



# Update

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## GETTING READY for the snow

*After a four year drought, let's pray for a fantastic winter.*

### **WATER SKI** until October

There are still few water ski trips left of the season— what some of us consider the best time of the year. We set camp up on the Colorado River, in Needles. Equipment and instructions are included. Details, dates and cost can be found on page ??.

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### **COUNCIL** galas

Are you ready to kick off the snow season. The hope is that it's going to be another epic season. It wouldn't seem right if the season didn't start off with a gala or two.

This year both LA and San Diego had added a twist to their galas. There will still be the annual Man and Woman of the Year crowning. LA will have their usual raffle to benefit The Unrecables.

### Los Angeles Council

#### **Snow Gala Lunch**

#### **Crazy Hat Theme**

November 9, 2013, 11 AM - 2 PM

Taix French Restaurant

1911 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles

Contact Karen at

— kames48@sbcglobal.net.

Cost \$45 for brunch, prizes

### San Diego Council

#### **Shake, Rattle & Roll at the Gala**

November 16, 2013, 5 -10 PM

Holiday Inn Bayside, Harborview Room

4875 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego

Contact Barbara

— bblase@san.rr.com or 858-270-0915

Cost is \$38 for buffet, drink, raffle prizes

### **SKI & BOARD** shows

Don't forget the annual ski shows are coming to town. The shows feature exhibitor and sponsor booths showcasing a world of skiing and snowboarding with one-stop shopping of retail exhibitors showing the latest



photo courtesy Can Do MS

Jimmie Heuga Found

*Join the Pacific Rim Team in Squaw Valley (March 1–2, 2014) for the Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express to ski for MS. Start raising money today.*

clothing and equipment.

You can volunteer to work the swap for free admittance and earn money for your club. Or you can also volunteer to man the council's booth for free admittance. Or you can pay the price of entry and trade it in for a lift ticket to a local ski resort.

### **Snow Jam**

San Diego Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA

November 8-10, 2013

### **Ski Dazzle**

Los Angeles Convention Center

December 5-8, 2013

Check page 20 for show times. ♦

# TRIPPING around

## snow TRIPS & ACTIVITIES on tap

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

### Pacific Rim Alliance [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** (twice 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](http://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](http://skisandiego.org)

- **Snow Jam** November 8–10, 2013
- **Winter Gala** November 16, 2013
- **Aspen, CO** December 11–17, 2013
- **Happy Hour** December 19, 2013
- **Beaver Creek, CO** Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2014

### Far West Ski Association [fwsa.org](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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  
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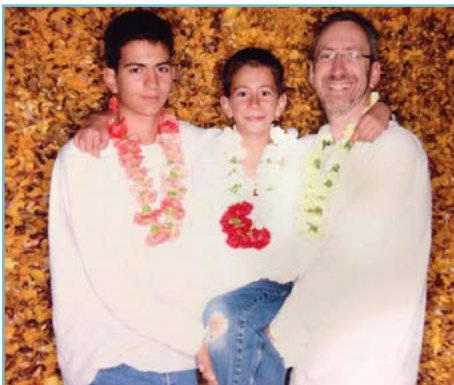
**MEMBER** posting

catching up with **MEMBERS**

*Where are they now.*



*Jim and Jan Hess are still enjoying life in Redding. Jan retired this year and is ready to spend more time with family. First up they are off to Ireland.*



*Lloyd Lewins and sons David and Andrew. Lloyd is working at Raytheon and ski instructing at Mammoth.*



*Roksolana and Bernie Vecerek with daughter Natalia who is currently working as a lifeguard during the summer months.*



*Jordyn Mathis is partying (oops studying) at West Virginia University.*



*Frank, Caroline & Carolyn Rabourn are enjoying the OC life.*

happy **BIRTHDAY**

**September**

- 7 Ann Kim
- 8 Catherine Ohl
- 10 Beth Cole
- 10 Heinz Waschhauser
- 12 Karen Tallent
- 15 David Meinhardt
- 17 Bob Chapman
- 18 Diana Faust Walters
- 19 Allison Branigan
- 19 Rodney Pyle
- 19 Irene Van Zandt
- 20 Barb Baily
- 21 Richard Cole
- 21 Elisabeth Maier
- 25 Berthil Escobar

**October**

- 2 Gene Fulkerson
- 3 Ted Burrell
- 4 Erika Meinhardt
- 4 Bruce Phillips
- 6 Mary Trimmings
- 7 Yvette Sanchez- Owens
- 10 James Davidson
- 10 Susan Gruber
- 12 Lee Harris
- 15 Karen Guth
- 17 Laela Handy
- 17 Linda Jensen
- 18 Judy Sheller
- 19 Terry Powers
- 23 Claudia Nordquest
- 26 Joe Escamilla
- 27 Peter Sindelar
- 31 Hilda King

**September**

- 1 Linda Newcomb-Mathis
- 7 Stu Baily
- 11 Janet Eischen
- 19 Carolyn Delahanty
- 22 Kathy Bell
- 23 Renee Andrini
- 24 Iris Cochrane
- 26 Rebecca Crocker



## what you need to **KNOW**

### BOOT fitting

*Common problems and their solutions.*

Boots are the most important component of your setup. If you're wearing the right boots, even crappy skis will turn for you. But if your boots make you feel like a geisha doing a walkathon, you'll be in the base-lodge bar by 10 a.m.

Unfortunately, boots can be one of the most confusing pieces of gear for skiers to understand. Fit is personal. Different boots fit different feet.

All you have to do is find a knowledgeable salesperson at a good boot shop. They'll get you in the right boot and be able to make the necessary tweaks to your boots to get your feet in their comfort zone.

Boots should fit like a firm handshake. Your toes should touch the front while you're sitting, but then pull back a bit when you stand up. .

#### Shin Bang

Shin bang, a painful bruise along the shin, is caused by uneven pressure.

A heel lift can help even the pressure along the shin. Skinny-legged folks benefit from moving the power strap so it tightens around the liner, rather than the shell.

#### Stock Footbeds Hurt

Stock footbeds cause feet to ache.

Custom-built footbeds align and support your feet in optimal positions within your boots. Get some, and your skiing will improve.

#### Packed Out Liners

After your liner packed out, you discovered your shell was too big.

Buy a smaller boot. It might feel a bit short at first, but the liner will stretch, and then the fit will be perfect. Have a bootfitter help you pick the right size.

#### Tailor's Bunion

Tailor's bunion or sixth toe, a bump that sometimes forms to the outside of and just behind your little toe.

Stabilize your foot with a custom footbed, then punch or grind out the shell to make a little room.

#### Styloid Process

Narrow boots can squeeze the styloid process, that bony bump along the outside of the middle foot.

Consider a wider boot, or grind or stretch the shell to make room.

#### Pump Bump

Pump bump, also called a heel spur, forms because of uneven pressure within the heel pocket.

Grind an anatomical pocket in the shell for the spur to sit in and add padding to hold the heel down.

#### Inside Ankle Rub

Inside ankle rub caused by feet pronating (collapsing inwards) and

ankles pressing against the shell.

Custom footbeds are needed to support the feet. If the problem persists, consider grinding or stretching the shell.

#### Outside Ankle Pressure

Outside ankle pressure can be due to misalignment of the shell's ankle pocket.

Cut or pad the liner to relieve pressure. If necessary, grind the inner shell to relocate the ankle pocket.

#### Large Calves

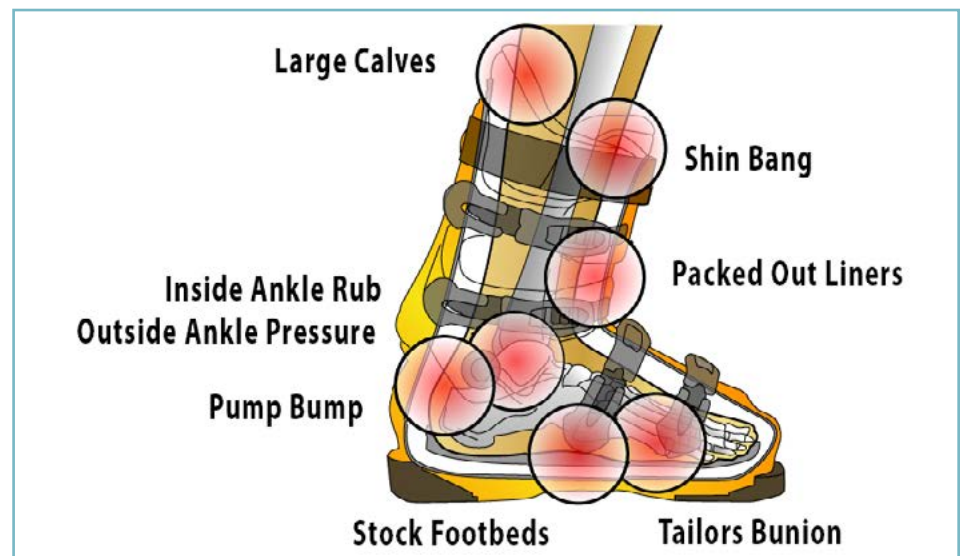
Large or "low" calves.

Remove the boot spoiler if there is one. Move the buckle catches to expand the upper cuff.

#### Black Toenails

Black toenails are caused by toes hitting the front of the boot.

Lift the heel a bit with some foam padding. This will pull your toes back from the front of your boot. A bootfitter can help by making a custom footbed and pounding out trouble spots. ♦



# WEAK KNEES make them stronger safely

*Stretch slowly, and never do any exercise that causes pain.*

Strong knees improve quality of life, help you do everyday activities like walking and are really important for sports. For us skiers and snowboarders, building strong knees helps you twist and traverse the terrain with ease.

To get strong knees, you must build up certain muscles to take pressure directly off your weak area. The quadriceps (thighs) and hamstrings (back of legs) are critical muscles for knee strength. Yet, many knee pain sufferers avoid exercises that build knee strength because of a misconception that they will hurt the knees. Correct form is critical and here are some awesome knee quadriceps and hamstrings strengtheners.

Through all of these exercises, be mindful of not "locking" your knees. Also, be sure to stretch our your hamstrings and quadriceps at the end of your routine. Muscles that are too tight can pull on your knees and cause pain as well. ♦



## Straight Leg Lift

Start by lying on your back with your right leg bent. Keep your left leg completely extended straight out. Slowly raise your left leg to about a forty-five degree angle, keeping the leg locked straight. Hold for five seconds and then slowly lower to the flat, resting position. It is not necessary to take the leg straight up to ninety degrees, as the most difficult range of motion is the first two feet off the ground. Repeat twenty times. Switch to the right leg.



## Knee stretch

Start with your left leg slightly bent as shown, and with your right leg crossed over the other. Grab the left leg at the back of the thigh and pull toward the chest until the left leg is straight up, but no farther. Hold for five seconds, then return to starting position. Switch legs and repeat. Do ten repetitions with each leg. Discontinue if the exercise causes more pain to your sore knee.



## Double Knee to Chest

Start on your back with your legs outstretched. Bring both knees up together and place your hands below the knee area on the top of the shin. An alternative place for your hands is the back of the thighs. Slowly bring your knees toward your chest, hold for ten seconds, then go back to starting position.



## Knee Full Extension

Start by sitting in a chair that is high enough so that the knee can bend to a ninety degree angle. Slowly raise the leg until it is horizontal. Hold for five seconds, and slowly let it return to the ground. Repeat with other leg. Do twenty repetitions, if able.



## Hamstring stretch

Sit on the floor with your right leg outstretched and your left leg bent as shown. With both hands extended, reach out toward your toes of the right foot. Don't bounce, just stretch slowly. Try to hold the stretch for ten seconds, then go back to the starting position. Do ten repetitions before switching legs.

## exciting CHANGES for skiers in the west

Excerpted from *saminfo.com*

### Shaw to Succeed Marolt

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) has named Olympian **Tiger Shaw** as chief operating officer, effective Oct. 1. Shaw, a native of Stowe, Vt., and a former U.S. Alpine Ski Team athlete, will transition in the spring of 2014 to succeed **Bill Marolt** as president and chief executive officer of USSA. Marolt previously announced his intention to retire after leading the USSA for 18 years.

Marolt will remain president and CEO through the Sochi Olympic Winter Games, and will continue serving as a vice president of the International Ski Federation (FIS) as well as a member of the United States Olympic Committee's Board of Directors.



*Bill Marolt retires from USSA after 18 years.*

### Vail Resorts Adds to Its Epic Pass

Vail Resorts, Inc. announced a partnership with the largest ski area in the world, **Les 3 Vallées**, France, home to the legendary mountain resorts of Courchevel, La Tania, Méribel, Brides-

les-Bains, Les Menuires, Saint Martin de Belleville, Val Thorens and Orelle, France. The Epic Season Pass now features five free days of skiing and riding in Les 3 Vallées, bringing the total access to 26 mountains in four countries.

Epic Pass holders now have access to Verbier, Switzerland; Arlberg, Austria; and Les 3 Vallées, France, in addition to Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin and Eldora in Colorado; Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood in Lake Tahoe; and Canyons in Park City, Utah.

### Park City Wins a Victory



*Park City Mountain Resort and Talisker have been battling over their lease for many years.*

A district county judge in Summit County, Utah, ruled that Park City Mountain Resort (PCMR) can amend its complaint against Talisker Land Holdings LLC and argue that it had "first right of refusal" to buy the terrain that Talisker owns and leases to PCMR. The terrain does not include PCMR's base area, but a large part of its slopes.

At issue in the long-standing lease battle between PCMR and Talisker is the fact that Talisker leased neighboring Canyons to Vail Resorts this past spring, and also turned over the management of the land under PCMR to Vail Resorts under the long-term lease arrangement. Talisker's agreement with Vail that allows the Colorado-based resort corporation to seek control of 3,700 acres of ski

terrain adjacent to Park City violates the 1971 lease agreement between PCMR and United Park City Mines, which was purchased by Talisker.

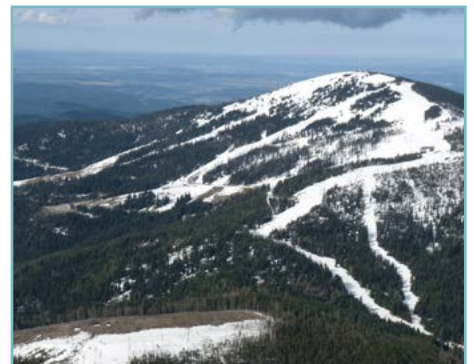
For its part, Talisker and Vail Resorts argued that the lease is null and void since PCMR missed the April 20, 2011 renewal deadline.

### Court stops Mt. Spokane Expansion

A proposed lift, which would have accessed 279 more acres at Mt. Spokane Ski and Snowboard Park, was halted by a ruling from the state appeals court. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission made a mistake by not requiring a detailed study of how a new chairlift would impact old-growth forest, meadows and wetlands. The appeal was filed by The Lands Council.

Mt. Spokane has leased 2,300 acres from the Mount Spokane State Park since the early 1950s and uses 1,450 acres. The resort had planned on developing the remaining 850 acres, but downgraded its plans to 279, leaving the rest to the Park.

Opponenets argued that Mt. Spokane had failed to provide an EIS (environmental impact statement). The courts ruled that decision-makers should "be apprised of the environmental consequences before the project picks up momentum, not after."

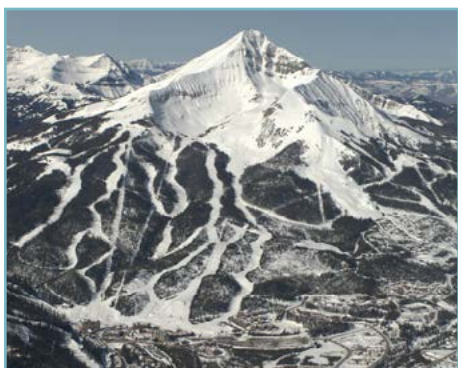




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Lone Peak is shared by three ski resorts— Yellowstone Club, Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin. CrossHarbor recently purchased the bankrupt Yellowstone Club. CrossHarbor is now teaming with Boyne Resorts to purchase the bankrupt Moonlight Basin and Spanish Peaks.

*CrossHarbor and Boyne to Buy Moonlight*

Yellowstone Club owner CrossHarbor Capital Partners, in partnership with Boyne Resorts, which operates Big Sky Resort, are acquiring Moonlight Basin from Lehman Brothers Holdings, which owned Moonlight through a 2012 bankruptcy sale. The deal is expected to close within the next several weeks.

In a statement recently released, the new owners termed the purchase “the next step in the creation of one of the largest and most compelling mountain resort experiences in North America.”

Big Sky will assume operation of Moonlight, which sits on the opposite side of Lone Mountain and is connected to Big Sky via lifts and trails already, and integrate it with Big Sky. The combined area has more than 5,700 skiable acres, 4,350 vertical feet and 23 chairlifts

This is the second acquisition in less than a month by the CrossHarbor/Boyne team. They bought the Spanish Peaks residential community out of bankruptcy

in late July. The latest deal means that future development will be coordinated between Big Sky, Moonlight, and Spanish Peaks.

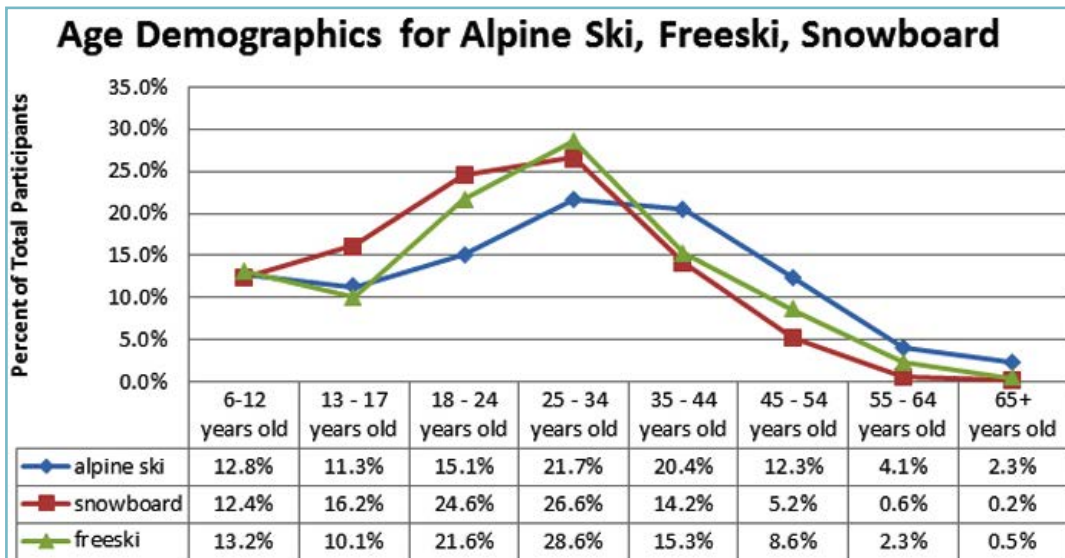
*Altor to Buy Rossignol*

Private equity group Altor is acquiring a majority stake in Rossignol Group from the current owners, Australian bank Macquarie (77%) and U.S. sporting goods conglomerate Jarden (17%), which also owns K2, Marker, Volkl, and several other brands. The deal values Rossignol at \$196 million and is expected to close this fall.

*Copper Improvements Approved*

The Forest Service has approved Copper’s high alpine project, The 12’s, a multi-year enhancement of the resort’s high alpine skiing and riding. The 12’s encompass three peaks with elevations in excess of 12,000 feet: Tucker Mountain, Union Peak and Copper Peak. The project will expand terrain, improve lift access and expand cat skiing operations for intermediate, advanced, and expert level skiers and riders. ♦

**2012 AGE DEMOGRAPHICS** in the US



Here are some very interesting statistics about U.S. snowsports demographics compiled by the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) for the 2012 Ski Season.

The first thing I noticed is the significant drop in skiers past age 45 (60%).

The other compelling statistic is the radical drop (almost 50%) of snowboarders after the age of 35, then another 75% after age 45 to almost non existent after age 55. On the other hand, a larger percentage of skiers are skiing past the age of 65. ♦

## MAMMOTH turns 60 years

*Dave McCoy put up his motorcycle as collateral for a bank loan.  
He needed \$85 to build his first ski tow.*



*1951. Classic Mammoth, Iconic Dave McCoy. Skiing Glade area of Chair 1.*



*Hot Creek in 1923.*



*This was the town of Mammoth Lakes, California in the 1930s.*



*Climbing the ramp to Chair 1 – a rite of passage in Mammoth. The ramp was there to accommodate Mammoth's deep snowpack. Check the line up.*



*Top of original Chair 1 in 1957. A few years later Mammoth crews built a structure in an attempt to protect the top of the lift.*



*Hansel and Gretel Costume Race in 1957. The Costume Race continued for many years in the spring.*



*Bottom of Rope Tow #3 that delivered skiers to top of Gravy Chute. Rope line followed along the Wall.*



*Sheave and sheave assemblies for building Chair 2 in 1957. Original Chair 1 in the background.*



*Driveway to Mammoth Mountain Inn sometime in the early 1960s.*



# MAMMOTH turns 60 years

The secret to Mammoth Mountain's monumental success is its location. It's the winter playground for Los Angeles, 350 miles away, a five-or six-hour drive on U.S. Route 395. That may sound like a trek, but to the motor-minds of Southern California, driving 12 hours round trip for 10 hours of skiing and one night of partying isn't even worth a question.



The original gondola was the first of its kind in America, a two-part bi-cable lift. The top cable was the "carrying cable" and did not move. The cabins were connected to the lower cable that is pulled the cabins up the mountain. The top gondola opened in 1967 and allowed lift-served access to some of the best skiing on Mammoth Mountain.



Rope Tow #1. More from the Hansel and Gretel costume race in the Spring of 1957. The tow ran under Chair 1 and ended where Powder Bowl meets Broadway. From there, skiers either schussed down the slopes or connected to Rope Tow #2 which cut across Broadway toward the Wall.



Skiers have always liked to get air and show their style in Mammoth. The guys are showing us how it's done on what is now the Face of Chair 3 in 1960.



Tommi Tyndall and Inyo, the backpack puppy. Tommi later founded Snow Summit in Southern California.



Tamarack Lodge was built in 1924 to cater to wealthy southern Californians and Hollywood. This picture is likely late 1950s or early 1960s.



Dave McCoy looks on as skiers enjoy the slopes in 1953. The original warming hut is shown, called the Snake Pit. The location of the building is closer to the bottom of Chair 1, not in the footprint of Main Lodge today.



Iconic Dave. Thank you for Mammoth.

← Cornice before the days of grooming.

photos courtesy Dave McCoy

photos courtesy Peter Morning

# GOOD STUFF for the kids & grandkids

## *Kids Alpine Ski Equipment: Should you Rent or Buy?*

Every ski season, parents throughout ski country face the same dilemma. Should they buy or rent skis for their kids? This is a decision that should not be taken lightly.

On the one hand, you might be anxious to have your kids get involved with the sport. In the long run, owning a pair of skis will turn out to be less expensive than renting.

However, not all kids take to the sport immediately. If you invest in a pair of skis that sit in the closet, you've wasted your money.

Unfortunately, it gets even more complicated. One of the reasons that many kids end up hating skiing is because the ski and boot rental process is a total disaster. The lines are often eternal, and kids get restless. In many cases, the kids end up in equipment that does not fit correctly. As a result, they spend the entire day in the lounge.



photo courtesy Obermeyer

*Kid's skis should be chin high.*



photo courtesy travel.utah.com

### Equipment Compromise

Here are some compromises that might offer a viable solution. Your first step is to research the various ski schools that offer specialized lift, lesson and equipment packages for kids.

Ask advice from other parents.

Sometimes, you can get valuable feedback from message forums such as EpicSki.com.

If possible, visit the suggested ski areas and check out the rental areas. Is the staff truly interested in giving the kids the best fit?

Watch the kids classes on the hill. Do the kids seem comfortable? Is there more than one kid crying that his or her feet hurt? Take these observations into account before committing your child to a class.

Once your kids have attended about three sessions, you will be able to determine whether they will stay committed to the sport. Then you should consider buying equipment.

In rare cases, your kids might have found the rental equipment quite comfortable. If that's the case, check the rental shop at the end of the season. They will often sell their rental equipment at a significant discount. ♦

### EQUIPMENT for kids

Nothing can be more joyful than watching toddlers make their way down the slopes. In fact, having your kids learn to ski at an early age might even help them develop better balance and movement patterns for life. However, they need to like the experience, and nothing is more detrimental to a child's enjoyment of the slopes than ill fitting equipment.

If you consider the fact that most kids have a lower pain threshold than adults, you will realize the importance of making an informed decision about their ski equipment.

While many children's ski instructors have conflicting views about kids' equipment, there are some basic points on which they agree. For example, most pros agree that skis for beginners should be about chin length. As your child's skills improve, he or she can handle a length between the chin and the nose.

Of course, if you are buying kid's ski gear at the end of the season, you will have to keep in mind that your child might have a major growth spurt in the summer. Your best bet would be to wait for the fall. ♦



# CELEBRATE safety

*January is National  
Safety Awareness Month*

Nothing ruins a skiing or snowboarding weekend like having to hitchhike down the hill in a ski patroller's sled — or in an ambulance. Fortunately, the overall rate of skiing injuries has declined by 50% since the 1970s.

This decline is largely due to significant improvements in the equipment. Skis are shorter and hourglass shaped making them more responsive and easier to turn. And, more important, ski bindings release more easily than those of a generation ago, reducing the risk of fractures in the lower legs.

Skiers who are injured have a few things in common. They are generally male and have a "high readiness for risk" as they are eager to try jumps and moguls.

So what can you do to reduce the risk of injury?

First, start thinking about conditioning long before the ski season arrives. Skiing and snowboarding both demand a lot from the muscles in the quads and lower back, and from the knees.

It may be too late for preseason conditioning, but these tips will also help keep you and your family safe on the hill.

- Make sure your equipment fits. Borrowing equipment from well-meaning friends is never a good idea.
- Make sure your equipment functions. If you own your ski gear, have the bindings examined by a ski shop technician at the beginning of each season.
- Don't go out cold. Before you slide onto the chairlift, do some dynamic movement exercises to warm up your muscles.

- Stay forward. Your instinct, when you get going too fast, is to lean back. This only makes you go faster.
- When you start to fall, just go with it. The more rigid you are, the more likely you'll be hurt when you fall.
- Wear a helmet. Helmets do not decrease the risk of skiing or snowboarding related head injuries, but they do reduce the severity.
- Finally, take lessons. No one is ever too good for instruction. ♦

it's a **WRAP**

# WATER SPORTS on the Colorado River

*Needles Marina welcomes the Radar River Rats*

More photos can be found at [radarriverrats.org](http://radarriverrats.org)

## August 9—11, 2013

Great weekend. Lots of sun and great water sports. The boys went spear fishing and caught enough for dinner appetizers. It was awesome.

We've settled into our new home at Needles Marina. It hasn't been that much of an adjustment and the people at the Marina are so helpful and accommodating. We love the grass.

We've figured out what campsites suit us best and have been reserving them for next year.

We are still trying to figure out the water level—it's about 2 to 3 hours ahead of Park Moabi so we still need to adjust.

After a false start, we switched to skiing upriver. It seems less crowded as most boats in Needles don't get launched until 10 AM and then they head south.

Our four boat drivers have been out to the river— **Paul Jackson, Mark Mathis, Craig Henderson, Catherine Ohl.** ♦



*Abhhh! Paul and Carmen grabbing a private moment.*



*A night-time float with Scotty, Simone, Kim, Trudy, Gene, Carmen & Paul.*



*Mead Murray getting ready to go spear fishing.*



*Brunch with Paul, Trudy, Brian, Gene, Simone & Scotty.*



*Simone on an early morning glass run.*



*Brian caught another fish to be grilled for dinner. They were awesome.*



*Kitchen duty with Brian and Conor. Impressed they are even drying the dishes.*

photos courtesy Catherine Ohl



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## August 23—25, 2013

I would say that the predicted rains scared everyone away. There was NO ONE on the river. Yes, we got rained on but the skiing was awesome. This was such a wonderful relaxing weekend.

The main challenge came from the torrential down pour we experienced leaving town. Some of us lucked out and didn't get caught in the closed roads while others got caught a couple of times. ♦

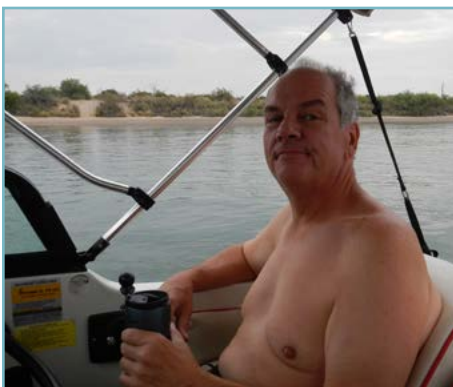


*Paul, Carmen and Gene anchoring the boat.*



photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

*The highlight of the weekend was the news that Seena and Troy are expecting a daughter in December. They are so happy. Congratulations!*



*Paul, our boat skipper for the weekend.*



*Carmen on a 10 AM glass run.*



*Gene on his 10 AM glass run.*

it's a **WRAP**

# WATER SPORTS on the Colorado River

*Needles Marina welcomes the Radar River Rats*

More photos can be found at [radarriverrats.org](http://radarriverrats.org)

## September 6—8, 2013

What a great weekend. There was evidence of the recent flash floods everywhere but it didn't impact our skiing/boarding. Saturday was cool and spitting drops of rain on us from time to time but the thunderstorms that were predicted never arrived.

Sunday we woke to an overcast sky with a rainbow. It turned into a nice warm day with lots of glass skiing. The skiing/boarding was awesome as it appears not many people came to the river this weekend. ♦



*Mark finally caught a really big fish just in time for Friday night dinner.*



*Trudy enjoying the early morning glass on Saturday.*

photos courtesy Catherine Oh



*Lunch with Danielle and Jacqueline. They are so much fun.*



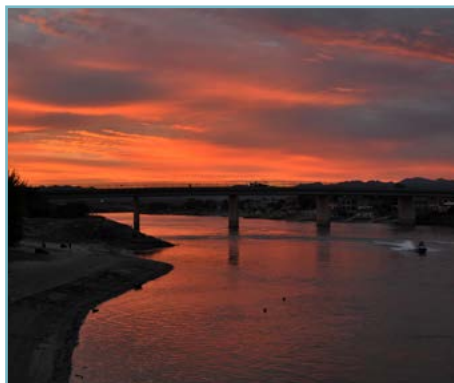
*Mixed signals from Danielle and Ryan. We didn't change the boat speed.*



*Gene and his cheering section—Jacqueline and Ryan.*



*Lunch at the adult table.*



*Awesome Sunset.*



*It appears Mark re-caught the same fish he released on Friday.*



it's a **WRAP**

# WATER SPORTS on the Colorado River

*Needles Marina welcomes the Radar River Rats*

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## September 23—25, 2013

We had another wonderful time at the river. The temperatures didn't make it to 100 but it was warm enough to hang out on the water.

A gust of wind took our new tarp down, the second gust took the tarp out.

Even though it was windy there were NO boats out on the river so the skiing/boarding was pretty awesome all day.

We are still feeling the effects of the monsoons from a couple of weeks ago. Gene spent a half an hour in the water pulling out all the branches and crap that floated down river over night.

What a pain but still it was a great weekend. ♦



photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

*The highlight of the weekend was floating in the river with friends— Simone, Gene, Carmen and Paul.*



*All this junk was under my boat.*



*Our ruined tarp.*



*Simone getting her glass run.*

## SKI PASS deals

# LIFT PASSES best of the 2013-14 season pass

*So many options to choose from for skiing multiple resorts.*

*Continued on next page.*

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

*Continued from previous page.*



**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.alta.com/pages/passes.php)  
[www.deervalley.com](http://www.deervalley.com)  
[www.parkcitymountain.com/pass](http://www.parkcitymountain.com/pass)  
[www.snowbird.com/seasonpass](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.skifreedeals.com](http://www.skifreedeals.com).

## BIKING to stay in shape



### Join Pacific Rim Bike Mission Bay

Fridays at 10 AM

Sept 13, 2013  
Oct 11, 2013

Nov 8, 2013  
Dec 20, 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](mailto: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](http://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)  
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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](http://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

# Update

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## 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, **Crazy 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

**Questions?**  
 Call 858 270-0915

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

**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

**Big Bear Mountain Resort**  
 REAL SNOW. REAL CLOSE.

**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](http://www.PacificRimAlliance.org)

## SESTRIERE — \$1,249 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)
- **Transfer** from/to Milan Airport
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**

### Not Included

- Lift Tickets
- Round Trip **Air** on SWISS to Milan

### San Francisco Air

Sat.	03.08.2014	LX 39	19:25 SFO - 15:40 ZRH
Sun.	03.09.2014	LX 1622	17:00 ZRH - 17:55 MXP

Thur.	03.20.2014	LX1617	11:00 MXP - 12:10 ZRH
Thur.	03.20.2014	LX38	13:05 ZRH - 17:25 SFO

### Los Angeles Air

Sat.	03.08.2014	LX 41	19:25 LAX - 15:45 ZRH
Sun.	03.09.2014	LX 1622	17:00 ZRH - 17:55 MXP

Thur.	03.20.2014	LX1617	11:10 MXP - 12:10 ZRH
Thur.	03.20.2014	LX40	13:15 ZRH - 17:55 LAX

Book your air ASAP. Price with taxes about \$1,150

## CINQUE TERRE — \$529 per person dbl. occ.

March 16–20, 2014



### Cinque Terre Package Includes

- Four nights **Lodging** at 4-star Hotel Europa, Rapallo
- 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 Fullkerson—  
[gene@pacificrimalliance.org](mailto:gene@pacificrimalliance.org) or 858-467-9469

### Cancellation—

Second Payment \$800 due Sept. 1, 2013  
Balance Payment due Jan. 1, 2014  
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 Montgenève (6070 feet) in France. These are the base elevations.

**BIG WHITE** new non-stop air



Celebrate Big White's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.





[www.PacificRimAlliance.org](http://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

## 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

### Volcanic Paradise



"The Voice of the Western Skier"



FOUNDED 1930

## June 12-15, 2014

### The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center



3075 U.S. 97 Business, Bend, Oregon 97701

800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111

[www.riverhouse.com](http://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 and Family Fun Center
- 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 Tour, Lunch & Activities
  - Pub Crawling Bend Style
- Friday Activities
  - Michael German Golf Tournament
  - Smith Rock Geologic Wonderland Tour
  - Old Mill District Shop-Dine-Wine
  - Pool Party

### Information

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

#### Jane Wyckoff

FWSA Convention Chairperson

[janeWyckoff1@cox.net](mailto:janeWyckoff1@cox.net) or 949-933-9607

#### Mary Olhausen

Silent Auction / Travel Expo Chair / Convention Coordinator

[omary52@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.mscando.org) • 970.926.1290

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

Gene Fulkerson  
gene@pacifricrimalliance.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>.

#### Lets put our USA Jumpers on the podium in Sochi.

**Women's Ski Jumping USA has launched a campaign to raise \$70,000 to meet their last minute needs and the Far West Ski Foundation can help you send them to Sochi.**

Send your much needed dollars (\$10, \$20, \$100) to:  
John Reindhardt—FWSF Treasurer  
5285 SW Meadows Rd., #380  
Lake Oswego, OR 97035



You can also donate by credit card using PayPal on the [www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org) website, or by scanning the QR code on this flyer with your cell phone or tablet, you'll be directed to the FWSF payment page. We will send 100% of your contribution to the team. Contributions before February 5th, 2014 will support the team for the 2014 Olympics. This is a joint effort with, and supported by Far West Ski Association.

*Help the Women's Ski Jumping USA team live the history they helped make happen.*

#### 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](mailto: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,



serving 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](http://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](http://unrecables.org) or email [info@unrecables.org](mailto:info@unrecables.org). ♦

# Membership Application

**Update**  
www.PacificRimAlliance.org

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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](http://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](http://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.



pacific rim **TRIP FORM**

[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:**

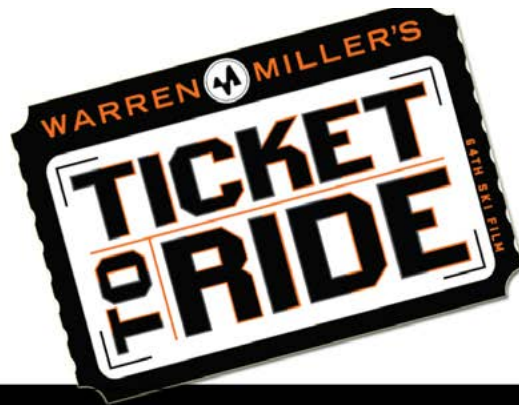
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, December 7–14, 2013
- \$200 per person FWSA **Beaver Creek**, CO, Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2014
- \$300 per person **Sestriere**, Italy, March 8–20, 2014
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, April 5–12, 2014
- \$400 per person **New Zealand & Tasmania**, August 2015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

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**Send this FORM with your Deposit made out to Pacific Rim Alliance to:**

Gene Fulkerson, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124



**2013 Ticket to Ride - Tour Calendar**

City	State	Venue	Date(s)	Time(s)
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>				
LA	CA	Downtown Independent	11/23	6:00 & 9:00
Encinitas	CA	La Paloma Theatre	11/29	6:00 & 9:00
La Jolla	CA	Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego	11/30	6:00 & 9:00
Carlsbad	CA	Carlsbad Village Theatre	12/1	4:00 & 7:00
Newport Beach	CA	Lido Theatre	12/5	7:30
Redondo Beach	CA	Redondo Union High School	12/3	7:30
<b>CENTRAL CALIFORNIA</b>				
Santa Barbara	CA	Lobero Theatre	12/4	8:00

## the FINE PRINT

*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-a-thon** (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](mailto:ohl@acatmeowz.com). Visit our web site at [pacificrimalliance.org/history/html](http://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/](http://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  
*October 2013*

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

*November 2013*

					1	2	3	
					Biking	LAC Gala		
4	5	6	7	8	FWSA Caribbean Cruise			10
LAC Meeting		SD Meeting		San Diego Snow Jam				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
FWSA Caribbean Cruise						SDC Gala		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	29	30			

*December 2013*

							1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
LAC Meeting		SD Meeting	LA Ski Dazzle Ski & Snowboard Show				Big White	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Pac Rim Trip to Big White								
San Diego Trip to Aspen								
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
San Diego Trip to Aspen				Biking				
				SD Happy Hour				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30	31							

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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

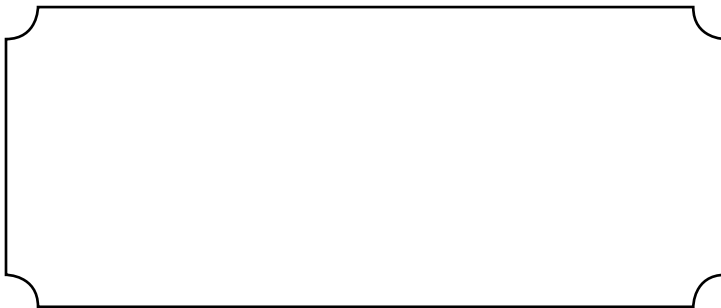
interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Can Do Multiple Sclerosis, Olympic & Junior Racers and Ski Museums.

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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