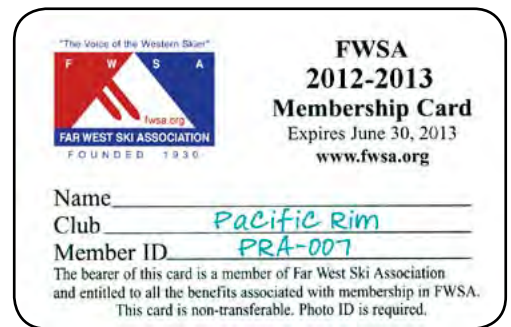
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To volunteer contact **Sara Richter**, Outreach Coordinator, [sara@usarc.org](mailto:sara@usarc.org).

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- \$200 per person **Beaver Creek**, CO, February 2014 [tentative]
- \$300 per person **Italy / France**, March 2014 [tentative]
- \$400 per person **New Zealand & Tasmania**, August 2014 [tentative]

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## Late Breaking News...

### FOREST SERVICE— Water Rights Issue To Heat Up Soon

The U.S. Forest Service, responding to the NSAA lawsuit regarding water rights, claimed last month that the Forest Service has the legal right to attach restrictions to the water rights included in ski area permits. The issue will eventually be settled in the courts, with NSAA due to file its legal brief on June 1, with amicus briefs due by June 6. Those filings will bring the dispute into sharper focus, and indicate the level and type of support each side has.

In November 2011, the Forest Service inserted a new clause into its ski area permits regarding water rights. The Forest Service says it did so to ensure that water originating in streams on public lands remains dedicated to ski area operations, especially when a leaseholder sells to a new owner. The clause is intended to ensure that the water rights transferred to the new owner are used for ski area operations. The Forest Service claims that water rights language adopted in 2004 would allow resorts

to sell water rights for other purposes.

NSAA claimed that the new clause requires resorts on Federal land to relinquish control over water rights that are worth millions of dollars, value that resorts carry on their balance sheets. Removing those water rights could affect some areas' credit ratings, the resorts have argued.

The NSAA sued the Forest Service last January, claiming that the Forest Service failed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the changes under the National Forest Management Act, and that it failed to analyze the economic impacts of the permit change on small businesses, as required under the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The Forest Service says that existing laws allow it to make administrative changes without comment or economic impact analysis. It will be up to the court to determine who is right. ◆



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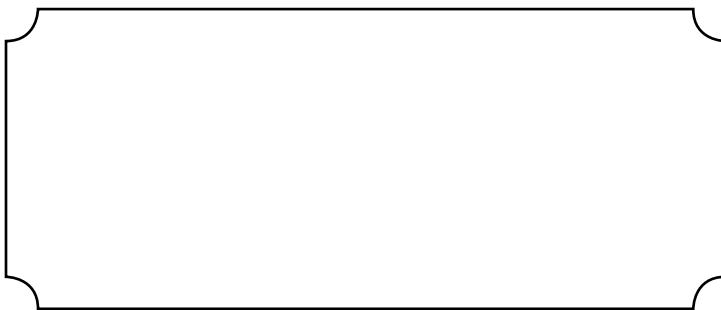
Surplus moneys above requirements for deposits for future trips will be donated to non-profit organizations devoted

to charity, research & education. We are especially interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Jimmie Heuga Center for MS and Olympic & Junior Racers, Mammoth Ski Museum.

The Alliance is a member of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC), Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (LAC), Far West Ski Association (FWSA) and National Ski Council Federation (NSCF).



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