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Verbier—

It has been a long haul but our 2004 is all but finalized. We are going to Verbier Switzerland. Right now the dates are March 12-20, 2004 but this could change to March 5-13, 2004.

Also the price on the 3-star may drop slightly. We only have 50 spots and we have already had a lot of interest so if you want to go, send a \$400 deposit (fully refundable until August 1, 2004) now. See page 8 for details.

This trip has been quite a challenge since the US dollar is in the toilet these days. Switzerland is a bit high but worth it. Remember, a three-star in Switzerland is like a 4-star in most other countries.

As for an extension, we are looking into a post trip to Brussels / Amsterdam or perhaps Barcelona. Will keep you posted.

Wine Maker Dinner—

It's that time of year when we host our annual fund raiser for the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS. We will have another fabulous wine maker dinner at our home in San Diego on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at 5 PM. It's only \$50 and totally tax deductible. This event fills fast, so get your checks in early. I am already planning some surprises.

New Zealand—

We only have two months to go for our fabulous trip to New Zealand. We currently have two openings. If anyone is interested, contact Gene asap. Trip details can be found on page 7.

FWSA Convention—

The Far West Convention will be in Rancho Mirage May 29 - June 1, 2003 at the Las Palmas Marriott in Rancho Mirage. Call 800-458-8786 to make reservations.

The convention isn't for everyone, but Friday night's **Silent Auction** may be worth the trip through traffic as more than \$100,000 in ski trips can be bought for pennies on the dollar.

The FWSA Convention will feature the usual optional events— Pub Crawl, Golf Tournament, Tennis, Celebrity Home Tour and Tram & Hike. The convention officially kicks off with the Silent Auction on Friday. Saturday will have a Travel Expo, lunch, seminars and Awards Banquet. Sunday is the general meeting and elections.

See page 6. ■

Our prayers and thoughts are with Maureen Burrows as she undergoes another round of chemo. Well wishes can be sent to her at 5266 La Canada Blvd., La Canada, CA 91011

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- NEW ZEALAND 31 July - 12 Aug 2003
COOK ISLANDS, NZ 12-16 Aug 2003
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- VERBIER, Switzerland 12-20 March 2004
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- BORMIO, Italy March 2005
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❖ Los Angeles Council ❖

- SNOW GALA tba Nov 2003
Catherine Ohl @ 858-467-9469
- WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB, Canada ... 31 Jan - 7 Feb 2004
Bonnie West @ 562-699-8880

❖ San Diego Council ❖

- COUNCIL PICNIC (Crown Point) 29 June 2003
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- WINTER GALA 8 Nov 2003
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- ASPEN, CO TBA Dec 2003
Mike Sanford @ 858-95-1442

❖ Far West Ski Association ❖

- FWSA Convention (Palm Springs) . . 29 May - 1 June 2003
Judy Schultheis @ 619-461-4478
- AFRICA (Kenya) 8-19 August 2003
Susie Vetter @ 858-278-9026
- AFRICA (Kenya) 12-23 September 2003
Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900
- LAKE LOUISE, Canada 24-31 January 2004
Susie Vetter @ 858-278-9026
- MORZINE, France 6-13 March 2004
Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900

MEMBER PROFILE

Skiing with The Unrecables

by Patricia Ortiz

When I decided to go on the LAC Winter Park trip, I had several options for which group to go with, since I was the only one from Pacific Rim Alliance going. After speaking with several trip leaders, I decided to buy one of the trips that **Sigrid Noack** won at the Snow Gala.

I thought I might in some way assist some of the Unrecables in going. Pacific Rim Alliance has, for the past several years, made annual donations to the Unrecables, so I thought I would keep up the tradition.

Anyway, my first realization that this would be no ordinary trip was at the airport. The special arrangements that needed to be made before and after takeoff made me realize how many things I take for granted.

This was the beginning of counting my blessings all week long. It was hard enough for me to manage my luggage and gear. So I was quite impressed with the innovativeness of the Unrecables, especially **Dee Armstrong**, who has a system where she is able to fit all of her stuff on her wheelchair, especially her coffee mug.

One of the best parts of skiing was being able to join the Unrecables to see how they courageously do what they do. The handicap accessible bus would pick us up each morning and deliver us to the NSCD (National Sports Center for the Disabled).

When it came time to break for lunch, there were limited options for the group, as there were not always wheelchairs available to them. Again, something that most of us never give a second thought to. The afternoons were much of the same, although I usually stopped skiing around 3:00.

I raced for the first time and finished two NASTAR runs on Thursday. And for some unknown reason, probably a clerical error, I got a bronze medal at the banquet on Friday night. My roommate Sherry (a Wailer), is an excellent skier, and also raced for the Unrecables and helped them win a respectable third place overall.

Throughout the trip I got called more "P" names than ever before, especially by my new friend **Ron Guidotti** (or was it Rob or Russell or Rufus?). So I became accustomed to answering to Priscilla, Princess, Pamela, etc., but my favorite was Petunia.

I want to thank all the Unrecables for welcoming me — **Sigrid Noack, Barbara Miyamoto, Dee Armstrong, Kathy Paisley, Gordon Cardona, Wally Cardona, Daniel Palacios** and **Steve Lefkowitz**.

For a final note, I encourage everyone who is reading this article who has not spent any time with Unrecables to try to do so. It will be a memorable experience and oodles of fun! ■



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- Regular season pass: \$1200/adult. This is a full-price, dual-mountain pass with no restrictions.
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Go to <http://www.mammoth-mtn.com/> for notification when the above season passes go on sale. ■



SAFETY: SAFETY TIPS

Ski helmets are a good idea. Make sure the helmet fits correctly. A ski helmet is not an item you buy to grow into. Educate yourself about the benefits and limitations of the helmet. Wearing a helmet doesn't give permission to ride faster or recklessly.

Dress in layers. Layering allows you to accommodate your body's constantly changing temperature. For example, dress in polypropylene underwear (top and bottoms) which feels good next to the skin, dries quickly, absorbs sweat and keeps you warm. You should also wear a turtleneck, sweater and waterproof jacket.

Be prepared. Mother nature has a mind of her own. Wear a hat, 80 percent of heat-loss is through the head.

Be sure to wear sun protection, even on cloudy days. The sun reflects off the snow and is stronger than you think!

Wear sunglasses or goggles. Skiing is a lot more fun when you can see. The sun can burn your eyeballs.

When buying outer skiwear, **look for fabric that is water and wind-resistant.** Look for

wind flaps to shield zippers, snug cuffs at wrists and ankles, collars that can be snuggled up to the chin and deep pockets. Buy quality products.

Put beginners in ski school to get them on the right track.

Instructors know how to teach skiing and snowboarding, it's their business. Then you'll enjoy skiing with your friends and they will be proud to show you their skiing abilities.



Be sure you have a trail map.

Knows when to stop skiing. For example, if you're chilled, injured, have a problem with equipment or even if you're just simply worn out. It's alright to stop before the end of the day.

Set a meeting place if you get separated from your group. The walkie talkies now available are convenient and a big hit on the slopes. ■



FWSA SKI HISTORY

California Ski Association—

The organization of skisport in California was to a large extent the result of an effort to attract the 1932 Winter Olympics. In spite of losing the Olympic bid in Yosemite, the National Ski Association (NSA) gave the sanction to the California State Chamber of Commerce to organize the California Ski Association (CSA).

October 7, 1930, "Hall of Famer" Wendell Robie of the Auburn Ski Club, organized strong club support to form the California Ski Association. At the NSA convention in Chicago, December 14, 1930, CSA was accepted as an affiliated division and California was awarded the 1932 National Ski tournament. The first sanctioned divisional meet was held by CSA in 1931.

January 18, 1931, CSA orchestrated a "traffic jam" demonstration that

resulted in the authorization by the State of California for snow removal equipment on the roads that accessed California's emerging ski resorts. Skiing was a new sport and thousands traveled to the snow in the winter. Ski Jumping was the daredevil sport of the period and ski clubs hosted huge spectator events. The ski industry began to develop from small club-operated hills to larger ski areas.

In 1946, the Area Development Committee was formed to concentrate on getting two ski areas approved — San Geronio and Mineral King. (Neither of which will ever be developed.)

At the Convention in 1948, CSA changed its name to the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) to have a name more representative of the geographical area it encompasses — California, Nevada and Hawaii. ■

INDUSTRY

Ski News

by Catherine Ohl

Rahles Honored by USOC—

Downhiller **Daron Rahlves** (Sugar Bowl, CA), who conquered Kitzbühel's fabled Hahnenkamm downhill for the first victory in that race by an American skier in 44 years (**Buddy Werner** in 1959) and had two other top-3s in World Cup races, is the U.S. Olympic Committee's Male Athlete of the Month for January.

USOC officials said Rahlves was cited for his historic victory in Kitzbuehel, for finishing second in the Lauberhorn in Wengen, Switzerland, the previous weekend and for finishing third in a downhill in Bormio, Italy. Runnerup was tennis player **Andre Agassi**, who won the Australian Open.



Coincidentally, the USOC announcement came as Rahlves was being honored in Kitzbuehel for his dramatic win by having his name painted on one of the resort's gondolas, an honor reserved only for winners of the famous Hahnenkamm, which is regarded by many as the Super Bowl of ski racing.

Big Sky—

Big Sky Resort is developing the north side of Lone Peak for the 2003/2004 ski season adding over 1,000 new acres to the resort. The new Moonlight expansion will include a 2 mile long, six passenger high speed lift accessing the new intermediate and advanced terrain.

Berthoud To Remove Lifts—

After almost 20 years of off-and-on operations, lift-served skiing has come to an end at Berthoud Pass. The area's two lifts are being removed this summer of 2003. The triple chair is going to a ski area near Kansas City and the quad chair to Berkshire East in Massachusetts.

Berthoud itself will continue to run as a boutique snowcat operation, as it has for the past two seasons.

No Sleigh? No Problem.

Imagine seeing 250 Santas ripping down Broadway at Sunday River. As part of a local fundraiser on December 20, 2002 the Maine resort provided free lift tickets to anyone dressed as St. Nick. Looked like fun.

Comeback of the Year—

There may have been more prestigious victories for Austrian superstar **Hermann Maier**, but none more meaningful than his January World Cup super G gold medal, won in front of the home crowd at Kitzbühel, Austria. The "Herminator" stepped onto the victor's podium 17 months after a life-threatening motorcycle accident nearly cost him a leg.

Bode Breaks Free—

Making the Austrians nervous is a huge feat, but to be in the running for the overall World Cup title until the last race earns true respect. With **Hermann Maier** now 30 and **Stephan Eberharter** 34, 25-year-old **Bode Miller** can be called the best young skier in the world. ■



Fitness: Workout of A Champion

excerpted from Helen Olsson, *Skiing Magazine*

Eric Schloy—

Claim to fame: Ranked third overall in 2001 World Cup standings for GS; two World Cup podium finishes for 2001; Silver at 2003 World Championships for GS.

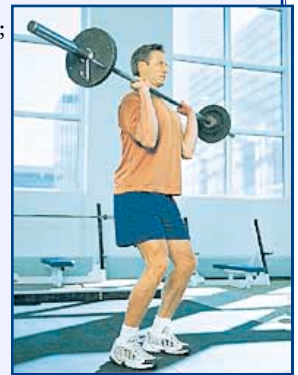
Fit thought: "Skiing's an athletic sport, so I choose exercises that involve athleticism. The power clean hits all the major muscle groups, and it involves coordination and timing."

Targets: Total body, emphasis glutes, hamstrings, and shoulders.

How to: With the barbell on the floor, legs flexed, lift the bar in one motion to your thighs, bringing the shoulders back and chest out. From there, lift with your shoulders in a shrugging motion, bringing the bar up to your collarbone (see photo). Elbows should end up under the bar, out front.

Reps & sets: Start with just the barbell, and work your way up in weight as you get stronger. Build to 3 sets of 12, then add weight and drop the reps.

Erik's tip: Before you go to the gym, pop a ski video into the VCR to get fired up. "The Ski Team has highlight videos of winning runs playing in the gym. We lift because we have a goal in mind — we're lifting to win." ■



SESTRIERE

7 - 15 March 2003

For those of us who went to Sestriere, **this WAS a memorable trip.** The weather was perfect and the snow was outstanding.

This trip certainly had its ups and down, more so than normal. To begin with our second flight to Europe got delayed in LA for six hours. Lufthansa did a great job getting our folks to Sestriere as they held the plane from Frankfurt, rushed everyone through customs, and paid for the bus to the hotel.

The luggage didn't make it until late the next day. Well, no one was really going to ski since we hadn't gotten enough sleep. Absolutely everyone was a good sport about it. It was all up from here.

The highlight of the trip for most of us was the helicopter ride to Montegenvre, France, led by **Gene Fulkerson** with **Michael O'Connor, Kelly Roberts, RL Smith, Catherine Ohl, Bruce Bivans, Larry Weaver** and **James Davidson**. **Paul Grynick** forgot his poles and had to rent some there while **Christa Stompler** patiently waited. Paul and Christa later attempted to ski back to Sestriere.

Larry Angione, Jeanette Day, Mark & Naoko Caleb, Stephanie Erickson, J. B. Hammond, Tom Erickson, Lee Juskalian and **Bernie Stanton** took a taxi to Montegenvre and met us for lunch. The snow and terrain were so terrific that Montegenvre warranted a return trip later in the week.

Every time we stopped for lunch on the mountain we would run into **Heidi Meyer** and **Matt Netski**. Never did see them ski but they had to had skied to reach the on-mountain restaurant.

There was lots to do and see besides skiing. **Jeany & James Davidson, Richard Frey, John Good** and **Franco Antonicelli** spent a day touring in Torino. **Elisabeth Maier** and **Jim Murchey** checked out the train.

Kathy Bell walked the mountains while **Gary Bunney** skied all day. **Teagan Clive**, a non-skier, really enjoyed shopping and massages. She would work out everyday in the pool area.

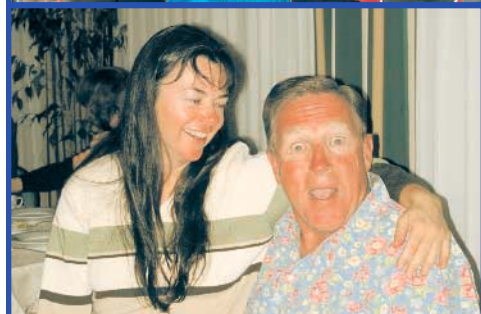
Another trip highlight was the torch light parade and "typical" raclette dinner. Everyone really enjoyed this evening especially the snowmobile ride back to the hotel. This was probably the best meal of the week and the wine never stopped.

Richard Dombrow broke his leg the first day skiing. He was pretty limited in what he could do but was in great spirits and decided to stay the week. **Eileen Dombrow** took advantage and scheduled a daily massage for herself.

On the final night, **Burton Griffin** gave out gag awards. **Mark Caleb** was the most fun, **Stephanie Erickson** was most improved, **Bernie Stanton** was the iron man, and **Catherine Ohl** was the whip. **Bob Schulz** missed all the fun since he was in a hospital under observation after he fell and knocked himself out earlier.

Since we were all going off in different directions, Gene sent Bob's clothes and travel documents to him via taxi. Bob was out of the hospital in a second to Malpensa looking for a flight home. He met up with the Dombrows and Burt and flew home with them the next day.

Michael, RL, Kelly, Franco, Bruce, Larry, Gene, Catherine, James, Jeany, Kathy, Gary, Lee, Frank, Irene, John, Barbie and Richard went by bus to Genoa, Pisa and Florence. This was one of the best extensions. Genoa was a surprise as we toured the harbor, walked the old streets and trekked to Portofino. We sweet talked our bus driver, with the help of some green backs, into stopping at Pisa. Florence was wonderful as we all made it to see David, the Duomo, Battistero, and many other sites. ■



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FUTURE OF CLUBS

by Gene Fulkerson

Personally, I believe the future of ski clubs lies with the families. The future is not a snowboarder versus skier issue but one of age. Of the 6 million active skiers, a full third are under the age of 18. In this article, the term "skier" is meant in the generic sense and applies to any on-snow non-motorized winter sport like downhill, nordic, telemark, boarding, ski skating, biking, tubing, etc.

For the past 25 years, the amount of skier days has remained flat at about 50 millions. But we are not increasing the number of skiers, just the number of skier days. The 2000-01 season at 56.7 million skier days was the first growth we have seen in a long time. Even last year showed encouraging numbers in light of the third year in

a row of marginal snow experienced in Colorado. So where would new skiers (and potential club members) come from? The family?

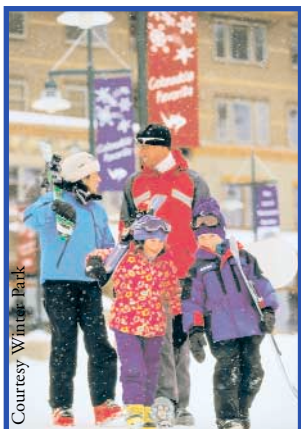
The average age of a typical club member is mid 50s. Most of us joined our first club when we were in our 30s and everyone was about 10 years older or younger than

us. We are now in our 50s and 60s. If more than 30% of skiers are under age 18, shouldn't this be the group (along with their parents) we go after?

The 30 years olds today (x-generation) do not want to socialize with us. They have their own core group of friends they do "stuff" with. It's a loosely knit group that prefers to have the option of deciding where to go at the last minute. There are no commitments and no up-front costs.

Families are typically not welcome at many ski clubs. Families have different dynamics and needs from what most Ski (Social & Recreational) Clubs provide today. Families probably need their own club with the option to interact with us older folks.

There are still a few of us relics around that have the knowledge and expertise to organize families and help them form their own clubs and organizations. I would be more than willing to help. But in the meantime, remember children are always welcome on Pac Rim trips. ■



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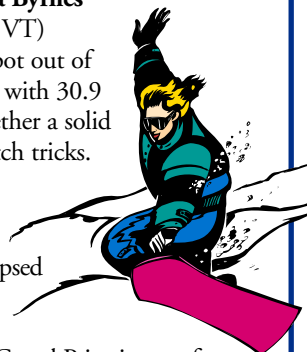
Verbier's Après-Ski—

Verbier's apres-ski is as legendary as the skiing itself. There are a variety of bars, restaurants, wonderfully chic shops and also four nightclubs to choose from for those with the stamina to dance the night away. In addition, Verbier has a superb sports center, located near our hotels with indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, massage facilities, squash courts and an ice rink. ■

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SNOWBOARD STRIP

The town of Aspen came out of their bindings Sunday as local **Gretchen Bleiler** stomped the Buttermilk superpipe winning the keys to a brand new Chevy ZR5 from the U.S. Snowboard Finals Powered by Chevy Trucks. Her run of 41.0 points barely bumped 16-year-old pipe slayer **Hannah Teter** (Belmont, VT) by 2.3 points. **Tricia Byrnes** (Stratton Mountain, VT) grabbed the No. 3 spot out of the five women final with 30.9 points throwing together a solid run stuffed with switch tricks.



On the men's side **Steve Fisher** (St. Louis Park, MN) eclipsed the competition with a 43.0 point run for the win and his first Grand Prix victory after barely missing the podium in his two previous tries. California bulldog **Andy Finch** (Fresno, CA) finished second, a full 4.2 points off Fisher, but after a win at Mount Bachelor, Finch was named the men's national freestyle champion. 2002 Olympian **Tommy Czeschin** (Mammoth Lakes, CA) was third with 38.1 points, also posting his first Grand Prix podium on the year.

Action from the U.S. Snowboard Finals Powered by Chevy Trucks will air April 15 at 4:00 p.m. EST on ESPN. ■

Membership Application 2003-04

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from 1 July 2003 through 29 September 2004.

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

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

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, death, property damage or loss, resulting therefrom.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Pacific Rim Trip Sign-Up Form

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

PRINTED NAME(S) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

- New Zealand 2003
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DEPOSIT DUE: \$100/ person for Snowbasin **OR** \$400/ person for Sestriere, Italy **OR** \$200/ person for New Zealand

—Send this Form with Your Deposit Made out to Pacific Rim Alliance to:

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Mission Statement

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

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

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