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Chile—

The Chile trip information is out and we are now taking sign ups. Space & time is limited so if you are interested, you should be sending in your deposits now. We will be skiing for eight days — four in Portillo and four in Termas de Chillian.

Portillo is where the US Ski Team sometimes trains. Termas is where the powder hounds go. In Termas, we will be staying at the 5-star Gran Hotel with a spa offering a bit of something for everyone.

We've added a three day extension to Machu Picchu, the sacred ruins of the Inca. Trip includes air, transfers, three nights lodging, three tours, train and most meals. This is a once in a life time opportunity. *[see page 8]*

2005 Ski Weeks

We've had the most outstanding ski weeks this year. In Snowmass we were greeted with lots of fresh snow followed by days of bright blue skies. The group got together most nights to share ski stories, make plans for the next day, eat, and toast the snow gods. *[see page 5]*

Twelve of us continued onto Steamboat after Snowmass for the LA Council ski week. We stopped in Glenwood Springs to soak our bodies. On Monday, we were blessed with two feet of fresh powder which lasted for the rest of the week. *[see page 6]*

Catherine & I stayed over an extra day in Steamboat to race for the cure for MS. We

had a blast and we thank everyone for their generous contributions for this very worthy cause. *[see page 7]*



Ski Weeks for 2006—

We took a straw vote on our two Colorado ski weeks. The outcome is that we are looking to put together a trip to Big Sky, MT in February 2006. Although Bormio will be a hard act to follow, our European trip will be to France. We are considering Val Thorens of the Tri Vallees or Les Gets. Post extension will be to Turkey. We will keep you posted.

FWSA Convention—

I can't believe that the Far West convention is only two months away. This will be an historic event as Far West celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Everyone is invited to attend. The venue is the Westin Long Beach. If you'd like to be a voting delegate for Pac Rim, please let me or Catherine know. Registration is \$135 and covers Silent Auction, History Exhibits, Travel Expo, Awards Luncheon, History Reunion and Reception, Awards Dinner & Dance, Far West meetings, and breakfast.

As usual, the Silent Auction is free and open to the public on Friday, June 10, 2005 at the Westin starting at 7 PM. Come and get great bargains on ski and summer vacations and met our many special guests including **Glen Plake**.

The convention history committee is still looking for old ski photos, magazines, articles, etc. Please contact us if you have any ski memorabilia that you can lend to us for display. * *[Signature]*

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Membership in Pacific Rim Alliance gives you membership in LA Council of Ski Clubs [LAC], San Diego Council of Ski Clubs [SDCSC], Far West Ski Association [FWSA], and National Ski Council Federation [NSCF].



Check out recently posted photos on web site!

TRIPPING AROUND

❖ Pacific Rim Alliance ❖

- WATER SKIING with Radar River Rats Jun-Oct 2005
Patricia Ortiz @ 323/651-0686 [before 9 PM]
- PORTILLO & TERMAS, Chile 11-20 August 2005
MACHU PICCHU, Peru. 20-23 August 2005
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- BIG SKY, MT February 2006
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- FRANCE March 2006
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA August 2006
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469

❖ Los Angeles Council ❖

- SUNSHINE/BANFF, Canada 17-24 April 2005
Sigrid Noack @ 310-823-1373
- TELLURIDE, Colorado 4-11 February 2006
Bonnie West @ 562-699-8880
- SNOW GALA 5 November 2005
- PRAGUE, Czech Republic
KITZBUHEL, Austria March 2006
Bonnie West @ 562-699-8880

❖ San Diego Council ❖

- FAMILY PICNIC 24 July 2005
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469
- WINTER GALA 5 November 2005
Gene Fulkerson @ 858-467-9469

❖ Far West Ski Association ❖

- FWSA CONVENTION, Long Beach 9-12 June 2005
Catherine Ohl @ 858-467-9469
- CHINA **SOLD OUT** September 2005
Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900
- HAWAIIAN CRUISE 9-16 October 2005
Harry Davis @ 800-301-9673
- TELLURIDE, Colorado 4-11 February 2006
Lynnell Calkins @ 310-278-5900
- ZERMATT, Switzerland March 2006
Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900
- GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
MACHU PICCHU **SOLD OUT** 22 May - 6 June 2006
Tucker Hoffmann @ 510-278-5900

Go to "Tripping Around" at <http://www.pacificrimalliance.org> to download color flyers for most of the events listed above.

MEMBER PROFILE

RC Escamilla

RC is a great gal. She raced for the very first time on our trip to Snowmass. She earned a silver medal and was ranked a S9 Vet. On her second race, she paced sixth. BUT after the wonderful picnic, while skiing with her husband **Joe** and **Bob Berg**, she fell and broke her leg.



Here is her story of a carrot, an egg and a coffee bean.

All three were put individually into a pot of water. Once the water started boiling, all three reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile, its thin outer shell protected its liquid interior but, after sitting in the boiling water, its inside became hardened. However, the coffee bean was unique, it changed the water.

Well, you have probably heard this story before, and you have probably been all three. However, I do not want to be a carrot that wilts, becomes soft and loses strength when pain and adversity strike. I do not want to be the egg that starts with a malleable heart but changes with the heat. Even though the shell looked the same, the inside became bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart.

No! No! No! I want to be the coffee bean. When the water gets hot, it releases its fragrance, its flavor and changes the water giving it a rich aroma. When things are at their worst I know I can be better and change the situation around me.

I finally received my racing picture so I could send the before and after photos. I am now the Bionic Woman. Thanks everyone for the card with so many wonderful wishes. As you can see, I don't look too bad in my racing position and my knees will be much stronger for Big Sky.



I am doing just great, working 4-6 hours a day with someone driving me, of course, guess who is my chauffeur - Bobby Baby (Berg) and my assistant Francisco. They all have been wonderful and my husband has become a great chef. Thanks again for everything. ✨

RC

The Helmet Debate Continues—

Just a few years ago, a non-racer wearing a helmet on the slopes was about as rare as a snowboarder in Taos. Today, helmeted skiers can be seen at every resort in the world. Helmet sales are doubling every year, with more than 500,000 sold in 2004.



Courtesy Sierra-at-Tahoe

But even with helmets flying off store shelves, the percentage of skiers and boarders wearing helmets remains small. The estimates are around 5%. For many non-

helmeted snowsliders the question remains: Is the risk of head injury high enough to warrant wearing a helmet?

Ski-industry officials have long been preaching the message that skiing is

relatively safe. The odds of death or serious injury from skiing or boarding are less than two in a million, according to the National Ski Areas Association.

However, snowsliding still puts your head at risk. Each year, about 15,000 skiers / boarders leave the slopes with head injuries [any damage from the neck up], which account for 14% of all snowsliding injuries.

The risk may be higher for some. If you're an experienced male slider between the ages of 15 and 30 who likes to cruise near the edges of intermediate trails, watch out. Statistics suggest that this demographic group, known for high-risk behavior, takes more than 70% of on-slope knocks to the head.

When head banging occurs, helmets can do a lot to lessen the damage. It is estimated that nearly half of the injuries studied occurred to an area of the head that would have been protected if the victim had been wearing a helmet.

But wearing a helmet can have the opposite effect, giving sliders a false sense of security and causing them to

ride more recklessly. Another concern has been the increased possibility of a neck injury, especially for kids.

Some people are convinced that helmets dramatically reduced the severity of injury. But there are situations in which a helmet won't make a difference. For instance, if you go headfirst into a tree at 20 mph, a helmet isn't going to help.

The bottom line is that wearing a helmet is a personal choice but there really is no compelling reason why you shouldn't wear one.

French Skiing Ups The Safety Message—

The French sports ministry will post some 20,000 posters and distribute 150,000 postcards at the country's 76 leading ski areas this winter warning skiers and boarders to watch their speed and give way to others traveling downhill of you.

The campaign aims to cut the number of deaths and injuries on French ski slopes which last season amounted to 54 fatalities. *

Snack Food for the Slopes—

When it comes to packing snacks for the slopes, it's tough to beat bars for ease and convenience. Here's a look at what you'll get.

BAR	Calories	Carbs	Fat	Protein
Balance , Yogurt Honey Peanut [<i>sweet, but a bit chalky</i>]	200	22 gms	6 gms	14 gms
Clif Bar , Crunchy Peanut Butter [<i>like chewy granola</i>]	240	39 gms	5 gms	12 gms
Luna , Chai Tea [<i>a favorite — tastes like the real thing</i>]	180	27 gms	4 gms	10 gms
Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar , Peanut Butter [<i>sweet & crisp</i>]	180	29 gms	6 gms	5 gms
Powerbar , Apple Cinnamon [<i>tasty, bit if cold, could break a tooth</i>]	230	45 gms	2.5 gms	10 gms
Snickers [<i>yum</i>]	280	35 gms	14 gms	4 gms
Twinlab Ironman , Cookie Dough [<i>almost like real cookie dough</i>]	230	25 gms	7 gms	16 gms

Combat Altitude Sickness—

Few people realize the stress altitude puts on your stomach. Adjusting your diet to higher altitude will help keep energy levels up and can also help fend off altitude sickness.

Water is the first step to winning this battle, because breathing at altitude expends more moisture than breathing at sea level.

Your metabolic rate speeds up to increase your oxygen intake, and so you need more fuel to maintain the faster pace.

Carbohydrates are the key to sustaining your energy levels at elevation, because you burn carbs instead of fats in order to dissolve more oxygen into the bloodstream. *

INDUSTRY

Ski News

by Catherine Ohl

Mammoth For Sale—

After 68 years, Dave McCoy is ready to part with the mountain. Dave, the legendary outdoorsman who founded the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, is putting up for sale his controlling interest in the Eastern Sierra winter resort. "As healthy and engaged as Dave is, the fact is he is 89 years old and won't live forever," the company said in a statement. *From LA Times, February 24, 2005.*

Silver Star Add New Quad—

The Schumann family, owners of Silver Star and Big White Ski Resorts, are pleased to announce the much anticipated Silver Woods high-speed detachable quad chair lift for the winter of 2005-

2006! This is exciting news for skiers and boarders and coincides with the opening of 400 acres of new runs and gladed forests.

Lake Louise's Grizzly Express—

The Grizzly Express Gondola, the longest lift ever built by Resorts of the Canadian Rockies at Lake Louise Mountain Resort, opened to skiers and boarders on Valentine's Day 2005.

Under construction since last summer, the six person Grizzly Express Gondola, for the first time ever, allows skiers and boarders to travel non-stop to the peak of Lake Louise Mountain Resort. It cuts the time spent on lifts in half before heading to the backside of the famed resort consistently recognized for offering the most spectacular scenery in North America. The gondola is almost 10,000 feet in length.

Utah Group Skis 11 Resorts in One Day—

They said it couldn't be done. But five Utah skiers proved everyone wrong. Boarding the first chairlift just before 8 AM the group survived a daylong ski marathon completing at least one run at 11 different Utah resorts in a single day.



The group rode one aerial tram, two gondolas, one six-person high-speed chairlift, three high-speed quads, one triple and four double chairlifts to make 12 runs at 11 areas, ski 19,226 vertical feet and cover 220 miles while driving between resorts.

Northwest Areas Endure Prolonged Drought—

Just how bad has it been? The Summit at Snoqualmie and Stevens Pass have operated for less than three weeks this season.

In Oregon and Idaho, areas have fared better—though some areas have been closed for long stretches here, too. Among those operating in early February were Timberline, Mt. Bachelor, Mount Hood Meadows, Mt. Ashland, and Anthony Lakes. Hoodoo reopened Feb. 10.

In Idaho, Silver Mountain, Schweitzer, Brundage, Bogus Basin, Tamarack, and Lookout were operating, though some had closed for short periods.

For many areas in the Cascades, though, it will take perhaps two or three storms to rebuild base depths sufficiently to reopen. Resorts across the region are hoping for a repeat of 1975-76, when enormous snowfalls arrived and lifted some areas to their best March attendance of the past 30 years.

Teen Charged in Ski Death—

A 16-year-old snowboarder was charged with manslaughter February 25, 2005 following a fatal collision with a 28-year-old woman at Jackson Hole. The crash occurred near the bottom of Laramie Bowl, an intermediate run on the upper part of Rendezvous Mountain.

The snowboarder was moving very fast and hit the woman, who was skiing slowly. Witnesses said that the snowboarder made no attempt to avoid the skier even though there was ample room to do so.

The woman, who was not wearing a helmet, immediately lost consciousness. She suffered numerous internal injuries, and a significant head injury which was cited as the preliminary cause of death.

The snowboarder, who was wearing a helmet, had only minor injuries. He was charged with manslaughter and reckless endangerment. *



IT'S A WRAP— SNOWMASS

January 29 - February 4, 2005

Pacific Rim had a great time at the Far West Ski Week in Snowmass. **Fay Mumbauer** did a great job leading our small but mighty group of 30.

Skiing—

Our week started off with snow and lots of it [but not too much]. We stayed in Snowmass and so Snowmass was the natural place to ski. And ski we did. We skied the Big Burn non-stop until our legs burned. Then we would head for Campground, Sam's Knob, Elk Camp or the Cirque.

Pat Dang, Lee Conte, Gloria & Dean Smith and **Al & Karen Weingartner** were the first on the slopes and the last in the hot tub. **Mike** and **Larry Armstrong** were also among the hard core skiers. **Wilma Dang** choose not to ski, while **Jenny Bong & Walty Milani** were pacing themselves so they would be able to ski in Steamboat.

Newbie **Robert Nordquest** got off to a great start with lessons. Later he went with his wife **Claudia** to Buttermilk and skied like a champ.

Cuisine—

Lunch was done up right with service at Sam's Knob, Gwyn's, Cloud Nine, or Krabloonik's. **JoAnn Rego, Catherine Ohl,** and **Patricia Ortiz** especially enjoyed Gwyn's.

There were so very many places to choose for dinner. We had a fabulous club dinner at the highly recommended Mountain Dragon. **Nancy Sanford** and **Vera Moldt** joined us for the festivities. Though **Nick Friedman** and **Nancy Nickelman** ordered extras of the shrimp, everyone helped eat it up.

Far West Events—

Far West kicked off the week with a Welcome Party at the St. Regis Ballroom in Aspen. It was really crowded [there was only 300 chairs for 700] so most of us took advantage of being in Aspen to do up the town. It was pretty awesome.

Far West hosted a Restaurant/Pub Crawl in Aspen on Monday. Because of the Winter X-Games, Aspen moved the event up to 3 PM. Many of us elected to crawl the pubs in Snowmass.

The Races—

Monday was the Qualifier race. **Louis Milani, Gene Fulkerson** and **RC Escamilla** were among those who qualified. Wednesday, was the Giant Slalom races at Snowmass, followed by a fabulous on-mountain picnic at the Spider Sabich Picnic Area. Unfortunately, RC broke her leg in the afternoon. She was lucky to have husband **Joe** and **Bob Berg** to take care of her.

Thursday was the Slalom races at Snowmass. The group dined at Krabloonik's. It wasn't great for everyone but **Stan Kracher, Harry Hilty** and **Craig Henderson** enjoyed their meals.

The Parties—

Gene did a great job hosting the nightly happy hours. The pasta dinner Gene cooked up on Wednesday night was especially enjoyed by **Larry Angione,** and **Carol & Walter Straub.**

Farewell—

Friday came around way too fast. The week ended with a banquet, dancing and awards at the Snowmass Conference Center. ✨



Racer	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
Larry Angione	47.80 -	39.81 Bronze	35.56 Bronze
RC Escamilla	48.45 Silver	42.48 -	
Gene Fulkerson	36.73 Silver	57.27 Gold	56.43 -
Louis Milani	35.91 Gold		
Catherine Ohl	42.98 Gold	57.42 Bronze	45.09 Bronze
Patricia Ortiz	127.25 -	52.51 -	

IT'S A WRAP—STEAMBOAT

February 4-11, 2005



Fresh powder, skiing with **Billy Kidd**, collecting beads for Mardi Gras, the Super Bowl. It doesn't get much better than this! Many people said this was the "best Ski Week ever!" Steamboat hadn't received much new snow when we got there, but after a couple of days the west coast rains caught up and there was lots of powder for the rest of the week.



Welcome Party—

A big screen projector was set up so we could watch the Super Bowl during the welcome party. There were lots and lots of heavy appetizers. However, since a number of people decided made a dinner out of the appetizers, late-comers didn't get the chance to taste everything.



Mardi Gras—

We celebrated a "Fat Monday" collecting Mardi Gras beads. Those with beads who showed up for the happy hour at the Bear River Bar & Grill were then entered into a drawing for many great prizes.



Off to the Races—

There were two NASTAR races held during the week. The first day had a light turn-out, as it was snowing heavily, and there was just too much fresh powder to ski. More than sixty people showed up for the annual **Dave Seret Memorial Race**. Awards went to the fastest woman on the mountain, **Sherrie Marco** from Singles & Pac Rim, and the fastest man, **Dennis Frieborn** also from Singles. Singles also had many, many more racers than any other club, so they easily won the Dave Seret Memorial Club Championship.



Billy Kidd was on hand for our races to give us tips on how to win a gold medal. Singles was one of the many clubs to take advantage of this.

Picnic—

Thursday was a great day for a picnic. The patio at the Bear River Bar & Grill was the place, with a choice of a hamburger or chicken sandwich with beans, drinks and cookies. Afterwards Gene took **Craig Henderson** for some adventurous skiing.

The Parties—

Pac Rim joined forces with Singles who were also staying at the Thunderhead. Along with **Fay Mumbauer**, **Jenny Bong**, **Patricia Ortiz** and **Laura Priess**, Gene managed to feed pasta to 60 people. It was a great evening and gave everyone a better chance to relax and enjoy.

These parties would not have been possible had not **Harry Hilty** and **Fay** hauled all the booze from California. Also very helpful were **Chris Vaughn** and **Hilda Bickel** who allowed their condo to be used for the spillover.

I don't think **Dick Anderson** missed a party and I can't remember seeing **Louis Milani** at one. He didn't miss out on the treats as **Walty Milani** always took some food back to the room for him.

Final Farewell Party—

The band at the awards banquet was an entertaining Western band that taught us some country steps, and had us guessing TV theme songs. **Billy Kidd** & **Hollis Brooks** were the surprise guests.

Catherine Ohl and **Gene Fulkerson** raffled off a magnum of champagne which was autographed by several Olympians and coaches from Steamboat. The \$750 proceeds from the raffle were donated directly to the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS. *

Racer	Class	Race 1	Race 2
Gene Fulkerson	S4 Vet	21.67 Gold	22.58 Silver
Louis Milani	S5 Open	23.41 Bronze	
Catherine Ohl	S7 Vet	24.39 Gold	25.35 Silver
Patricia Ortiz	S10 Vet	39.64 -	36.56 -

KID'S KORNER

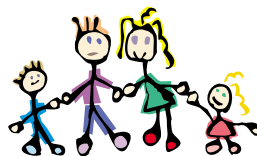
4 kids & grandkids



FAR WEST FAMILY SKI TRIP

Mammoth Mountain, CA

April 16 -17, 2005



Lodging Deals—

Chateau Sierra Condominiums

- Four-bedroom unit at \$250/night
- Three-bedroom unit at \$210/night

Far West Sponsored Pizza Party—

Mammoth Sponsored Events—

- Reduced Lift Tickets
- Adult & Children Activities and Games
- Complimentary Food & Drink
- Entertainment for all Ages

Reservations—

Contact **Jill Victory** at 760-934-2279.

Condos are reserved on a first-come first-served basis. FWSA is not responsible for deposits, payments or cancellation penalties.



Information—

Fran Long at 805-238-2244 or fancat2002@charter.net
Michael German at 858/270-0915 or mgermancv@hotmail.com

Beginners Welcome—

This is a good opportunity to try skiing or boarding for the first time. Lessons and beginner packages are very reasonable.

Vertical Express for MS

Catherine Ohl & Gene Fulkerson would like to thank everyone that helped them raise more than \$4,000 for the Heuga Center for MS.

Last minute funds were raised by raffling off two 3-liter bottles of wine. A Merlot, signed by **Jimmie Heuga, Billy Kidd, Nancy Greene, Chris Klug, and Deb Armstrong**, was raffled off at Far West's Snowmass ski week and was won by **Nancy Goettling**, Century City. \$1,070 was raised as a result of this raffle.



*Laura Sturges, Laura Priess,
Gene Fulkerson*

A 3-liter bottle of Korbel, raffled off at LA's Steamboat ski week, was won by **Gary Stein**, Singles. More than \$750 was raised. This bottle was signed by Steamboat coaches & Olympians **Billy Kidd, Thedo Rummelink, Brendan Doran, Nelson Carmichael, Gary Crawford, Chris Pucket, Todd Wilson, and Kary Lynch**.

Laura Sturges joined Catherine and Gene on Pac Rim's Fire & Ice Team on February 12, 2005 to race for the cure. Registration and breakfast started

at 7 AM! By 8 AM we were slide slipping the Bashor race course in preparation for the upcoming wax race.

Steamboat set a speed trap at the bottom to record our fastest max speed. Gene, at 49.97 mph, almost broke into the 50s. Laura peaked at 47.6 while Catherine lagged at 46.7. The fasted time was 53. It was fun if not a bit scary.

After a picnic lunch at the bottom of Bashor, we participated in NASTAR races with Gene getting gold, Catherine a silver and Laura a bronze [Age does have its advantages. Right Gene?]. The event finished up with dinner and awards at the Thunderhead Lodge. Our team came in fifth out of 15 teams.

Can't wait to do this again next year! *

Portillo & Termas de Chillan, Chile

August 11-20, 2005

Chile Trip Includes—

- 4 nights lodging at 5-star Gran Hotel at Termas de Chillan
 - Ski-in/ski-out
 - Forest view [double occupancy]
 - 4-day lift ticket at Termas de Chillan
 - Breakfast and dinner daily
- 4 nights lodging at 4-star Portillo
 - Ski-in/ski-out
 - Lake view [double occupancy]
 - 4-day lift ticket at Portillo
 - 4 meals daily
- Round trip air on Lan Chile from LAX to Santiago
- Round trip air on Lan Chile from Santiago to Concepcion
- Round trip transfers from/to airport

\$2949
+ airport taxes

CST 2038064-40



Portillo

What's NOT Included—

- Chile entry tax that needs to be paid locally [est. \$61]
- Peru airport tax that needs to be paid locally [est. \$28 + \$5 airport use fee]
- US Departure Tax - estimated \$125
- Tips



Gran Hotel, Termas de Chillan

Machu Picchu, Peru

August 20-23, 2005

Important Note: Cuzco is at 11,100 feet. Due to the high elevation and the amount of walking involved, often on uneven terrain, requires that you be in good physical condition to fully enjoy this portion of the trip. Machu Picchu is at 7,870 feet. There are choices of intermediate and strenuous walks from here. Staying overnight at Aguas Picchu will allow us to watch the sunrise and sunset after the hordes of people depart on the train to Cuzco.

Peru Trip to Include—

- Inter South America flights to Cuzco
- Ground transportation
- Round trip train from Cuzco to Aguas Calientes
- Round trip bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu entrance
- Guided tours of Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, and Cuzco
- Accommodations at first class hotels in 2 nights Cuzco & 1 night Aguas Calientes
- 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

\$1079
+ airport taxes



Machu Picchu

Reservations & Information—

\$400 will hold your spot. Deposit is totally refundable until May 1, 2005. Send deposit to

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

For more information, contact Gene Fulkerson at

858-467-9469 or gene@pacificrimalliance.org

Cancellation Policy will apply

Must be a Member of Pacific Rim Alliance

SNOWBOARD STRIP

Boarding For Breast Cancer



Foundation (B4BC), the leading non-profit, youth-focused breast cancer awareness group, announced a record number of Board-A-

Thon events for 2005. The foundation will receive support from top mountain resorts throughout the United States that have donated their facilities and community resources to assist in B4BC's fundraising and education efforts.

Founded by professional snowboarders **Tina Basich** and **Shannon Dunn** in 1996, Boarding For Breast Cancer utilizes a mobile educational facility to teach young women the importance of early breast cancer detection and the value of a healthy lifestyle. In addition to organizing the annual winter Board-A-Thons, B4BC organizers and volunteers can also be found at top action sports competitions and youth-oriented music festivals throughout the year, such as the Winter X Games, US Open of Snowboarding and the Sundance Film Festival. *

Membership Application 2004-05

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from 1 July 2004 through 29 September 2005.

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: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

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]

- Chile 2005
 Big Sky, MT 2006
 France 2006

PRINTED NAME[S] _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

DEPOSIT DUE:

\$400 / person for Chile/Peru

\$200 / person Big Sky, MT

\$400 / person for France

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

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



Enjoy great discounts, benefits and unlimited skiing/riding at Mammoth and June Mountains with no blackout dates with the Mammoth Value Pass [MVP].



To be eligible to buy a Mammoth Value Pass in the future, you will need to be a member of the MVP Club. The only way to become a member is to buy a MVP for 2005-06.

After this year's sale, MVP Value Pass pricing will not be available to the general public. It will only be available to MVP Club members. **This is the last year to join the club!**

Passes will be on sale beginning March 21, 2005 for current MVP club members. Sale of passes will be open to the public on April 1, 2005 for new members. You can order at 800.MAMMOTH or online at www.mammothmountain.com.

Quantities are limited so act fast!

MVP Club Passes are non-refundable and cannot be transferred or loaned to another person. New member Passes are valid from May 1, 2005 until the end of the 2005/06 winter ski season.

	Adult (19-64)	Youth (13-18)	Child (7-12)	Senior (65-79)
MVP Pass	\$450	\$340	\$225	\$225
Membership fee*	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$20

*Membership fee applies beginning April 1, 2005 to all new and renewing members.

Longest Season in North America!

Canyon and Little Eagle Lodge will remain open through April 24, 2005. Main Lodge will stay open well into June. *



The Annual Dave Seret Memorial Race Results

Eight clubs participated in the annual Dave Seret Memorial Race held this year at Steamboat. Dave, a member of Century City and an active participant in LAC, died of a heart attack while skiing in 1998 at Steamboat. This annual Ski Week race was named in his honor.

Singles ran away with the race. They showed up in numbers and raced the best they could. The top three finishers at the 2005 race are

Singles	40 pts
Tri Valley	16 pts
TRW	14 pts

Other clubs that participated are Conejo, Pacific Rim, Edelweiss, Los Padres, and South Bay. Congratulations to everyone! *



This convention will be like no other. Please plan to join the celebration.

Special Guests—

As a special treat, *Michael Adams*, son of *Ansel Adams*, is scheduled to present his father's ski photographs. Guest celebrities planning to attend include *Glen Plake*, *Jimmie Heuga*, *Billy Kidd*, *Dave & Roma McCoy*, *Nancy Greene*, and *Deb Armstrong*.

History Exhibits—

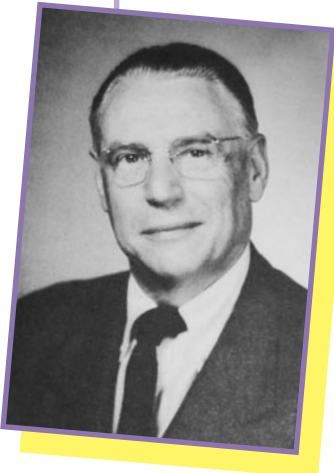
Museums that will be participating include *Western Skisport Museum*, *Mammoth Ski Museum*, *US Ski Hall of Fame & Museum*, *Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum*, *Alf Engen Musuem in Utah*, and the *California Ski Library*.

Resorts participating include *Red Mountain*, *Snowbasin*, *Vail*, *Steamboat*, *Aspen/Snowmass*, and *Snow Summit*. *

The Early Years of Far West

by Catherine Ohl

Continued from the previous issue...



Albert Sigal

World War II-

At the CSA Convention at Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, CA on October 18, 1942, the current board, led by President **Dr. Frank Howard**, voted to freeze all offices, even if the officer was serving in the war. CSA asked that there be no tournaments. There would be no sanctioned events, no conventions, and no approved travel until the war was over. In addition, CSA paid club dues to NSA for those clubs not able to do so.

In California, NSPS Division Chairman **Albert Sigal** was bent on building the Ski Patrol into a dependable search and rescue unit and offered their services to a nearby Air Force base. Late February 1942, a bomber crashed due to heavy snowfall in the San Bernardino Mountains outside of Los Angeles. When the Air Force was unable to locate the plane, California Ski Patrol, led by **Cortlandt T. Hill**, spent 2,113 manhours on the search. This success led to the formation of "Operation M'Aidez" (May Day), the code name for coordinating 24 NSPS patrols from San Diego to Seattle in search and rescue missions for the Fourth Air Force. This cooperation between the Air Force and NSPS continued for many years after the war ended.

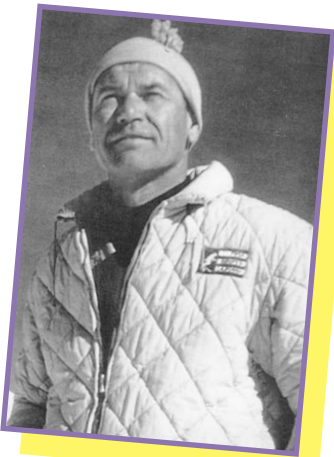


Cortly Hill

Post War Growth

After the war, California's skiing history has been largely a story of area development. There was a glut of inexpensive "surplus" ski equipment available for the masses. Many of those that served in the Army's famed 10th Mountain Division came home to build their mountain. In October 1946, at the CSA convention in Santa Cruz, the constitution was changed and the bylaws revised creating a competition committee. CSA established the formation of six districts within the state that would meet monthly. An Area Development committee was formed in the hopes of securing the opening of the San Geronio Area for skiing. Three years later, the US Forest Service released their prospectus outlining their proposal for the initial development of Mineral King.

Prior to the war, CSA had established a committee to work out a "Plan for Certification of Ski Instructors" and to standardize teaching. In 1947, the first professional ski instructor organization in the US was the California Ski Instructor's Association organized at Donner Summit.



Sutter Kunkel

Far West Ski Association

At the CSA convention on October 29, 1948, the association officially changed its name to Far West Ski Association to conform with the designations of the other divisions of NSA and to have a name more representative of the geographical area it encompassed— California, Nevada and Hawaii. The annual convention was also changed from the fall to spring.

The primary function of FWSA was sanctioning tournaments to be held within the Far West region. This involved scheduling dates, selecting the judges, and regulating the events. Another important function of FWSA was raising funds in Winter Olympic and FIS years to help finance USA teams who participated in ski and jump events.

By 1960, FWSA had grown to 80 affiliated clubs, with approximately 4,500 members of whom 1,250 were competitive skiers. The emphasis of the association was moving more toward recreation. Two things contributed greatly to the growth of skiing in the Far West during the early 60's— the Far West Flight Charter Program and the televised coverage of the VIII Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley.

Far West Flight Charter Program

The story of the fabulously successful Far West Charter flights goes back a few years before the first Far West Charter in 1958. The very first attempt to charter flights within the Far West region began with the Grindelwald Ski Club in Los Angeles. Grindelwald, founded in 1949, had a unique honorary exchange program with the Swiss Ski Klub Grindelwald. They were familiar with Switzerland, had skied the alps, and knew where to find all the good skiing. Spearheaded by **Sutter Kunkel**, it took just a couple of years to get the Charter Flight Program off the ground.

The FWSA Flight Charter Program began with one flight from Los Angeles to Zurich and Paris in 1958. By 1964, FWSA had ten charters leaving from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Switzerland, Germany and France. The program continued to grow as flights were added to South America and New Zealand in the summer and domestic flights in the winter. This program continued until the early 80s.

To be continued

FWSA Convention *Optional* Activities

Thursday, June 9, 2005

- *Mardi Gras Pub Crawl Experience the Excitement of Pine Ave, 5 PM*
 - **Britt Johnson** at 310-379-8972 or fax 310-379-5964

Friday, June 10, 2005

- *Golf with Ski Industry Reps & Celebrities, 7 AM*
 - **Ed Knott** at whyknott@earthlink.net or 310-313-1902
- *Kayak through Beautiful Alamitos Bay, 9:30 AM*
 - **Barb Kedwards** at fun2golf@charter.net or 562-433-4019
- *Travel Back in Time Aboard the Luxurious Queen Mary, 9:45 AM*
 - **Mary Albritton** at dragonladyracer@aol.com or 562-856-0922
- *Unlock the Mysteries of the Ocean at Aquarium of the Pacific, 10 AM*
 - **Donna Estrin** at nutonegirl@aol.com or 562-865-1343



Signing Up —

- **Open to all FWSA club members** with priority to delegates, industry, guests
- Deadline to sign up is **May 15, 2005**. No Refund.
- Send this Form with check payable to FWSA to
Catherine Ohl, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124-3421

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Optional Activities Sign-Up for June 9 & 10, 2005

Name(s) _____

Ski Club/Company _____ Council _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

- Pub Crawl** [speciality drinks, New Orleans style dinner, dancing] \$35 x _____ = _____
 - Need Assistance Walking
- Golf** Sponsored by snowbasin **Handicap (or avg. score)** \$85 x _____ = _____
 - Need Golf Club Rental Left Handed Right Handed
- Queen Mary** [admission, guided tour, lunch at Promenade] \$45 x _____ = _____

Specify Entree: Caesar Salad w/ Chicken Breast Tortellini
- Aquarium** [admission, guided tour, lunch at Bubba Gump] \$40 x _____ = _____
- Kayak** [2 hours kayaking, lunch] \$30 x _____ = _____



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— FWSA Convention Individual Pre-Registration Form —

(This form must be completed for **EACH** attendee)

Forms due to FWSA before May 15, 2005



VERY IMPORTANT *Registration Type* —

- Voting Delegate (Record Name on Credentials Form) Non-Voting Delegate / Guest / Other
 Alternate Delegate FWSA Direct Member

Please Print Clearly—

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Ski Club Name		Council:
Member Name	First _____ Last _____	Phone: () _____
Member Address	Street _____ Apt # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
Email Address		
Option to Exclude	The information submitted above will be provided to industry sponsors and donors to the Silent Auction. You may exclude your information from this list by initialing here _____.	

FWSA Convention Pre-Registration Package Selection

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Select	Description	Price	Amount
Fri/Sat/Sun June 10-12	Full Package — Silent Auction, all FWSA business meetings & election, history reception & presentations, convention pin & books/CD/DVD, and all other hosted parties & activities Friday — Silent Auction & Dance, Beverage Saturday — Continental Breakfast, Awards Luncheon, Awards Banquet & Dance Sunday — Eye Opener & Buffet Brunch	\$135 before 5/15/05 \$160 after 5/15/05 \$190 after 6/4/05	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
	Delegate Book — The delegate book will be included on a CD. Check here if you prefer to purchase a paper copy.	\$10	\$ _____
	OR		
	Sat/Sun June 11-12	Meetings Only — Attendance at Silent Auction, FWSA business meetings & election, history reception & presentations, and convention books/CD/DVD – NO MEALS.	\$50
Sat. June 11	Lunch — Saturday lunch and history reception & presentations. Lunch must be purchased in advance. Priority will be given to invited guests & guests of Full Package delegates.	\$30	\$ _____
Sat. June 11	Awards Dinner & Dance — Saturday Night “ <i>Diamond Memories</i> ” Dinner Dance and the preceding History Reception & presentations. Dinner must be purchased in advance. Priority will be given to invited guests & guests of Full Package delegates. [Black Tie Optional]	\$65	\$ _____
AND			
Thurs. June 9	Experience the Excitement of a Mardi Gras Pub Crawl — Meet in the lobby of the Westin Hotel at 4:45 PM to begin your stroll up [and down] Pine Avenue. Package includes speciality drinks, drinks, and dancing. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Need assistance walking.</i>	\$35	\$ _____
Fri. June 10	Golf Tournament — Meet in the lobby of the Westin at 6 AM for transfer to Recreation Park for an 7 AM shotgun start. Registration includes green fee, golf cart, range balls, lunch, and awards. golf club rental available for \$20. Registration after May 15, 2005 will be \$105 per person. <i>Handicap [or avg] _____</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Need golf club rental</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Left Hand</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Right Hand</i>	\$85 \$20 [golf club rental]	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
Fri. June 10	Kayak through Beautiful Alamitos Bay & Naples Canals — Meet in the lobby of the Westin at 9:15AM for a 9:30 AM departure. Package includes 2 hours of kayaking, lunch, and transportation.	\$30	\$ _____
Fri. June 10	Travel Back in Time Aboard the Luxurious Queen Mary — Meet in the lobby of the Westin at 9:30 AM for a 9:45 departure. Package includes admission, “Behind-the-Scenes” guided tour, lunch, and transportation. Specify entree choice: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tortellini with Ricotta Cheese</i>	\$45	\$ _____
Fri. June 10	Unlock the Mysteries of the Ocean at the Aquarium of the Pacific — Meet in the lobby at 9:45 AM for a 10 AM departure. Package includes admission, guided tour in groups of ten, lunch at Bubba Gump, and transportation.	\$40	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed [no refund]			\$ _____

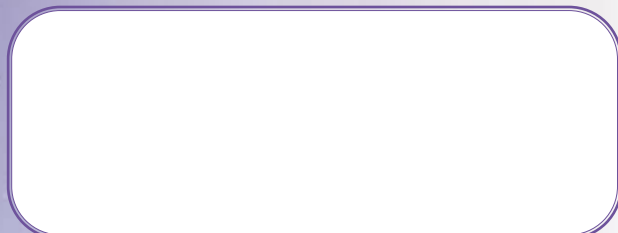
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Mission Statement

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 Ski Club 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 for MS and Olympic & Junior Racers, Mammoth Ski Museum.

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2005/06 Trip Schedule-

- Portillo, Termas & Machu Picchu August 11-23, 2005
- Big Sky, MT February 2006
- France March 2006
- New Zealand & Australia August 2006