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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 at the Needles Marina. Equipment and instructions are included. Details, dates and cost can be found on page 20.

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. United is now flying round trip out of Los Angeles for about \$325. Alaska & Air Canada have flights from LA and San Diego. West Jet is also available out of Las Vegas and Los Angeles. See page 23 for trip details.

SESTRIERE italy

Be sure to check out Pac Rim's trip to Sestriere, Italy with an extension to Cinque Terre, March 8-20, 2014. The price is \$1,699 for Sestriere and \$499 for Cinque Terre. This does not include the airline taxes, lift tickets, rentals, lunches and dinners in Cinque Terre. See page 22 for details.



courtesy National Geographic

Here's a picture of what the National Geographic projects the U.S. would look like if all the ice melted. See page 9.

FWSA convention

The recent FWSA convention was a great success. We had a blast coordinating the Pub Crawl. The highlight of the convention was the awards. Catherine was presented the President's Award for all of the free time she donates to Far West and for her years of work on the convention slide show.

Pacific Rim was also awarded the first place Tollakson Award (best ski club) and Wentworth Award (newsletter) and second place Web Site Award for Class AA category (around 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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Details and flyers can be found under **TRIPS** at PacificRimAlliance.org

Pacific Rim Alliance pacificrimalliance.org

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

- **Biking** Typically one Friday a Month, 10 AM
- **Water Ski Weekends** (2 times a month) June – Oct, 2013
Patricia Ortiz / 323-651-0686
- **Wine Maker Dinner for Can Do MS** Sept 28, 2013
- **Big White** December 7–14, 2013
- **Sestriere & Cinque Terre** (Italy) March 8–20, 2014
- **Big White** April 5–12, 2014
- **New Zealand & Tasmania** August 2015

Los Angeles Council lacouncil.org

- **Snow Gala** November 9, 2013
- **Ski Dazzle** December 5–8, 2013
- **Beaver Creek, CO** Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2014

San Diego Council skisandiego.org

- **Happy Hour** November 16, 2013
- **Snow Jam** November 8-10, 2013
- **Winter Gala** November 16, 2013
- **Aspen, CO** December 11–17, 2013
- **Beaver Creek, CO** Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2014

Far West Ski Association fwsa.org

- **Belize Diving** September 7–14, 2013
Randy Lew / 530-304-0802
- **Caribbean Cruise** Nov 9–16, 2013
Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471
- **Beaver Creek, CO** January 25 – February 1, 2014
- **Snowbasin, UT** (Layton) February 22–27, 2014
Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471
- **Zermatt, Switzerland & Spain** March 6–23, 2014
Debbie Stewart / 935-944-9816
- **Convention** (Bend, OR) June 12–15, 2014
Mary Olhausen / 503-880-7383



Join PaC Rim for our 11th Annual

Wine Maker Dinner

Fundraiser for MS

Saturday, **September 28, 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

\$100*

- **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



Send your \$100* Tax Deductible Contribution payable to

Can Do MS c/o Gene Fulkerson
10818 Viacha Dr., SD, CA 92124

100% of proceeds to benefit

Can Do MS formerly Heuga Center for MS
IRS 501(c)(3) Number 74-2337853
www.msando.org • 970.926.1290

* 100% Tax Deductible. Since this is a fundraiser for charity, there will be no refunds.

MEMBER posting

catching up with **MEMBERS**

Where are they now.



It's been a busy year for Connie, Zac, Sienna and Brooke. And now Connie is back to full time teaching.



Sean Griffin graduated from HS and is off to Mt. Sac in Walnut, CA.



Delaney & Isabella are growing up too fast. We really missed seeing them this year and can't wait to teach them to ski next year. Also looking forward to skiing with Logan (HS Senior) and Bailey (first year in middle school).

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
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- 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

SKI TOWNS western usa

Top EMERGING Ski Towns

National Geographic rates the top 10 up-and-comer resorts in the West

These western North American ski towns may not have the name recognition of the world's best-known destinations, but these are the local's favorites and up-and-comers. They're real towns, often cheaper and friendlier than the big dogs—at least for now. If you're on the hunt for great skiing without the crowds and glitz, read on.

—Aaron Teasdale

Ogden, Utah

Photograph by Steve Lloyd, The New York Times/Redux.



Best for Utah powder seekers who don't like crowds.

Long overshadowed by its larger cousin to the south, Ogden sits only 40 miles north of Salt Lake City's international airport and its two primary mountains—Snowbasin and Powder Mountain—have the same ethereal powder as the heralded resorts in Cottonwood Canyon without the pesky crowds that track everything out by lunch.

Reno, Nevada

Photograph by Grant Gunderson, Tandem.



Best for mixed groups of hard chargers, beginners, and nonskiers who'd rather do their gambling off the slopes.

This historic gold-mining town at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains became one of America's 20th-century gambling meccas before its current reinvention as a hip, outdoorsy city of university students, artists, and, yes, skiers. Mount Rose is 25 miles from downtown, but Reno sits at the northern tip of Lake Tahoe's constellation of ski areas as well—the densest concentration of ski resorts in North America. There are 18 resorts within a hundred miles of Reno's international airport.

Revelstoke, British Columbia

Photograph by Grant Gunderson, Tandem.



Best for vertical-devouring powder hounds with movie-star ambitions.

Consider 5,620 feet of vertical—that's pretty much all you need to know to understand why Revelstoke Mountain Resort has burst onto the North American ski scene with more fanfare than any ski area in recent memory. The average 350 to 550 inches of snow per year doesn't hurt either. But it's more than just obscene amounts of snow and vertical—the town of Revelstoke, only three miles from the mountain's base, is an old mining hamlet cum ski town in the grand tradition of Colorado's finest (Crested Butte, Telluride, etc.).

Nelson, British Columbia

Photograph by Douglas Noblet, Getty Images.



Best for those seeking an off-the-trodden path, powder-smothered destination that's more about relaxed authenticity than thread count.

Resting on the shores of Kootenay Lake and tucked into the steep, wooded folds of the Selkirk Mountains, the funky hamlet of Nelson has long harbored artists, adventure seekers, and copious, car-concealing amounts of snow. The colorful downtown consists of meticulously restored historic buildings packed with eclectic restaurants. Ten miles from town sits the quietly epic Whitewater Ski Resort, a hidden gem of British Columbia skiing. Situated in a mountain bowl that grabs snow like a giant catcher's mitt, you don't come here for glitz and high-speed chairs (none and none).

Sandpoint, Idaho

Photograph by Woods Wheatcroft, Aurora.



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Top **EMERGING** Ski Towns

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Sandpoint, Idaho cont'd

Best for non-extreme skiers and boarders seeking the famed tree skiing of the Selkirks without the trip to Canada.

Deep in the Idaho panhandle the backwoods logging town of Sandpoint has been transformed into a ski town and a bohemian artists' haven of wineries and sushi bars. Eleven miles north of town, Schweitzer Mountain Resort sprawls across 2,900 acres and offers some of the best lift-accessed backcountry in the Rockies. The ski area itself is a non-extreme skier's dream, with wide ribbons of corduroy and unending glades draped across its three peaks.

Driggs, Idaho

Photograph by Gabe Rogel, Aurora.

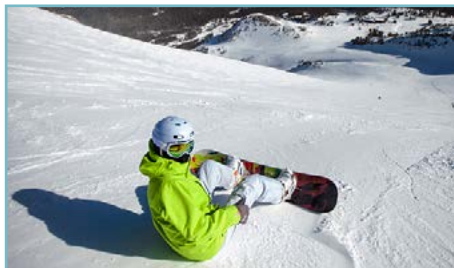


Best for families seeking virtually guaranteed powder in a salt-of-the-earth ski town.

In Idaho's rural Teton Valley at the skirts of the vaulting Teton Mountains, the small ranching town of Driggs is slowly filling with skiers and snowboarders there to dive into some of North America's best and most consistent powder snorkling. Driggs is 42 miles and one mountain pass from its flashier relative, Jackson Hole. 12 miles outside of town, Grand Targhee catches an average of 500 inches of snow each year on its 2,602 acres

Mammoth, California

Photograph by Lee Donahoe, Tandem



Best for cliff huckers and park rats looking for California sunshine.

High in California's Sierra Nevada, in the shadow of Yosemite, the volcano of Mammoth Mountain rises above the tree line to 11,053 feet and delivers the highest lift-served skiing west of the Rockies. This means two things: wide-open alpine terrain and lighter snow than anywhere else in the region. The recent development of the Village at Mammoth has given Mammoth a lively pedestrian center. The mountain itself lives up to its name with 150 runs, 28 lifts (half of which are high-speed), three base lodges, and a plethora of pitches for every level across its 3,500 acres. Terrain diversity is the key here.

Red Lodge, Montana

Photograph by Paul Otsu, Red Lodge Mountain Resort.



Best for families looking for an inexpensive Rocky Mountain ski vacation.

With its family-friendly mountain, glorious spring skiing, and laid-back character recalling the Aspen of 40 years ago, the little western town of Red Lodge has quietly become one of the best under-the-radar ski towns in the Rockies. This was the stomping ground of Buffalo Bill and Calamity Jane, and the historic downtown hasn't changed much since. Six miles out of town, Red Lodge Mountain Resort rises 2,400 feet up Grizzly Peak. At 1,600 acres and 65 runs, it's not a huge ski area, but it has the whole family covered, from gentle beginner runs to 2.5-mile-long groomers to double-black tree skiing in the mountain's upper reaches.

Durango, Colorado

Photograph by Scott Smith, Durango Mountain Resort.



Best for budget-minded families with multisport inclinations and a taste for the Southwest.

Renowned for its world-class mountain biking and kayaking, Durango also happens to be a vibrant, family-friendly ski town—perhaps the most affordable in Colorado. This Old West railroad town has blossomed into one of America's adventure sports capitals. Twenty-seven miles up Highway 550 is Durango Mountain Resort, née Purgatory, a family and intermediate skier's dream hill, with 88 runs, ten lifts, five terrain parks, and a seemingly endless supply of groomed rollers for catching flight. ♦

YOGA for cyclists & skiers

Four Yoga Moves for a Pain-Free Spine

You expect sore quads, calves, and glutes after copious saddle time. But according to a study in the American Journal of Sports Medicine, back pain is the most common overuse injury reported by cyclists.

Even if you don't pin on a race number every weekend, simple yoga-based stretches align your spine; relieve back, neck, and shoulder pain; and create flexibility in your upper body.

Do this sequence two or three times a week to keep your back going strong.

Tilt and Hold



Sit up tall in a chair with your back straight and your feet flat on the floor. Bend your head and neck forward as far as possible, keeping your shoulders down. Lace your fingers together behind your head, elbows out to the sides, and press gently on the back of your head. Hold for eight deep breaths, then release. Repeat three times.

Eagle Arm Pose



Stay seated and extend your arms in front of you at shoulder level. Cross your left arm over your right, raise your forearms perpendicular to the floor, and twist your palms inward until they touch. Inhale and raise your arms slightly; exhale and lower. That's one rep. Do five; unwind, switch arms and repeat.

Spinal Twist



Sit on a mat and place your right foot on the floor outside your left knee. Slide your left foot back, tucking it under your right thigh. Inhale, lift your left arm overhead, then lower your

elbow to the outside of your right knee. Place your right hand on the floor behind you; exhale and twist to the right. Hold for five breaths; then repeat on the other side.

Cat-Cow



Start on all fours, back flat, eyes focused on the floor. Inhale. As you exhale, round your spine like a cat, drop your head, and tuck your chin toward your chest. Inhale, then arch your back toward the floor, lifting your hips, tailbone and chest toward the ceiling, directing your gaze upward. Exhale as you return to cat pose. Do the sequence 10 times. ♦

boat SAFETY

Carbon Monoxide

"Teak surfing" or being dragged closely behind a boat is illegal and can be deadly! Those being dragged can inhale the colorless, odorless, tasteless and DEADLY gas called Carbon Monoxide. Avoid the death zones!

Swimming near or under the back deck or swim platform while the motor is running is dangerous. You can inhale Carbon Monoxide.

Did you know that all boats need to display a Carbon Monoxide safety

sticker on their boat? You can obtain the sticker from the California Department of Boating and Waterways.

Drinking

Bring your life jacket, but leave the alcohol at home. The side effects of alcohol – impaired judgment, reduced balance, poor coordination – can be magnified by the boating environment.

Designating a driver is not enough on boats. Drunken passengers on boats can easily fall overboard, swim near the propeller or cause loading problems by leaning over the side or standing up in small vessels, causing vessels to capsize. If you do drink, wear a life jacket. ♦

SKI technology explained

Rocker, or reverse camber, is finding its way into more and more skis.

Excerpted Peter Kray, onthesnow.com.



Are you looking to buy new skis this season. To ensure you don't walk into a shop unprepared this fall, what follows is a Dictionary of Ski Construction Terminology.

Rocker

Truth be told, rocker has existed since skis were first built with tips. The rise in a ski's shovel is technically rocker, and it helps the ski do everything from deflect cut-up snow and death cookies to provide a transition point on which to tip the ski into its arc.



Rocker, as it's marketed today, is simply an exaggerated rise in the ski's tip. Same with the tail of a ski, where increased rocker can make it easier to transition out of a turn.

Also commonly called early rise, reverse camber, and even pre-bent, rocker's exaggerated rise can make it dramatically easier to roll a ski into the turn without having to aggressively pressure the tip.

The more subtle the rocker or early rise, the more effectively a ski will grip the snow once it is put on edge.

The more pronounced the rocker, the more likely a ski is designed for hitting the kind of powder you find riding

snowcats or hiking out the backcountry.

Camber

Camber is the upward flexing arc beneath a ski, and is the very design rocker is "reversing." By pressuring down on the camber, skiers exert pressure — and control — out to the ski's tail and tip.



Though some skis are built with only reverse camber or no camber, most new skis use some combination of rocker and camber as they seek the perfect blend of float and flex.

Width

Even with all of that flexing and floating going on, a ski's width and sidecut still figure into the triumvirate of any design's most important ingredients. A ski's waist width — measured directly underfoot — still seems to be the most reliable barometer of what kind of terrain it is designed to hit.

Narrower skis are typically built for hardpack and lift-served conditions, where smoother surfaces make it easier to roll from edge to edge.

Fatter skis provide stability and a wider platform to even out the inconsistencies of deeper snow, especially in the windblown or wetter stuff.

Sidecut

Sidecut, a.k.a. profile or shape, is a means of measuring the difference in a ski's width at the tip, waist and tail. Sidecut is frequently described as sidecut radius.

Imagine extending the arc of a ski's sidecut into a full circle. The radius of that circle is called a ski's "sidecut radius."

The smaller the radius, the sharper the turn — the more quickly a ski can turn, maintaining a shorter arc.

On the flipside, the less sidecut a ski has — or the larger the radius — the more comfortable it will feel in a longer or more relaxed turn radius. ◆

more TERMS

Core Construction

Ski manufacturers can radically alter a ski's weight and performance by using any number of wood, foam, metal and fiberglass layers between the ski's base and its topsheet. Foam cores tend to result in a lighter ski. Metal laminates tend to result in a stiffer ski. Heavier woods can contribute to a damper, more durable core, while lighter woods can improve a ski's spring and flex.

Cap Construction

Cap construction, in which the top layer of the ski "caps" the core materials

from edge to edge, is often used in less expensive ski production. In many top-level skis, the materials are layered like a "sandwich." A mix can provide a combination of the torsional rigidity of a sidewall combined with the weight and cost savings of a cap.

Bottom Line

There is a wealth of new skis hitting the slopes aimed at improving your experience. And while it's easy to get caught up in all the terminology, it's more fun to focus on the benefits. Check out the latest skis at onthesnow.com.

If you've still got doubts, get out and try a couple pairs yourself. You'll be glad you did. ◆

exciting CHANGES for skiers in the west

Excerpted from *saminfo.com*



skiing & Climate Change

Climate change is serious business for the ski industry—without snow, there won't be much of an industry left. It is one of the first industries to visibly suffer from climate change as there's less reliable snow in recent years. It foreshadows the impact that many industries will experience, such as tourism, hospitality and retail. 108 ski areas from around the U.S. have signed the Climate Declaration, which urges Congress to address climate change

Vail Resorts Cuts Staff

Following taking over management of Canyons Resort, Vail Resorts has laid off 42 full-time Canyons employees as it consolidates staff at Canyons. Many of them were at the department manager level or higher. Vail Resorts recently signed a lease agreement to manage.

Mammoth hosts Olympic Teams

The United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) has named Mammoth Mountain as its official training ground for the nation's Olympic freeskiing and snowboarding hopefuls ahead of the Sochi 2014 Games.

The California ski resort will play host to spring and fall training camps for athletes, including the likes of world champions **Ted Ligety** and **Mikaela Shiffrin**, through to 2019 meaning it will also be used by snowsport stars for the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics

Royal Gorge Tram

A 3,200-acre wildfire last week destroyed much of the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. The iconic suspension bridge survived largely intact, along with several more recent additions, including the park's skycoaster and zipline. But the park's aerial tram was destroyed, along with 48 of the park's 52 structures.

Mt. Norquay, Canada

Mt. Norquay, Banff, Alberta, has received approval from Parks Canada for a long-range improvement plan for summer and winter operations. The plan calls for widening of trails, renovating the Cliff House lodge and adding an observation deck, and creating a cable-assisted summer hiking trail

Breckenridge Expansion

Vail Resorts has begun construction on 543 acres of new terrain in the Peak 6 area of Breckenridge Ski Resort. The Peak 6 project will include 400 acres of lift-served terrain and 143 acres of hike-to terrain. They expect to open the new terrain for the 2013-2014 ski season, including adding a new high-speed, six-person chairlift and a new fixed-grip chairlift to access the Peak 6 area.



Mammoth Restructures

Rusty Gregory, the CEO and chairman of Mammoth Mountain, CA, announced a new leadership team effective immediately as the resort hopes to better align the organization to execute key strategies aimed at improving guest experience, communicating the brand and growing visitation to Mammoth Mountain, June Mountain and the region.

Snow Summit for Sale

The Snow Summit Ski Corporation board of directors in southern California has retained an international investment banking firm to market the company, with the possibility of selling it to one of a number of interested buyers. The corporation owns and operates both Snow Summit and Bear Mountain at Big Bear Lake, which average more than 700,000 visits annually.



Bitterroot Plan in Montana

The U.S. Forest Service is considering would-be developer Tom Maclay's latest proposal to build a destination ski resort on the Bitterroot and Lolo national forests. The Forest Service agreed to a first-stage screening on June 26, and has 60 days to determine if the proposal meets the agency's criteria to formally start the application process and initiate a full environmental analysis. ♦

GLOBAL WARMING effects skiing

The ski industry is taking climate change seriously and looking for solutions

Global warming is no joke. We have already seen some effects on our ski areas and if the trend continues, it will force many ski areas to close. Many of the ski areas at risk may not close today or even in our lifetime, but if the trend isn't reversed more resorts will be at risk.

So far, the affected ski areas are mostly smaller ones that cannot afford snowmaking equipment. Rising snowlines means fewer days a resort is open and less affordable it is to keep the resort open.

Snowmaking will not ultimately be the answer. Water needed for increased snowmaking may be harder to come by and higher temperatures may not even allow for snowmaking.

According to a recent 2012 report from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), if current levels of greenhouse gas emissions continue, temperatures on the already warming planet might rise by anywhere between 4°F and 10°F. Ski seasons will get shorter, snow levels will move higher, and the 38 U.S. states with ski industries will lose \$1 billion in revenue and 27,000 jobs because of decreasing snow.

Aspen has been a leader in protecting the environment. They recently invested \$5.5 million to develop the first large coalmine methane-to-electricity project in the U.S. They developed the ski industry's first climate policy and committed to reducing their carbon dioxide emissions by 25% by 2020 from their 2000 levels.

Mammoth Mountain, California, has embarked on an energy revamp in recent years. Since 2000, the ski area has reduced electricity needs by 9 percent and cut propane use by 70,000 gallons per year, thus using less energy than it did in the past.



Sundance on December 6, 2012 waiting for snow so they could open. Photo by Steve Griffin / The Salt Lake Tribune.

The ski industry is taking climate change seriously, and is looking for solutions. National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) adopted a climate change policy in 2002, pushing member resorts to inventory their emissions of greenhouse gases, retrofit buildings to be more energy efficient and promote mass transit use by guests and employees.

During 2012, more than 100 resorts sent letters to Congress in support of clean-energy legislation, power plant carbon emissions standards and the wind energy production tax credit.

As a skier, you can make a difference—Write letters to Congress, carpool to the mountains and do whatever it takes to reduce your personal carbon footprint. ◆

RESORTS at risk

This is what the science is telling us: By 2039, the East Coast ski season will be a full two weeks shorter. The chance of resorts being open for Christmas will be below 75%.

Mountains will be increasingly dependent on snowmaking to get the season up and running, meaning less skiing in the trees, steepening ticket prices as snowmaking costs increase and more hills going out of business.

Out West, high-altitude snowpacks have been in a steady decline, and, like this past season, seasons will shorten, more precipitation will fall as rain and spring melt-off will come earlier.

Chris Daly, director of OSU's Spatial Climate Analysis Service, said a study found that more than half of the ski areas area in the Western Oregon Cascades are at risk. That's because winters in this part of the Northwest would take only a small amount of warming to tip the scales from snow to rain.

Precipitation that falls on the west slope of the cascades as snow (today) is falling near the freezing point. If you increase the temperature just a little bit, you turn that snow to rain.

Among the larger ski areas in the United States, the most at risk are Aspen, CO, and Park City, UT.

By 2100, the snowline at both Aspen and Park City will move up 2,400 feet higher, unless the greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon-dioxide are reduced from current levels. ◆

SKI PASS deals

LIFT PASSES best of the 2013-14 season pass

So many options to choose from for skiing multiple resorts.

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It may still be early in the summer, but the ski season will begin at major U.S. resorts in just four months. For those in the know, it may well be a cheaper and easier ski season than ever before.

The general concept is to combine mountains that would typically be skied in more than one trip, and even resorts under different ownership, into one pass. This new generation of ski passes is for ski and snowboard travelers, and many are good deals for those doing as few as two ski trips – or one long trip – even for skiers living thousands of miles from the slopes.

With more resorts in more places, from Michigan to California to Europe and South American, Vail's Epic Pass has long been the 800-pound gorilla of the ski world.

See what other passes are available. ◆



Epic Pass

Photo: Vail Resorts

Unlimited access to Afton Alps, Arapahoe Basin, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Canyons, Eldora, Heavenly, Keystone, Kirkwood, Mt. Brighton, Northstar, and Vail; Five days at Verbier, Switzerland, Arlberg, Austria, and the eight Les 3 Vallees resorts in France; Six discounted Ski-With-A-Friend tickets.

\$689. Passes go off sale around Thanksgiving. www.snow.com.



Mountain Collective

Photo: Whistler / Paul Morrison

Two days each at Alta and Snowbird, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Mammoth, Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, and Whistler-Blackcomb; 50 percent off all additional days at all of the resorts after you use up the two days at that mountain; up to 25% off lodging at every Mountain Collective destination.

\$379. Limited quantities available. www.themountaincollective.com.



Colorado Gold Pass

Photo: Durango Mountain Resort

Unlimited access to Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Copper Mountain, Crested Butte, Purgatory, Eldora, Howelsen, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn, Ski Cooper, Snowmass, Ski Granby Ranch, Steamboat, Sunlight, Telluride, Winter Park, and Wolf Creek; fully transferable to friends and family.

\$3,000.
www.coloradoski.com.



Monarch's One Planet

Photo: Monarch Mountain

Unlimited access to Monarch and 5 Berge & Co (Germany & Austria); three free days at Angel Fire Resort, Cataloochee, China Peak, Durango, Granby Ranch, Indianhead, Loveland, Mount Bohemia, Pajarito, Red River, Sierra-At-Tahoe, Sipapu, Ski Apache, Ski Cooper, Snowy Range, Sunlight, Devil's Thumb Ranch, and Masella, Spain; and much more.

\$429. Price increases Nov. 9.
www.skimonarch.com.



Powder Alliance

Photo: Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort

When you buy a season pass to any Powder Alliance resort, you get three free days at all the rest. The resorts included are Angel Fire Resort, Arizona Snowbowl, Bridger Bowl, China Peak, Crested Butte, Mountain High, Mt. Hood Skibowl, Schweitzer, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Snowbasin Resort, Stevens Pass, and Timberline.

\$349-\$749. Varies by resort.
www.powderalliance.com.

SKI PASS deals

LIFT PASSES best of the 2013-14 season pass

More great deals to choose from for skiing multiple resorts.

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Quick start Free Ski

Photo: The Canyons

Bring your airplane boarding pass to Deer Valley, Canyons or Park City Mountain Resort and receive a free lift ticket. The free lift ticket is only good on your arrival day, and the offer is not valid for Utah residents.

Cost: The plane ticket.
www.visitparkcity.com/freeskiing.



Rocky Mtn. Super Pass

Photo: Copper Mountain

Unlimited access to Copper and Winter Park/ Mary Jane; Six days at Steamboat; Three days at Monarch; Five days at Mt. Ruapehu, New Zealand; 20 discounted Friends & Family tickets. And no blackout dates.

\$489, but it could change at any time.
www.skicolorado.com.



Best of Wasatch

Photo: Alta Ski Area

With a season pass to Alta, Park City, Deer Valley, or Snowbird, you get three free days at each of the other three resorts.

\$999-\$1,910. Varies by resort.
www.alta.com/pages/passes.php
www.deervalley.com
www.parkcitymountain.com/pass
www.snowbird.com/seasonpass

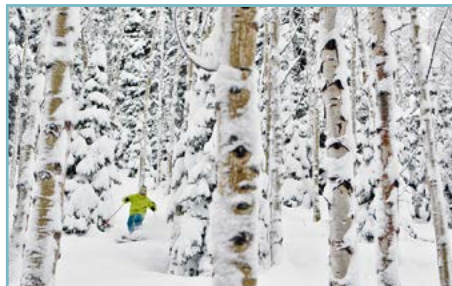


RCR Super Pass

Photo: Fernie Alpine Resort

Unlimited skiing at Fernie Alpine Resort, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Kimberley Alpine Resort, Lake Louise, and Nakiska Ski Area.

\$1,429 (Canadian dollars). Passes go off sale on Oct. 21. www.skircr.com.



Yeti Pass

Photo: Dan Campbell

One day at all 14 Utah resorts.

\$599. The pass went on sale Sept. 1.
www.skiutah.com.



Ski Utah Gold Pass

Photo: Steve Lloyd

Fifty days at all 14 Utah resorts; Nordic skiing privileges at most Nordic areas; fully transferable to friends and family. Fast Tracks Express Lane at Park City Mountain Resort.

\$3,999. The pass went on sale Sept. 1 for new pass holders. www.skiutah.com.

Shell Ski Free Deals

When you purchase 10 gallons or more of gas at participating Shell stations, you can receive a voucher for a 2-for-1 adult lift ticket voucher for participating resorts

California: Alpine Meadows, China Peak, Homewood Mountain Resort, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Squaw Valley, and Mt. Shasta Ski Park

Colorado: Copper, Crested Butte, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn, and Winter Park

Oregon: Anthony Lakes, Hoodoo Ski Area, Mt. Ashland, Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, and Timberline Lodge

Cost: At least 10 gallons of gas plus one adult lift ticket. www.skifreedeads.com.

BIG SKY celebrates 40 years

BIG SKY

*acquires
Moonlight Basin
to form the largest
ski resort in the US*



The winter of 2013-14 marks the 40th anniversary of Big Sky Resort, the concept of the late NBC newscaster and Montana native **Chet Huntley**.

Under the ownership of Boyne Resorts since 1976, Big Sky has seen hundreds of millions of dollars of significant improvements, from building a conference center, expanding terrain, additions and upgrades of lifts, lodging, employee housing and commercial centers, to building the relevant utilities infrastructure.

A barometer of the real estate recovery is exemplified by phase five of the popular Powder Ridge Cabins released in December 2011: as of summer 2013, it had nearly sold out of the 15 units available. Through its responsible growth, Big Sky Resort stays financially



Aerial view of Lone Peak, the center of Big Sky and Moonlight Basin.

viable and a reliable employer and community partner.

Big Sky's professional meeting and catering staff and facilities have enabled them to host such high-profile guests as President Obama and family, Vice President Biden and the 1000-attendee international trade conference Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperative (APEC).

Skiers and snow-boarders have enjoyed the collaboration with Moonlight Basin to form the nation's largest ski complex with 5750 acres and 4,350 vertical feet.

Summer vacationers now have the Big Sky Resort Basecamp to Yellowstone activity center from which to launch unique adventures such as the Lone Peak Expedition: tram to the top and numerous ziplines, ropes courses, shooting sports and children's activities. ♦

Big Sky Timeline—

- 1968 Chet Huntley conceptualizes Big Sky
- 1973 Lifts open for first winter of skiing
- 1974 Chet Huntley dies of cancer
- 1976 Boyne USA buys Big Sky Resort
- 1981 Built first snowmaking system
- 1988 Built Challenger Lift - overcoming stigma of being an intermediate area
- 1995 Built Lone Peak Tram
- 1996 Swift Current high-speed lift replaces Gondola II
- 1998 Built first Terrain Park and Half-Pipe
- 1999 Summit Hotel Built
- 2000 Moonlight Basin opens for ski operations
- 2007 Village Center Ski Suites open
- 2012 Lone Peak Tram Expedition opens to summer guests
- 2013 All-time record ski season 374,000 skier days at Big Sky Resort. (485,000 including Moonlight)
- 2013 Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin merge together to form the largest ski resort in the United States.



Chet Huntley with Lone Peak in the background.

GOOD STUFF for the kids & grandkids

Teaching children to water ski

Some of my best days on the water have been witnessing a child getting up on skis for the first time. The expression of excitement on their face is priceless.

But to a child, the thought of being pulled behind a boat on skis for the first time can be frightening. You don't want to force a child into skiing before they are ready. Even when they say they want to ski but you may get them in the middle of the river and they won't even go into the water. Children have to be confident and want to learn.

So instead of trying to talk them into skiing we practice getting the kids to jump off the swim step and into the deep water with an adult to catch them.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

2-year-old Brooke on the horseshoe ski being towed in the shallow water on our beach.

Start On Dry Land

The first thing we do when a child thinks they want to ski is to practice on dry land. We put them on our horseshoe ski and give them the ski handle attached to the ski and drag them around for a while. We talk them through what is happening and explain to them about balance.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

3-year-old Danielle being towed on an inflatable ski trainer.

Keep Them On Their Toes

We attempt to keep their weight on their balls of their feet. This has the effect of keeping them off their heels and consequently off their butts. It is virtually impossible for someone to keep their arms straight when the sensation of falling backwards occurs. Having the weight on the balls of the feet makes it much more difficult to fall backward. Now, as long as the knees are bent the child is not only more stable but it also gives them better control of the ski for maneuvering.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

4-year-old Jacqueline skiing on an inflatable ski trainer.

Getting in the Water

Drill into the child's head these important things. Keep your knees bent and together, head up, shoulders back, and arms straight. If they do not get it right the first couple of times, do not get upset with them. Patience is needed.

We tend to start most kids on a towable or the kneeboard. They can just hang on while we pull them slowly behind the boat.

When they are ready to start skiing have an adult get in the water. Help them get their skis pointed forward, and hold the tails of the skis down as the driver begins the pull. If they are unsuccessful, you are right there to help them get started again. If they get up, just hang out in the water until the boat returns and stay visible to other boaters.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

10-year-old Bailey being towed on the kneeboard and having a blast.

We do not attach the rope to the tow bar right away but have someone in the boat hold it. This way, the child can start on a shorter rope and we can lengthen the rope slowing. Also when a child falls they do not want to let go of the rope. This way you can release it and reduce the risk of injury.

Make Them A Star

Try video taping the child skiing. They will get a kick out of seeing themselves on the tube, and this is a great way to show them what they are going right. ♦

it's a **WRAP**

FAR WEST ski convention

Pac Rim scores a first place for newsletter & club and a second for web site.

The 81th annual Far West convention took place in Reno, NV, June 6-9, 2013.

Pac Rim Wins

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

Far West 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 Steamboat & Powerhorn in Colorado. 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 **Candace Cable, Doug Pringle** and **Wayne Wong**. All icons in their own way.

The Convention

Bay Area Council did a fabulous job on the convention. Gene and Catherine were honored to run the Pub Crawl again this year. We visited some awesome establishments in Downtown Reno. 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. We especially enjoyed Candace Cable's keynote speech.



photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

Far West has a new president— Linda Scott from Intermountain Ski Council. She is pictured with (left to right) FWSA Past Presidents, Jane Wyckoff (1981–85), Steve Coxen (2000-03), Harry Davis (1996-2000), Randy Lew (2006-2013) and Mike Sanford (2003-06).

2014 Far West Convention

The 2014 Far West convention will be hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council to be held in beautiful Bend, OR on June 12-15, 2014. We plan to go and make a week of it. There's so many fun things to do in this area. See page 24 for the current convention information. ♦



Jane Wyckoff & Catherine Ohl are presented the President's Award by outgoing President Randy Lew.



Candace Cable, Steve Coxen, freestyler Wayne Wong.



Barbara Blase, Gene Fulkerson and Karla Baker of Snowmass enjoying the Pub Crawl in Downtown Reno.

FAR WEST ski convention

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



photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

Pac Rim is still a triple treat, scoring a first in best Club (Tollakson Award) and Newsletter (Wentworth Award). We also got a second place in web sites.



Our very own Dr. Know (John Watson) dancing up a storm.



Far West Athletic Scholarship recipients, Kayleigh & Lila showing us their race moves. They are living our dreams. Looks like they are having fun.

far west **SERVICE AWARDS**

- Snow Sports Builders Award **A.C. "Shelly" Leonard**, 10th Mountain
Vern Sprock, Sierra Ski Ranch
Doug Pringle, Disabled Sports USA, Far West
- Hans Georg - Long-term contributions **Bill Clark**
Western SkiSport Museum
- Elizabeth Schatzi Wood - Female One or Two-Year Contribution **Nancy Ellis**
Sierra Council
- J. Stanley Mullin - Male One or Two-Year Contribution **Bob Ellis**
Far West Racing Association
- Jordon-Reily - Public Affairs **Judy Dorsey**
Brendle Group, Colorado
- Terry Smith - Racing **Ken Kawahara**
Ullr Race League Chair
- Jimmie Heuga - Humanitarian **Fred Noble**
Ski to Defeat ALS
- Tommi Tyndall - Ski Industry Contribution **Mt. Bachelor**
- Bill Mackey - Ski Industry Employee **Brandon Bang**
Big Sky
- President's Awards **Jane Wykcoff & Catherine Ohl**, FWSA
Ted Ligety & Mikaela Shiffrin, US Ski Team
- Bill Berry - Feature Article **No Awards**
- Bill Berry - Hard News **Sylas Wright**
Sprots Editor, "Sierra Sun"
- Warren Miller - Modern Media **William A. Kerig & Whitney Childers**
"Ready to Fly" movie
- Safety Award **Gordon Lusk**, Northwest Ski Council
- Ski Heritage Award **Ingrid Wicken**, Los Ski Area So. Calif.
- Man of the Year **Dale Parshall**, Northwest Ski Council
- Women of the Year **Jennifer Milstein**, Bay Area Council
- Charity Recognition **Fresno Ski Club**, Central Council
- History Recognition **No Award**

it's a **WRAP**

BIG WHITE spring skiing

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

This was our 11th 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. Same story but different year.

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 led the experts 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, recovery time in the hot tub, good friends and new friends, the tube park, Ladies' day on the mountain, mountain tours, sunrises and sunsets, daily pastries from the Big White Bakery and the beauty of Big White.

The skiing was absolutely awesome! There was fresh powder every day and everlasting powder in the trees. Many days the groomed had up to a couple of inches of untracked. The fact that the temperatures remained in the high 20s was our only indications of spring. ♦



Arline, Joe and RC enjoying more fresh powder.



Gene, Mark and Pat, being expert skiers, followed Gene into the trees and off the cliffs.



The tree skiing was absolutely awesome. With so much new snow, it's where we spent most of our time on skis.



RC, Joe, Fay, Arline, John getting a mountain tour from one of the Big White Hosts.



*Standing: Pat, John, Joe, Gene, Mark.
Sitting: Fay, RC, Arline, Linda*



Dinner at the Globe— Pat, Fay, Catherine, Arline, John, Mark, Linda.



Fay, Gene, Joe, Mark, Catherine, RC enjoying gun barrel coffee & cocoa.

WATER SPORTS on the Colorado River

Needles Marina welcomes the Radar River Rats

More photos can be found at radarriverrats.org

June 21—23, 2013



Simone, George and Gene with their facebook faces.

July 12—14, 2013



Paul taking skiers and boarders out for an early run.

July 26—28, 2013



Craig got some impressive ski runs in on Saturday. Too sore to see Sunday.

photos courtesy Catherine Ohl



Dinner with George, Mark, Linda, Gene and Laura.



Sunrise from our campsite.



Brian speared some awesome looking fish... catch and release.



Welcome back Laura. She missed all of last year due to a broken arm.



Murray, Sean, Gene, Scotty, George & Paul in front of our new beach tarp.



Patty, from Santiago, Chile, and Carmen.

BIG WHITE new non-stop air



Celebrate Big White's 50th Anniversary!

Bring your FRIENDS to BIG WHITE in 2014!

It's never been better...

- Travel United NON STOP from LAX.
- Book a 7 night package.
 - Big White has special deals where you can book 5 nights and get 7 nights in most of their properties.
- Discounted Lift Tickets & Transfers available.

This is the best offer that has ever been available and the air is NON STOP!



Round-trip AIR from \$325

New for the 2013-14 Ski Season is United flights NON STOP for LAX to Kelowna. Flight time is a bit over 3 hours.

Pricing starts are \$325. **Book today!** These seats won't last long.

Call Central Reservations at 800-663-2772 with your dates and number of people in your party. You will be required to send a deposit immediately.

BIKING to stay in shape



Join Pacific Rim
Bike Mission Bay

Fridays at 10 AM

June 14, 2013
 July 19, 2013

Aug 16, 2013
 Sept 13, 2013

Meet in the Parking Lot just East of the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Dr.

About the Ride

- Easy 20 miles around the bay!
- Can add 3 or 5 miles by taking the short or long way around Fiesta Island.
- The 260-foot \$2.9 Million Rose Creek bridge is now open!
- Bring water, helmet, sunscreen, extra tube and money for lunch.

Contact Gene at gene@pacificrimalliance.org or 858-467-9469 if you will be joining us.

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.

These dates are tentative and subject to change. *Rokka & Ullr* are LAC leagues, *SDAL* is a San Diego Alpine League.

December 9, 2013
 December 14, 2013 (Sat)
 January 6-10, 2014 (M-F)
 January 11, 2014(Sat)
 January 29, 2014 (Tue)
 February 22, 2014 (Sat)
 March 22, 2014 (Sat)
 March 23, 2014(Sun)
 April 4, 2014 (Fri)
 April 5, 2014 (Sat)
 April 6, 2014 (Sun)

LAC Ski / Board Race Camp
 Rokka 1 & Ullr 1 (GS) & SDAL 1
 Rokka Ski / Board Race Camp
 Rokka 2 & Ullr 2 & SDAL 2 (SL)
 SDAL 3 (SL)
 Rokka 3 & Ullr 3 + SDAL 4 (GS)
 SoCals Championships (GS)
 SoCals Championships (SL)
 FWRA Championships (pacesetters)
 FWRA Championships (SL)
 FWRA Championships (GS)

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radar **RIVER rats**



colorado **RIVER** skiing/boarding

needles **MARINA**



NEW Location! We will be setting up camp at Needles Marina which has a pool, is close to local hotels and a 5 PM check-out

\$140**



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

& water **SKIING** wake **BOARDING** at it's very best!

2013 Colorado River **SCHEDULE**

June 21–23

July 12–14

Aug 9–11

Sept 6–8

Oct 4–6

July 26–28

Aug 23–25

Sept 20–22

Oct 18–20

Everyone Welcome

Friends • Family • Beginner • Expert

Please note: Our skis and wake boards are best suited for Beginners to Intermediates. We suggest if you require more advanced equipment that you rent them from your local sporting goods store.

Trip Includes—

- 1 Full & 1 Half Day Skiing/Boarding
- Equipment & Instruction
- Waterfront Camping
- Water Games
- 5 Meals– 3 on Saturday & 2 on Sunday
- Saturday Happy Hour
- Beer, Wine & Soda on Saturday & Sunday

What's **NEW!**—

- **New Location— Needles Marina**
- Pool, Showers & Rental Cabins available
- 6 PM Check-in. 5 PM Check-out on Sunday
- Option to add Friday Skiing/Boarding

Prices—

\$140 **	Skier / Boarder
\$70	Non-Skier *
\$35	Child age 6–12 *
Free	Child 5 and under*

* May not ride in the club boat during club hours.

** Subject to fuel surcharge if gas is more than \$5/gal

For Trip Information—

Visit www.RadarRiverRats.org

Call Patricia at 323-651-0686 (before 9 PM)

Boat Drivers—

Call Gene at 858-467-9469 (before 9 PM)

COUNCIL happenings

LOS ANGELES council

The 2013 L.A. Ski Council Snow Gala
LA Council Man & Woman of the Year Competition, wins a trip to the Bend, Oregon 2014 Convention.

WIN BIG PRIZES
GRAND PRIZE is a Samsung Tablet ATIV Smart PC 500T.

Silent Auction to benefit UNRECABLES.
RAFFLES and **DOOR PRIZES!**
and a special prize.....for the most creative, **Cozy Hat!**

When: Saturday, November 9, 2013
Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Where: Taix French Restaurant (French menu w/ award winning dishes)
1911 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026 • (213) 484-1126

\$ 45 per person
\$60 after October 9 (No refunds after October 20)

Reservations: Check or money order (payable to LA Council) to
Karen James, 1812 Vickers Dr., Glendale, CA 91208
kjames48@sbcglobal.net • (818) 249-5982

Raffle Tickets: Contact your LA Council Rep or Paula Hazzard
PO Box 940, Manhattan Beach, CA 90267
paulashomeoffice@aol.com • (310) 374-0310

SAN DIEGO council

Please Join Us....

Shake, Rattle & Roll

...At the Gala

Saturday November 16, 2013

To Honor
Ski Club Men & Women of the Year
& Joe Harris Award Recipient

Tickets only \$38/person*
*until Nov. 6, then \$48/person

5:00-6:00 No host bar
6:00-7:00 Dinner
7:00-8:00 Awards
8:00-10:00 Dancing - DJ

Questions?
Call 858 270-0915

Tickets non-refundable

To RSVP
Make checks to SDCSC and Mail to:
Barbara Blase
5149 Biltmore St.
San Diego, CA 92117

Holiday Inn Bayside Harborview Room - 5th Floor
4875 N. Harbor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92106

Sorry no walk-ins
Attire - Business Casual

Rooms Available at group rate of \$109/room plus 12.59% taxes.
Reserve with code San Diego Ski Council
Rate only good until Oct. 17.

Ski Dazzle: THE LOS ANGELES SKI SHOW & SNOWBOARD EXPO

Free Lift Ticket (with admission)

HOLLYWOOD

Los Angeles Convention Center

Thursday	December 5, 2013	4:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Friday	December 6, 2013	4:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Saturday	December 7, 2013	11:00 am - 10 pm
Sunday	December 8, 2013	Noon - 6:00 pm

snow jam
SKI & SNOWBOARD EXPOS

DEEP DISCOUNTS ON GEAR, CLOTHING & TRIPS!

Check out the SnowJam MegaSale for incredible deals on brand-new, brand-name equipment and clothing. It's the pre-season sale of the year!

Get FREE Lift Tickets to

Friday, Nov. 8
4pm - 10pm

Saturday, Nov. 9
10am - 6pm

Sunday, Nov. 10
10am - 6pm

Del Mar Fairgrounds
Pat O'Brien Hall

mb MOUNTAINHIGH

Brian Head RESORT

Italy 2014

www.PacificRimAlliance.org

SESTRIERE — \$1,699 per person dbl. occ.

March 8–16, 2014

Sestriere Package Includes

- Seven nights **Lodging** at 4-star Hotel Cristallo
 - Near Town Center & across from Lifts
 - Breakfasts and Dinners Daily
 - Jacuzzi, Turkish Bath & Gym
 - Massage & Solarium (for a fee)
- Round Trip **Air** on SWISS to Milan
- **Transfer** from/to Milan Airport
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**

Not Included

- Lift Tickets
- Air Taxes & Fuel Surcharges (est. \$655)



CINQUE TERRE — \$499 per person dbl. occ.

March 16–20, 2014



Cinque Terre Package Includes

- Four nights **Lodging** at 3-star Hotel Marina, Monterosso al Mare
- Buffet **Breakfast** Daily
- Hotel **Taxes**
- **Transfer** from Sestriere
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**

\$400 Payment due NOW—

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

For Information contact Gene Fulkerson—
gene@pacificrimalliance.org or 858-467-9469

Cancellation—

Second Payment \$800 due Sept. 1, 2013
 Balance Payment due Dec. 1, 2013
 No Cancellations after Jan. 1, 2014

Via Lattea in Piemonte, Italy

- Skiable area: 250 miles
- Snowmaking: 75 miles
- Ski lifts: 88
- Runs: 7 Green, 112 Red, 54 Blue, 36 Black

The Via Lattea (Milky Way) resort consists of Claviere (5775 feet), Sansicario (5577 feet), Sauze d'Oulx (5000 feet), and **Sestriere** (6677 feet) in Italy, and Montgenèvre (6070 feet) in France. These are the base elevations.



www.PacificRimAlliance.org

Big White powder

December 7–14, 2013 / April 5–12, 2014



photo courtesy Big White

Basic Package \$699 per person dbl occ *

- Seven nights **Lodging** at The White Crystal Inn
 - Ski in / Ski out, located in the Village Center.
 - Standard Room with 2 Queen Beds.
 - Rooms have Mini-fridge & Coffee Maker.
 - On-site Santé Bar & Grill
 - Open Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
 - Hot Tub & Lockers.
 - Includes GST and Bed Taxes.
- Seven days **Lift Tickets**.
- **Transfer** from/to Kelowna Airport.
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**.

NOT Included—

- Air** to/from the Resort
 - **United flies non-stop from LAX from \$324**
 - West Jet flies non-stop from LAX
 - Air Canada/Jazz, Alaska/Horizons fly into Kelowna

\$200 Payment due NOW—

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

Cancellation—

Final Payment due Feb. 1, 2014.
No Cancellations after Feb. 15, 2014.

* Superior Kitchenette— add \$95 pp

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 tour at 10:30 AM.
- 5,757 feet Village elevation.
- 18 Restaurants & Bars.
- The Best Ever Powder Skiing.



Far West Ski Association

82nd Annual Convention

Volcanic Paradise



"The Voice of the Western Skier"



June 12-15, 2014

The Riverhouse Resort, Hotel & Convention Center



3075 North Business 97, Bend, Oregon 97701

800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111

www.riverhouse.com

Hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council



Bend is world famous for both its outdoor pursuits and pristine beauty. The historic downtown mixes cosmo with homegrown friendliness. Now it's your turn to experience Mt. Bachelor and Bend Oregon!

The Riverhouse Resort, Hotel & Convention Center

Reservations call 800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111

Group Name Far West Ski Association 2014

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy

River Views **\$129**

Non-River Views **\$119**

Hotel Features

- 2 restaurants, bar & lounge, spacious rooms, indoor and outdoor heated pools, spas, saunas and exercise room, walking distance to Bend River Promenade Shopping Mall, Family Fun Center and numerous restaurants
- NO Resort Fees, FREE In-room Wi-Fi, FREE Parking
- Rates available 3 days pre and post Convention

Transportation

- Air transportation is via Redmond Municipal Airport (RDM), located 15 minutes from The Riverhouse.
- Rental cars and shuttle service are available at the airport.

Convention Highlights

- 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

- Thursday Activities
 - Mt. Bachelor Ski Day / Tailgater Party
 - Pub Crawl
- Friday Activities
 - Michael German Golf Tournament
 - Smith Rock State Park
 - Biking Tours Bend
 - Spa Day
 - Pool Party

Information

www.fwsa.org

Jane Wyckoff

FWSA Convention Chairperson

janeWyckoff1@cox.net or 949-933-9607

Mary Olhausen

Silent Auction / Travel Expo Chair / Convention Coordinator

omary52@comcast.net or 503-880-7383

giving BACK

There are so many ways to get involved and it's so easy to do.

Can Do MS

For the past 13 years the Rats & Pacific Rim has hosted a wine maker dinner for **Can Do MS**. Each dinner typically raises around \$2,500. 100% of the proceeds go to the Center. We accept donations year round whether you attend the dinner or not.



Can Do MS [formerly Heuga Center for MS]
IRS 501(c)(3) Number 74-2337853
www.mscando.org • 970.926.1290

Our next dinner will be **Sept. 28, 2013**.
For more information contact

Gene Fulkerson
gene@pacificrimalliance.org
858-467-9469

Hope on the Slopes



The goal of **Hope on the Slopes** is to not only have fun, but also raise money for the American

Cancer Society, helping in its mission to eliminate cancer.

Pledges raised through Hope on the Slopes help provide cancer patients and their families with information and support, fund research that leads to improved treatments, educate the public about cancer prevention and early detection, and help ensure that everyone has access to lifesaving cancer screenings.

Hope on the Slopes is a team and individual 12-hour skiing event held at various ski resorts around the country. Participants engage in a virtual competition with other Hope on the Slopes participants in two categories: Dollars Raised and Vertical Feet.

To find out more visit <http://www.cancer.org/MyAcs/GreatWest/AreaHighlights/hope-on-the-slopes>.



Join us at Mountain High for **Hope on the Slopes** to Ski & Ride for a cure.

USARC

United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) is committed to guiding people with disabilities toward the creation and affirmation of rewarding lifestyles. Located in Big Bear, CA, USARC runs an adaptive ski school in the winter. In the summer USARC takes to the fresh waters of Big Bear Lake for wet and wild adaptive water skiing, jet skiing, kayaking, sailing and fishing.

Volunteers are always needed. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old; intermediate skiers, water sports enthusiasts, or mountain bikers; able to complete the required training criteria, and available to teach midweek during winter or summer.

To volunteer contact **Sara Richter**, Outreach Coordinator, sara@usarc.org.

Recycle Program



The Rats recycle cans, bottles and glass on all our trips. Each quarter we donate the proceeds to a charity. This quarter's donation will go to the **Hope on the Slopes**.

To contribute <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/donateonlinenow/index>.

Support The Unrecables

Register your Ralphs Card [each Sept]

The Unrecables Ski Club is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization,



servicing the recreational needs of people with disabilities. They promote adaptive sports, and encourage people with disabilities to participate in sports, recreational, and social activities in their communities. The club is a member of the LA Council of Ski Clubs.

[Re]registering your Ralphs Card is easy.

- Log in to www.ralphs.com.
- Click on **Community Contribution**.
- Click on **Participant**.
- Follow the easy steps to enroll. **Their NPO# is 80831**. Be sure to complete all information.
- Set back and watch your grocery shopping save you money and at the same time earn revenue for The Unrecables.

To volunteer visit unrecables.org or email info@unrecables.org. ♦

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, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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]: _____

Home Addr: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Addr [1]: _____

E-Mail Addr [2]: _____

Cell [1]: _____ Cell [2]: _____

Home: _____ Work [1]: _____

Birthday [1]: _____ Birthday [2]: _____

Indicate Membership

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

- \$8 INDIVIDUAL Membership
- \$10 FAMILY Membership—Significant other, spouse, children, friends residing at same residence qualify.

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.

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.

I freely accept and fully assume all such risks and danger and the possibility of personal injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.

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.

I hereby release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise.

MEMBERSHIP has its BENEFITS

The National Ski Council Federation has discount benefits for club members which include: Cellular Abroad, East West Resorts, Rentskis.com, Crazy Heads, Geardirect.com, Breeze Ski Rental, Mountain Chalet, and so much

more. They have a great pair of carbon ski poles for a mere \$30 with all their member association logos. Such a deal.

Check out www.skifederation.org for the complete list of benefits. Go to the "Members Only" area and input the following:

User Name: **skiclub**
Password: **member**



FWSA
2013-2014
Membership Card
Expires June 30, 2014
www.fwsa.org

Name _____
Club Pacific Rim
Member ID PRA-007

The bearer of this card is a member of Far West Ski Association and entitled to all the benefits associated with membership in FWSA. This card is non-transferable. Photo ID is required.

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

Printed Name[s] _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ e-mail _____

Deposit Due:

- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, December 7–14, 2013
- \$200 per person FWSA **Beaver Creek**, CO, Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2014
- \$300 per person **Sestriere**, Italy, March 8–20, 2014
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, April 5–12, 2014
- \$400 per person **New Zealand & Tasmania**, August 2015 [tentative]

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Skiing is a dance in which the mountain always leads.

About Pacific Rim

Pacific Rim Alliance is all about skiing. We were formed with the express notion of **never** having to attend a meeting.

Originally we were all about skiing exotic resorts in Europe, South America and New Zealand. These have been scaled back due to the weak economy. We are now resuming them.

We have gotten into the groove of running early and late season ski weeks to **Big White Ski Resorts** in Canada. These trips run about \$700 per person and include hotel lodging (double occupancy), 6-day lift ticket, ground transfer from/to the Kelowna airport and various parties. We believe that Big White offers the best and most consistent early and late snow.

We do not offer Mammoth trips since there are so many ski clubs in both the Los Angeles Council and San Diego Council that offer quality affordable bus trips to Mammoth. Just ask and we'll direct you.

We believe in giving back to our ski community.

- ◆ Our major fund raiser is our annual wine maker dinner for **Can DO MS**. To date we have raised more than \$34,000.
- ◆ We encourage members to participate in other on-snow fund raisers for so many good causes— **Hope on the Slopes** (for cancer), **Ski to Defeat ALS**, **USARC Ski-athon** (for adaptive skiers) and the **Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express** (for Can Do MS.)
- ◆ We also support junior racers (through the Far West Ski Foundation), Women's Ski Jumpers USA and the Unrecables.

Official Documents

We are a 503(c)7 not-for-profit corporation founded in 1997 and incorporated in the state of Nevada. We file a Form 990 yearly. A currently copy of our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation can be found via a link on our home page.

Liability waiver are required for membership on all trips and events. Trip waivers are included in trip packages mailed out to all participants.

Skiing History

We have a collection of skiing history of ski clubs, councils, the Far West Ski Association and ski resorts in the west. It is a work in progress updated regularly by our Club historian. If you have any history you would like to share, contact **Catherine Ohl** at ohl@acatmeowz.com. Visit our web site at pacificrimalliance.org/history/html.



Conduct Policy

This policy applies to all persons participating in a Pacific Rim Alliance Event. All participants are requested to observe common courtesy and generally accepted standards of social and moral behavior.

- ◆ There is a Zero Tolerance Policy on illegal drug use at any sponsored event or trip.
- ◆ Alcohol and tobacco use is allowed in moderation and where permitted by law.
- ◆ There is a strict policy prohibiting sexual harassment and harassment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, age, or any other basis made unlawful by any applicable law or ordinance or regulation.
- ◆ Profanity and off-color humor is only permitted if it is not offensive to other participants.
- ◆ Parents/Legal Guardians of minor children under the age of 18 are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their children.
- ◆ Board Members will attempt to resolve problems in a mutually beneficial manner. When resolution cannot be achieved, the proper authority will be called to resolve the problem.
- ◆ Participants who violate our Conduct Policy may be excluded from future trips without reimbursement of expenses.

FWSA Recognition Programs

Far West Ski Association has an extensive recognition and awards program. There are a number of programs for individuals. Submittal deadline is March 20. Details and applications can be found at <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/programs.html>.

- ◆ **Safety Person of the Year** wins a ski trip for two to Steamboat, CO.
- ◆ **Ski Heritage Awardee** wins a ski trip for two to Aspen/Snowmass, CO.

National Learn-to-Ski & Safety Months

We encourage our members to participate in the National Bring-A-Friend challenge (<http://www.bringafriend.org/>). There are some incredible deals for first time skiers. It's a great way to get your friends safely on the slopes. Another significant program is National Ski Safety Month (www.nsaa.org/safety-programs/national-safety-month/).

Use your brain, it's the most important part of your equipment.

~Kevin Andrews and Warren Miller, Extreme Skiing

EVENTS calendar

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

July 2013

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LAC Meeting						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		SD Meeting		Water Ski Trip to Colorado River		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Biking		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Water Ski Trip to Colorado River		
29	30	31				

August 2013

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
LAC Meeting		SD Meeting		Water Ski Trip to Colorado River		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Biking		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Water Ski Trip to Colorado River		
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2013

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		SD Meeting		FWSA Dive Trip		
				Water Ski Trip to Colorado River		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
FWSA Dive Trip						
LAC Meeting				Biking		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Water Ski Trip to Colorado River		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Dinner for MS	
30						

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Mission Statement

The PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of skiing, boarding, 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.

Surplus moneys above requirements for deposits for future trips will be donated to non-profit organizations devoted to charity, research & education. We are especially

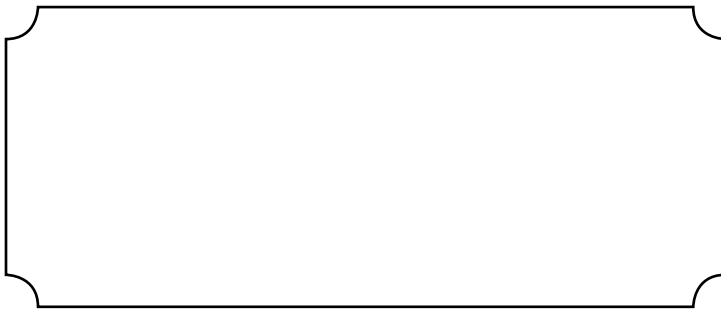
interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Can Do Multiple Sclerosis, Olympic & Junior Racers and Ski Museums.

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), National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) and an associate member of National Ski Areas Association (NSAA). Membership in Pac Rim allows you to participate in their events and programs. ♦



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