



# UPDATES

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## the Alliance

**Verbier—**  
The Verbier Information Packages are in the mail. If you are signed up for the trip, you should **fill out the Registration Form and sign the Waiver and return them to Gene immediately.** It is important you send them to Gene right away even if it is not complete.

As reported this summer, the Verbier trip has been quite a challenge since the US dollar is in the toilet and the airlines are in a constant state of flux (prices, taxes and schedules). Personally, we would like everyone to fly on Swiss Air to Zurich. Here's the current dilemma.

The taxes vary widely depending on what airlines and airports we use. For instance, the tax on Lufthansa to Geneva is currently \$132. The Lufthansa flight should get us to Verbier by 8 PM.



If we fly Swiss Air, the taxes are less but the basic flight is more. The tax we would save by flying into Zurich rather than Geneva is eaten up by the additional cost of the bus. So flying Swiss Air to either Geneva or Zurich would be \$165 (taxes, additional air and bus cost). The distance from Zurich is 300 KM and from Geneva it's 170 KM. The time to Verbier is the same whether we fly or drive it from Zurich. In either case, we should arrive in Verbier by

4 PM. The return departures and arrivals are pretty similar whether we fly Lufthansa or Swiss from Geneva or Zurich. We will making the best decision for the group based on all this data in the next week.

As for our extension, we are going to Barcelona for five days (four nights Barcelona with an overnight in Zurich) and will be flying Swiss Air. The additional airport taxes are already included in the \$679 price.

**Wine Maker Dinner—**  
The Wine Maker Dinner for the Jimmie Heuga Center was a huge success. We had 24

people in attendance and raised \$1,100 for the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS. This was our third annual dinner for The Center and our most successful to date. We will have the details in the Winter newsletter.



We'd like to especially thank **Sportsmen Seafood** in Mission Bay for the Ahi, **Cane's Bar in Grill**, Mission Beach for the Tortilla Soup and **Fetzer, Firestone, Kenwood, R.H. Phillips, Rosemount** and **St. Francis** for the wines. We couldn't have done it without these generous donations. ■

• Ski With Pride •  
• Watch All Sides •  
• Let It Ride •  
First With Safety Awareness



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



## TRIPPING AROUND

### ❖ Pacific Rim Alliance ❖

- VERBIER, Switzerland . . . . . 12-20 March 2004  
BARCELONA, Spain . . . . . 20-25 March 2004  
*Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469*
- BORMIO, Italy . . . . . 5-13 March 2005  
*Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469*

### ❖ Los Angeles Council ❖

- SNOW GALA . . . . . 8 November 2003  
*Catherine Ohl @ 858-467-9469*
- SKI DAZZLE, LA Convention Center . . . 20-23 Nov 2003  
*Ed Knott @ 310-313-1902*
- WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB, Canada . . . 31 Jan - 7 Feb 2004  
*Bonnie West @ 562-699-8880*
- SALT LAKE CITY, Utah . . . . . 19-23 February 2004  
*Bonnie West @ 562-699-8880*

### ❖ San Diego Council ❖

- HAPPY HOUR, Ranch Craft . . . . . 23 Oct 2003  
*Judy Schulthesis @ 562-699-8880*
- SKI SWAP, Ranch Craft . . . . . 25-26 Oct 2003  
*Bob Morton @ 562-699-8880*
- WINTER GALA . . . . . 8 Nov 2003  
*Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469*
- SNOW JAM, Del Mar Fairgrounds . . . . . 14-16 Nov 2003  
*Chuck deFritas @ 619-298-5101*
- ASPEN, CO . . . . . 11-16 Dec 2003  
*Mike Sanford @ 858-695-1442*

### ❖ Far West Ski Association ❖

- LAKE LOUISE, Canada . . . . . 24-31 January 2004  
*Judith Miller @ 818-841-4192*
- MORZINE, France . . . . . 6-13 March 2004  
*Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900*
- FWRA Championships, Heavenly . . . . . 1-4 April 2004  
*Nancy Sanford @ 909-866-9066*
- FWSA Convention, Reno . . . . . 10-13 June 2004  
*Joe Loader @ 775-972-8019*
- ALASKA CRUISE . . . . . 19-26 September 2004  
*Lynnell Calkins @ 310-370-4617*
- ASPEN, Colorado . . . . . 23-20 January 2005  
*Lynnell Calkins @ 310-370-4617*
- FWSA Convention, Long Beach . . . . . 9-12 June 2005  
*Catherine Ohl @ 858-467-9469*

# MEMBER PROFILE

## Jennifer Beever

I first meet **Jennifer Beever** on the FWSA Ski Week to Whistler, Canada in 1995. I remembered her because she was with the Humpjumpers and was a damn good racer. She came in second for the Joe Ross Memorial Race in her age group and second overall in A Vet Woman. I was impressed.



I know more of Jennifer from our days together at Century City Ski Club. Jennifer first encountered Century City Ski Club on the "Tri League" trip to Vail in 1996. I believe she started the week out with the Humpjumpers but thanks to the tequila supplied by **Don Ticinovich** and **Michael Medkiff**, she joined CCSC by the end of the week.

Jennifer was a great asset to the CCSC race team, leading them to the Elske Championships in 1997. Over the next three years, she served CCSC as Newsletter Editor (awarded best FWSA newsletter in 1999), Competition VP, and Promotions VP.

Jennifer loves the mountains and spends as much time as she can hiking and skiing them. When not playing outdoors, Jennifer has a passion for travel and tasting her way through the wine country. She enjoys visiting museums and listening to latin jazz and classical music. She subscribes to the LA Philharmonic. She recently went to New Zealand with Pacific Rim.

Jennifer is a bookaholic and loves to read. Cooking also relaxes her – there's just something about focusing on a recipe after a long day at work – or perhaps it just feels better having a large Ginzu knife in her hand.

Jennifer started her own company a few years ago, New Incite. She has spent the last sixteen years in marketing management, product management and sales in the software industry. Jennifer is originally from Maine. She got her B.S. from Colby College, Waterville, Maine in 1983 and earned her MBA at Pepperdine University in 1990. ■

## Lost Ski Resorts of Big Bear—

Here is just a partial list of ski areas that existed at one time. If you have any information on them, please email to Catherine at [ohl@catmeowz.com](mailto:ohl@catmeowz.com)

**Magig Mountain**, also known as **Lower Siberia**, had four tows and located 1/2 miles east of Big Bear Lake Village.

**Happy Hill Ski Tow** was located near the then Lake Drive-In Theater.

**Upper & Lower Mill Creek** built by John Webster and John Sipe.

**Swiss Tow**, built by Ralph Stewart and Virgil Foust, was near the present Elk's Lodge around 1950.

**Snow White** operated by Bill Gould was near Coldbrook Camp.

**March Field Army Air Base Recreational Facility.**

**Lone Star Tow** built by Max Files next to the present day City Hall.

Two rope tows were operated at Stillwell's in 1954, just east of the present day post office. Ski instruction was provided by Johnny Sipe.

The **Lynn Lift** was built by Judge Clifford Lynn at the south end of Pine Knot Blvd in Big Bear Village.

The Sling Lift (**Little Siberia**) operated by the San Bernardino County at the Park Board Area became a part of Snow Forest.

**Crystal Ridge Hill**, located on Hwy 18, 1/2 mile west of Big Bear Village at Red Ant Hill, was bought by Bob Boothe in 1980 and added to Snow Forest.

**Snow Forest**, closed 1973 through 1978, reopened in 1979 and then closed permanently in the late 80s. Dan & Dave Platus, two brothers who worked in the California aerospace industry, owned Snow Forest for sixteen years.

**Rebel Ridge**, founded by Chuck Smith at Big Bear, closed permanently in 1974. ■



*Congratulations to **Lance Armstrong** on his five-peat of the Tour de France and to **Tyler Hamilton** on his amazing 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in spite of the broken collarbone he sustained in a Stage 1 pile-up. As I watched the drama unfold daily, I thought it might be a good idea to reiterate the **Bicycle Rules of the Road.***

Failure to obey the Rules of the Road is the major contributing factor in accidents for which cyclists are at fault.

### Definition of a Bicycle—

There is a technical definition of a bicycle. Adult tricycles are considered to be bicycles under the vehicle code, but child tricycles, in which the pedals directly drive the wheels, do not qualify.

### Traffic Laws—

The rules are nearly identical for cyclists and motorists, with each having equal rights to use public roads. Please note that bicycles are allowed on every road in California except certain freeways and toll bridges. There is no legal requirement for cyclists to use a sidewalk or off-road bicycle path.

### Cyclists Responsibilities—

Since cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers, the use of alcoholic beverages is treated similarly (i.e., you should not assume that you can use a bicycle to avoid a DUI conviction.)

### Right Side Rule—

The "stay to the right" law is often misunderstood. It applies only on the roadway (not the shoulder or areas normally used for parking) and when riding at less than the normal speed of traffic on the roadway.

The roadway is that portion of the road used for vehicular travel, so there is no requirement to ride on the shoulder of an area marked for parking when no cars are there. There are numerous exceptions as listed below under "exceptions."

### Exceptions—

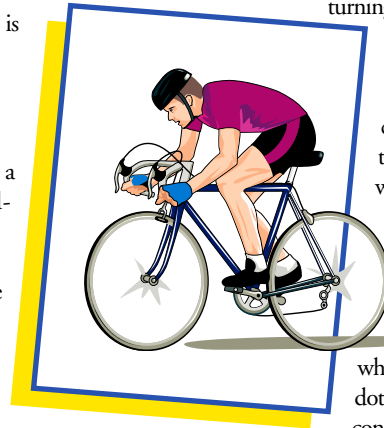
The "stay to the right" and bike lane rules have numerous **exceptions**, including preparing for a left turn, avoiding debris or other hazards, passing slower bicyclists or vehicles, conditions that make it unsafe for a vehicle and bicycle to pass side by side, and approaching a place where a right turn is permitted. The latter exception includes driveways, not just intersections.

### Use of the Shoulder—

Bicycles can, at the rider's discretion, use a shoulder, but must go in the same direction as vehicles when on a roadway or shoulder.

### Hand Signals—

Like other vehicles, bicyclist must signal before turning if other vehicles are affected. The official hand signals are extended for bicycles to allow a cyclist to signal a right turn by pointing right with the right hand. Unfortunately, sometimes you have to keep your hands on the brakes or handlebars (especially when crossing reflector dots), and the law does not consider this need explicitly.



### Lights at Night—

Cyclists are required to use a front light at night, together with rear, side, and pedal reflectors. A rear light is highly recommended.

### Miscellaneous—

A cyclist and any passenger must ride astride a seat, and packages may not be carried if the hands are prevented from reaching the handlebars. Brakes have to be functional.

### Rules for Drivers—

Drivers have two obligations around bicycle lanes:

- to stay out of them when not turning across them
- to merge into the bike lane within 200 feet of the turn before turning across one.

There is also a specific requirement for drivers to pass to the left of a cyclist, leaving a safe distance, when passing.

### Rules for Pedestrians—

No pedestrian shall proceed along a bicycle path or lane where there is an adjacent adequate pedestrian facility.

Cyclists should be particularly wary of jay-walking pedestrians. A frequently occurring tableau in California consists of a jogger running along a bike-lane stripe, against the flow of traffic, usually wearing headphones. ■

# INDUSTRY

## Ski News

by Catherine Ohl



### Record Sentence for Colorado Slope Collision—

**Michael Wolff** received the longest sentence in Colorado history for a ski resort accident. After plowing through a class of children

(5-6 yrs. old) at Sunlight in March, sobriety tests were performed on the 20-year-old snowboarder and he was found to be seriously inebriated.

Two of the children were injured. The court handed down an 8 month jail term for child abuse. As part of the sentence, Wolff must write letters of apology, serve three years probation on release and pay \$9,300 in restitution.

### \$2.9 Million Awarded in Accident—

A British Columbia Supreme Court jury recently awarded a former high school student \$2.9 million in damages in a personal-injury lawsuit stemming from a terrain park accident during a high school outing in January 2000 at Blackcomb.

**Travis Murao**, now a quadriplegic, sued his teachers, his school district and Blackcomb for his injuries. The jury found Blackcomb 70% responsible for the accident, the school district 15% liable and Murao himself, a novice snowboarder at the time, 15% to blame.

It is unclear what effect the ruling will have on future school outings in B.C. Now that a district has been found negligent for injuries sustained by a student on a school outing, schools may cut back or eliminate ski/ride trips.

### Ski Resorts Show Progress on Environmental Issues—



The third annual Sustainable Slopes Annual Report released by the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) details the ski industry's progress in implementing its Environmental Charter for Ski Areas over the past season.

Seventy-nine resorts from 25 states measured their progress in implementing environmental best practices this past spring in 21 areas of environmental stewardship.

The four areas in which resorts scored the highest include: protecting wetlands and riparian areas; protecting scenic values or "visual quality"; planning, designing and constructing facilities in an environmentally sensitive manner; and properly handling potentially hazardous waste.

The four areas that resorts need to improve on in the future include: energy use for lifts; reusing products to reduce waste; energy use for vehicle fleets; and energy use for snowmaking.

The assessment helped resorts quantify reductions in CO<sub>2</sub>, a principal greenhouse gas associated with global warming. Collectively, resorts helped eliminate the emission of 222,608,369 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> through energy conservation, waste reduction/recycling and transportation-related projects

### Vail Resorts Launches Perfect 10-Pack Ticket—

For the third winter season, Vail Resorts is passing along savings to skiers and snowboarders with the Perfect 10 Ticket at \$349 for adults and \$199 for children. The Perfect 10 is designed for those who like to take more than one ski or snowboard vacation a season. The Perfect 10 Ticket features 10 days of skiing and riding at six world-class resorts— Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin in Colorado and Heavenly in California and Nevada. ■

## Skating for Ski Fitness

In-line skating is a great cardiovascular workout, as it uses loads of energy and really gets your heart pumping. On top of that, you have to work to keep your balance, so you strengthen your core stabilizer muscles, which are responsible for your stomach and back muscles. Skating is also brilliant for toning your lower body, especially your thighs and buttocks.

It may look as though skating is about simply gliding along without much effort, but by varying your speed and adding in new techniques you can get a good overall workout.



Skating improves your balance, which means you'll be more agile when doing day-to-day activities. Plus, blading once or twice a week adds variety to your exercise program, which helps you stay motivated to work out regularly.

Remember, during warm weather, exercise early in the day, do less than normal, and drink lots of fluids. ■

# NEW ZEALAND WRAP

July 31 - August 16, 2003

There is a more comprehensive trip write-up at [www.pacificrimalliance.com/](http://www.pacificrimalliance.com/). Here's just a few of the highlights of our fabulous adventure Down Under.

The group departed for New Zealand Thursday night, July 31, and arrived in Christchurch in time for lunch on Saturday, August 2, 2003.

We all went off in different directions. Everyone attended the Welcome Party in **Gene & Catherine's** room to try to figure out what we were going to do for our one full day in Christchurch. After the party, most everyone went across the street to Victoria Park for the free jazz concert before searching out dinner.

The hard core skiers of the group, **Scott, Kim, Conor & Sean Griffin, Patricia Ortiz and Beth & Rick Cole** had to ski and so went to Mt. Hutt. The rest of the group preferred the relaxing and beautiful Tranz Alpine Train Ride to Greymouth. What a great day!

Monday we went by private coach to Lake Wanaka stopping along the way at many beautiful sights including Lake Tekapo where we had lunch while the clouds lifted revealing the beautiful Southern Alps.

Tuesday, **Gene** lead the **Griffins, Coles, Patricia, Jennifer Beever, Len Dancyzk, Jeff Beeman** and **Michael O'Connor** to Treble Cone to ski. The rest of us walked into town along the lake for shopping, lunch and sight seeing.

It was a short drive to Queenstown on Wednesday. We only had six days here and so much to do it was hard to pick what and when. **Jeff**, of course, signed up for heliskiing. He took **Beth** and **Rick** along with him one of the days. The **Griffins, Coles,** and **Patricia** made arrangements to ski Coronet Peak. **Jennifer** and **Len** skied the Remarkables. Later in the week, the **Griffins** went to Cardrona, which they said had the best skiing.

**Michael, Bob, JoAnn Kilty** and **Vicki**

**Turnipseed** went parapenting. **Michael, Bob, Jennifer,** and **Len** all hiked to the top of Queenstown for a wonderful view.

Everyone but **Jeff** made it for dinner at the Walter Peak Sheep Station. It was fabulous. We met in **Gene** and **Catherine's** for cocktails before boarding the steamer.

The Milford Sound was a must do. **Rick** and **Beth** went on their own and flew there and back. Wise choice as those of use that wanted to fly both ways never made it. Meanwhile, **Jennifer, Patricia, Dede Vacio, Heidi Meyer, Robert & Claudia Norquest** and **Len** bused both way.

**Robert** and **Claudia** went to Coronet Peak to take advantage of his free lesson package. Unfortunately, he left his coupon in his slacks. BUT he had such a great time they went back the next day.

The last night we shared a Kiwi Magic Movie and Dinner at the Skyline. **Scott, Conor, Sean, Gene, Beth** came up early to challenge **Gene** on the luge run. In the finals, **Gene** beat **Scott** by a nose. After dinner, **JoAnn, Vicki, Catherine, Gene, Jennifer, Len, Jeff, Bob, Michael** and **Scott** went pub crawling. Some bars were closed when we got there and only **Gene** and **Scotty** made it to the last bar.

It was really sad to say goodbye to those heading home as ten of us went onto the Cook Islands. **Jennifer, Gene, Michael, Bob** and **Jo Ann** went on a killer hike with the infamous **Pa. Michael, Bob** and **Jennifer** rented bikes. **Catherine & Gene** rented a scooter and went snorkeling.

**Heidi** went snorkeling while **Patricia** had her best ever day scuba diving. We all had dinner at a "Native Show". **JoAnn** and **Viki** took a flight seeing tour of the islands. **Michael** and **Patricia** went ocean fishing. **Heidi, Dede, Viki** and **JoAnn** had lunch with the locals. We all really enjoyed the Islands and can't wait to return. ■



*Dart River through "Middle Earth"*



*Lake Tekapo and the famous sheep dog*



*Dinner & some Kiwi Magic at the Skyline*



*Jennifer, Gene, Jeff at Treble Cone*



*Newlyweds Robert & Claudia*

More photos available at [www.pacificrimalliance.org/](http://www.pacificrimalliance.org/)

San Diego Council Invites You to Kick Up Your Heels at—

# Winter Gala



Saturday  
November 8, 2003  
6 PM til Midnight

Harbor Island  
1960 Harbor Island

Celebrating  
Featuring  
Sponsored by

6:00 PM  
7:00 PM  
8:30 PM  
9PM - Midnight

Send check to  
(payable to "SDSC")  
Proceeds to benefit

Hilton

San Diego Council's Man & Woman of the Year  
A Fabulous Classic Rock Band  
TBA

No Host Bar  
Sit Down Chicken or Salmon Dinner  
Man & Woman of the Year Awards  
Dance to Music of 60s & 70s

*Attire is Semi-Formal (Black Tie Optional)*

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

*Jimnie Henga Center for MS*

\*Tickets are limited and will NOT be available at the door.

All this for ONLY  
**\$45\***

## SNOW Jam

SAN DIEGO SKI & SNOWBOARD SHOW

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!



SNOW Jam 2003

Friday, Nov. 14:  
4pm-10pm

Saturday, Nov. 15:  
10am-6pm

Sunday, Nov. 16:  
10am-6pm

Del Mar Fairgrounds  
Pat O'Brien Hall

## SKI SWAP & SALE

4620 Alvarado Canyon Rd., SD • 619-280-0304  
OCTOBER 25, 2003, 9:30 AM - 3 PM

### Saturday Swap & Sale—

- New "In-Store" Items Marked Down
- Terrific Sale & Swap Items Outside
- Silent Auction
- Mountain Reps Available to Answer Questions
- Council & Club Booths
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Snacks, Drinks for Sale



### Special Club Sale Oct. 23, 5-8 PM—

- 5% Off Marked Down "New Items" for Ski Club Members
- 10% off for Swap Volunteer Workers
- Hosted Cocktails & Nibbles

### Earn Money in the Swap—

- Bring Your Old Ski Stuff to Swap
  - Earn up to 90% of Your Asking Price
  - 10% Commission to Benefit San Diego Ski Council
  - 3% Levied on Items Sold by Credit Card
- Check-in Swap Items Oct. 24, 5-8 PM, Oct. 25, 7-9 AM
  - \$1 Administration charge for each item checked
- Unsold Item must be picked up Oct. 25, 3-5 PM
  - Unclaimed items will be donated to charity

### To Volunteer for the Swap—

- Judy Schultheis,  
Swap Volunteer Coordinator  
619-461-4478 or oohjudi@aol.com

### For Information—

- Bob Morton, Swap Coordinator  
619-742-3406 or wjc1@ntrs.com



## SAN DIEGO PICNIC WRAP

The Second Annual San Diego Family Picnic was a huge success. 250 people showed up for the fantastic food and silly unique games. **Sara Tully** and **Jim Ortiz** did a great job with the games for the under 8 age group while **Rusty Etzel** helped **Gene Fulkerson** with the adult games. Prizes were donated by **Ranch Craft**. **Chuck deFrias** and **Jerry Schuthesis** cooked the hamburgers to perfection while **Gene** and **Michelle Langmaid** deep fried the fresh fish donated by **Sportsmen Seafood** in Mission Bay.

**Ed Langmaid** and **Catherine Ohl** made sure everyone had what they needed. The beer, donated by **Firestone Brewery**, was endless and enjoyed by everyone. **Linda Hanson** and **Barbara Blase** were instrumental in getting everyone checked in and tagged. We'd like to especially thank **Michael German** and **Bob March** for getting up at the crack of dawn to clean and secure our picnic area and to **Bob Morton** for bringing a second BBQ and tarp for the group. Hope to see more of you there next year. **Photos available at <http://acatmeowz.com/sd/>.** ■

# LAC Snow Gala

## Saturday, November 8, 2003, 6 PM

### Four Points by Sheraton Santa Monica

530 West Pico Blvd, Santa Monica 310.399.9344  
*(just 4 blocks from the beach)*

#### Evening Events—

- 6 PM No Host Bar
- 7 PM Elegant Sit Down Dinner  
 - Salmon, Chicken or Vegetarian Pasta  
 - Glass of Wine with Dinner
- 8 PM **Men & Women of Year Awards**
- 9 PM Dancing until the wee hours  
 - Raffle Prizes given away through out the evening  
 - Lots of Great Door Prizes  
 - Parking is Free

**\$45\***

**Call Catherine at  
 858-467-9469 to  
 buy Raffle Tickets!**

#### Raffle Tickets \$1.<sup>00</sup> each—

- Grand Prize: Trip for Two to Whistler, Jan 31 - Feb 7, 2004  
 – Includes Air, Lodging, Lift Tickets, Parties, More!
- Lots of Other Great Raffle Prizes
- **Winners need not be present**

#### Dinner Tickets & Reservations—

Contact **Ed Knott**  
 – 11930 Avon Way, #105, Los Angeles, 90066  
 – 310.313.1902 or whyknott@earthlink.net

#### Dress is Cocktail /Formal!

\* Dinner is \$65 after November 3, 2003



### November 20–23, 2003

LA Convention Center – West Hall  
 1201 S. Figueroa, LA

Th, Nov. 20	4 PM to 11 PM
Fri, Nov. 21	4 PM to 11 PM
Sat, Nov. 22	11 AM to 10 PM
Sun, Nov. 23	Noon to 6 PM

LA Council will have a booth and they will need help staffing. You can volunteer by calling Ed. If you make it to the show, be sure to stop by the Council's booth. Also stop by the Big White booth as we may be there with a surprise.

*Contact Ed Knott at whyknott@earthlink.net or call him at 310-313-1902 to sign up for LAC booth. Free admission with minimum 4 hours worked. Must pay own parking. ■*



This year Mammoth Mountain celebrates it's 50th Anniversary with the Grand Opening of The Village at Mammoth. The all new pedestrian village is home to two exquisite new lodging properties, White Mountain Lodge and Lincoln House as well as many new shops, restaurants and après-ski hot spots.

Located in the heart of The Village is the state-of-the art, 15 passenger, Village Gondola that whisks skiers and boarders alike to the slopes in just minutes. As the crown jewel of the High Sierra resorts, Mammoth boasts 3,500 acres of trails,

covered in 385 inches of snow, bathed by 300 days of sunshine—and that 's just the mountain in an average year.

In addition to world-class skiing and riding, Mammoth offers as compete array of winter activities including cross country ski touring, snowmobiling, ice-skating and dog sledding.

For complete package information and pricing call 800.MAMMOTH or visit MammothMountain.com for a live look at the mountain via a network of web-cams. ■



## Don't Miss This Season's Best Party!! Ski Club Appreciation Weekend

# Mammoth Mountain

April 23-25, 2004



For more information contact  
**Renée Fontaine**  
 805.388.2217 or renee@mammoth-mtn.com

Pacific Rim presents

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March 12-20, 2004

### Basic Package to Include—

- NON-STOP Air from LAX to Europe, via Lufthansa or Swiss Air
  - Complimentary In-Flight Drinks, Meals, Movies
- Luxury Coach Transfer from Geneva/Zurich to Verbier
- Seven Nights Luxury Lodging at
  - **Hotel Montpelier\*\*\*\* for \$1,799**
  - **Golf Hotel\*\*\* for \$1,469**
- Private Bath, Double Occupancy
- Seven Breakfasts and Seven Dinners
- The Usual Parties, Souvenirs and much MORE!

from  
**\$1,469**

### Price Does Not Include—

- Lift Tickets (about \$30 a day)
- US and Foreign Departure Fees, Fees and PFCs (est \$116-\$135)
- Excursions from Verbier
- Return Extensions for Up to 30 Days (\$50+)



World On Skis

### Barcelona Extension for \$679—

- Air and Ground Transfers
- 4 nights Barcelona, 1 night Zurich
- 5 Continental Breakfasts
- Half-day City Tour

### For Reservations & Information—

- 400 Deposit Due Now: Send Check Payable to "Pacific Rim" to—  
Gene Fulkerson @ 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124
- For More Information, contact—  
Gene at 858-467-9469 or Catherine at ohl@acatmeowz.com

**Cancellation Policy will Apply**

**Must be a Member of Pacific Rim**

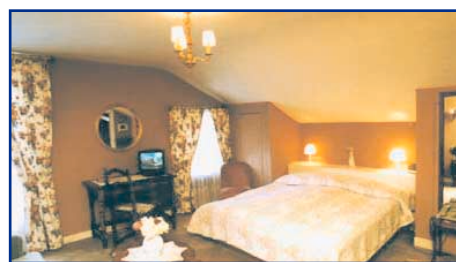
### Hôtel Montpelier \*\*\*\*



Reputed for the quality of its rooms, the warm atmosphere it exudes, its excellent cuisine and its new wellness centre, the **Hôtel Montpelier** proudly displays the authenticity of local materials and customs.

Hôtel Montpelier has a beautiful indoor swimming pool, equipped with a "Jet Stream" counter-current system. The sauna room with a steam bath also has two hydraulic massage cabins and a variety of fitness equipment.

### Hôtel Golf \*\*\*



The **Golf Hôtel** (formerly known as the Grand Combin) is in a great location just outside the town centre. The hotel features free sauna and steam room, open fire in lounge. Facilities include a restaurant, bar, fitness room, sauna/steam bath, room service and laundry service.

**Both hotels provide bus service to lifts. ■**

## Verbier's Skiing

Verbier has one of the world's largest and best ski areas. Situated on a naturally sheltered sunny plateau; the beautiful traditional village lies at 4,900 feet (1500m) with a vast ski area covering over 250 miles of piste with more than 100 lifts and extending as high as 10,855 feet (3330m) with skiing all year round on the Mont Fort glacier. Verbier offers skiing for all levels of skiing.

**Beginners** - Verbier's excellent ski school makes it a great place to learn. There are several good beginner slopes and after mastering the basic techniques you can challenge yourself to some of the

more gentle runs.

**Intermediates** - The scope for intermediates is quite extraordinary. With 250 miles of piste to cover, the options are endless. It is even possible to do a tour of all four valleys, skiing 50 miles in a single day.

**Advanced** - Verbier has become a pilgrimage for experts. Some of the most challenging mogul runs in the world can be skied here and the off - piste possibilities are infinite. For those wanting to improve their mogul skiing, Verbier is a bump bashers' paradise. ■

**VERBIER**  
VAL DE Bagnes

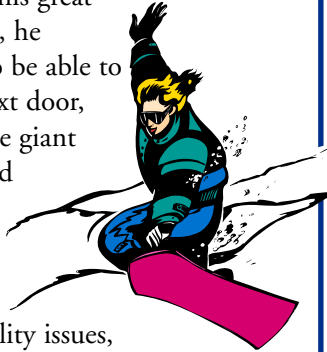


# SNOWBOARD STRIP

## Terrain Parks—

**Dick Kun**, president of the **Big Bear Mountain Resorts**, gave a presentation on the success of his two resorts (Big Bear & Snow Summit) among snowboarders.

The reason for his great success in 2003, he quipped, was to be able to buy the area next door, make it into one giant terrain park, and reserve the other area for families.



To address liability issues, signage at Bear Mountain starts at the entrance and makes sure all visitors know that there are terrain features virtually everywhere. The area also states that there are alternate routes around them.

Kun concluded that he sees terrain enhancement as the way of the future—each run will have rolls, small jumps, and more. ■

## 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:

PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE  
10818 VIACHA DR., SAN DIEGO, CA 92124

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDR: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDR: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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FAX LINE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Membership (Includes membership in FWSA)

- \$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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEPOSIT DUE:**  \$400 / person for Verbier, Switzerland

Verbier 2004

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

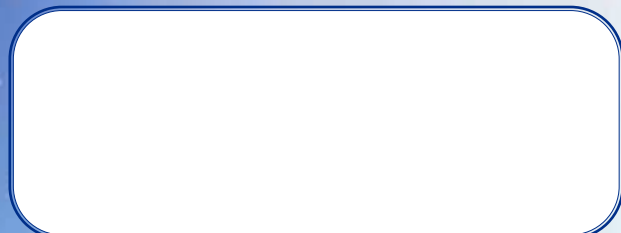
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## Mission Statement

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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