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Skiing is a Dance in which the Mountain always Leads.

Snow Industry

- *Protect our Winters*
- *Latest Ski Pass Deals*
- *5th & 6th Grade Ski Passports*
- *2015 Powder Skis*
- *San Gabriel Nat't Monument*

Upcoming Trips & Events

- *Water Ski the Colorado River*
- *Ski Big White, Canada*
- *Cabo San Jose, Mexico Rescheduled*

Far West & Council

- *Upcoming Trips & Events*



FALL splash

Get a preview of winter to come!

2014 water ski

Only two water ski trips remain. We will be staying at the Needles Marina where there is a pool, beach and some cabins for rent. We are close to town and check-out is 5 pm. *Page 23.*

BIKING Fridays

Don't forget about our bike rides around Mission Bay. Biking is a great way to stay in shape for skiing. Scheduled dates are at 10 AM on

October 10
 November 21
 December 26
 January 9

WINTER deals

It's not too late to get some of the best lift ticket deals ever. While the price of some of the passes have increased this fall, most have added resorts to their quiver of benefits. *Page 10.*

Don't forget about the free programs for 5th and 6th graders. A limited number of free lift tickets are available for a small registration fee. *Page 15.*

SKI SHOWS local

Our councils get very involved in the local ski shows. You can find out about what's new at ski resorts and with products. There's lots of prizes and a great swap. *Page 21.*

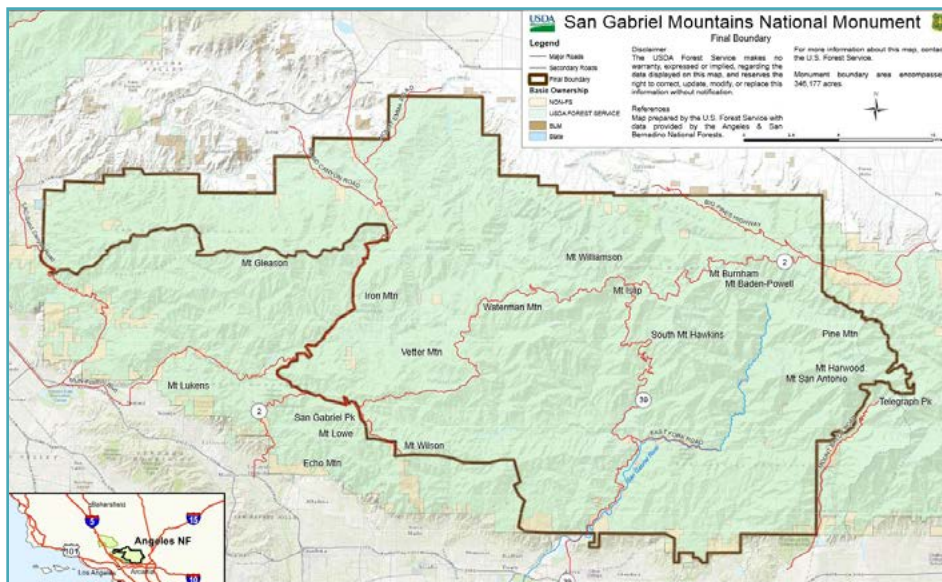
CABO, april 23 – may 3, 2015

We had to reschedule our Cabo trip due to the uninvited arrival of hurricane Odile in October. They have extended us the same great pricing. *Page 26.*

BIG WHITE, december 7 – 14, 2014 & April 4 – 14, 2015

We will be opening and closing the season in Big White, B. C., Canada. *Page 24–25.*

See you on the slopes. ■

The map of the new monument seems to include most of the southern half of the Angeles National Forest except for the foothills in the southwest and a few small exclusions near Mount Baldy Village and Wrightwood.

LATE BREAKING news

San Gabriel Mountains



President Obama recently declared a large chunk of the San Gabriel Mountains a national monument. Some 350,000 acres of land — from Santa Clarita to San Bernardino — was set aside.

There haven't been enough resources to manage and maintain this area the way it deserves. The mountains' steep canyons and soaring peaks are home to several archeological and culturally significant sites, such as rock art, and Mount Wilson Observatory, where William Hubble discovered galaxies.

The area also provides a sweeping view toward downtown Los Angeles and a stunning backdrop for football games at the Rose Bowl.

Making the area into a monument will both raise the area's profile and prompt federal officials to draft a management plan "to protect some of the last remaining wild places" and reduce "the trash, graffiti and safety hazards" that now exist.

Rossmann noted that the east fork of the San Gabriel River, which lies in the heart of the Angeles Forest, often violates Los Angeles regional water-quality standards because of the amount of diapers, plastic bags and other waste flowing through it.

Currently, most of the Angeles' NF budget is tied up in fire fighting, leaving recreation improvements primarily in the hands of volunteers. The Monument's increased focus on recreation and access to different sources of funding should alleviate those problems. ■

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3-5 **Water Ski Weekend**
Pacific Rim Alliance
& Radar River Rats. Water ski on the Colorado River. We operate out of Needles Marina in Needles. Camping, equipment, food and drink included. Contact [Patricia Ortiz](mailto:Patricia.Ortiz@pacrimalliance.org) / 323-651-0686 before 9 PM.

8-12 **Peak to Peak**
 Ride your bike from Mammoth Mtn to Big Bear in 5 days to raise money for USARC. For information visit usarc.org.

10 **Bike Mission Bay**
Pacific Rim Alliance.
 Meet in the parking lot just east of the Bahia Hotel. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-467-9469.

11-18 **Cozumel Diving**
Far West Ski Association. Dive in the amazing coast of Cozumel. Package includes lodging, meals, drinks and 10 dives. Non-dive option available. Contact [Randy Lew](mailto:Randy.Lew@pacrimalliance.org) / 530-304-0802. **FLYER**

17-19 **Water Ski Weekend**
Pacific Rim Alliance & Radar River Rats.
 Water ski on the Colorado River. We operate out of Needles Marina in Needles. Camping, equipment, food and drink included. Contact [Patricia Ortiz](mailto:Patricia.Ortiz@pacrimalliance.org) / 323-651-0686.

21-31 **Cabo San Jose, Mexico**
Pacific Rim Alliance. Enjoy warm, sunny days, idyllic beaches and exciting adventures on the air-inclusive Royal Solaris. Contact [Catherine Ohl](mailto:Catherine.Ohl@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-405-0637. **FLYER**



01 **Snow Gala**
Los Angeles Council.
 Annual snow season kick-off luncheon honoring the clubs' Men & Women of the Year. Contact [Paula Hazzard](mailto:Paula.Hazzard@pacrimalliance.org).

08 **Winter Gala**
San Diego Ski Council.
 Annual snow season kick-off dinner honoring the clubs' Men & Women of the Year. Contact [Barbara Blase](mailto:Barbara.Blase@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-270-0915.

14-16 **Snow Jam Show**
 Annual snowsports show at Del Mar Fairgrounds. <http://www.snowjamshow.com/Shows/Sd>.

21 **Bike Mission Bay**
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 Meet in the parking lot just east of the Bahia Hotel. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-467-9469.



4-7 **Ski Dazzle Expo** Annual snowsports show at LA Convention Center. <http://www.skidazzle.com/>.

7-14 **Ski Big White**
Pacific Rim Alliance.
 Ski the amazing early season powder at Big White. Trip package includes lodging, lift tickets and transfer from airport. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-467-9469. **FLYER**

11-17 **Ski Aspen**
San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. Aspen is known for being the Rocky Mountain playground of the rich and famous, but this authentic mountain town offers far more than just glitz and glam. Contact [Mike Sanford](mailto:Mike.Sanford@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-695-1442. **FLYER**

18 **Holiday Happy Hour**
San Diego Ski Council.
 Annual snow season kick-off the winter Happy Hour at Hotel del Coronado, 4-7 PM. Contact [Barbara Blase](mailto:Barbara.Blase@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-270-0915.

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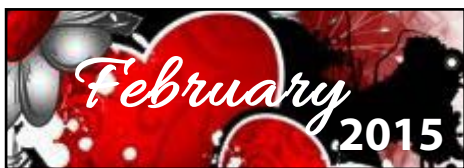


09 **Bike Mission Bay**
Pacific Rim Alliance
 Meet in the parking lot just east of the Bahia Hotel. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacrimalliance.org) / 858-467-9469.

31-7 **Ski Whistler**
Far West Ski Association. Whistler Blackcomb is consistently ranked as North America's top ski and snowboard resort. Contact
 • **FWSA:** [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@pacrimalliance.org) / 530-414-8261
 • **San Diego:** [Alan Godwin](mailto:Alan.Godwin@pacrimalliance.org) / 619-663-6626
 • **LA Council:** [Laura Priess](mailto:Laura.Priess@pacrimalliance.org) / 818-364-8923

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Pacific Rim Alliance
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14-21 **Val d'Isere**
Far West Ski Association. Located in the Rhône-Alpes region, Val d'Isere offers some of the best skiing in France. Contact [Debbie Stewart](mailto:Debbie.Stewart@pralliance.org) / 559-737-0882.

16-21 **Revelstoke Heli-Ski**
Far West Ski Association. Heli-ski with CMH. Package includes lodging, meals, snacks, skis, helicopter, avalanche training & equipment. Contact [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@pralliance.org) / 530-414-8261. **FLYER**

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Pacific Rim Alliance
Meet in the parking lot just east of the Bahia Hotel. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pralliance.org) / 858-467-9469.

30-4 **Ski Whitefish**
Far West Ski Association. Package includes lodging at Grouse Mtn. Lodge, lift tickets, parties, ground transfers. Contact [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@pralliance.org) / 530-414-8261. **FLYER**



4-11 **Ski Big White**
Pacific Rim Alliance.
Ski the amazing late season powder at Big White. Trip package includes lodging, lift tickets and transfer from airport. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pralliance.org) / 858-467-9469. **FLYER**

4-11 **Bike / Barge Italy**
San Diego Council.
Barge trip from Mantova to Venice— 7 nights, 4 tours, guide, bike, all meals for \$1600. Air not included. Contact [Eileen Sanford](mailto:Eileen.Sanford@pralliance.org) / 858-695-1442. **FLYER**

15 **Bike Mission Bay**
Pacific Rim Alliance
Meet in the parking lot just east of the Bahia Hotel. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pralliance.org) / 858-467-9469.

23-03 **Cabo San Jose, Mexico**
Pacific Rim Alliance. Enjoy warm sunny days, idyllic beaches and exciting adventures in the all-inclusive Royal Solaris. Contact [Catherine Ohl](mailto:Catherine.Ohl@pralliance.org) / 858-405-0637. **FLYER**



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Pacific Rim Alliance
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4-7 **83rd Convention**
Far West Ski Association.
Join Far West in San Diego for the 83rd Annual FWSA Convention and our "Salute to San Diego." There will be a Sunset Dine Out aboard Midway, Silent Auction & Ski Show, Travel Expo, Leadership Academy Contact [Eileen Sanford](mailto:Eileen.Sanford@pralliance.org) / 858-695-1442. **FLYER**

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Water ski on the Colorado River. We operate out of Needles Marina in Needles. Camping, equipment, food and drink included. Contact [Patricia Ortiz](mailto:Patricia.Ortiz@pralliance.org) / 323-651-0686.

19-25 **Mississippi River Cruise**
Far West Ski Association. This trip will be 1 night in New Orleans and a 3-night round-trip paddleboat cruise aboard the American Queen from New Orleans with stops at Oak Alley Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA. Contact [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@pralliance.org) / 530-414-8261. **FLYER**



2015 Aug 21 – 28
Rhine Cruise
San Diego Council. Take the Viking Ship from Amsterdam to Basel— 7 nights, 6 tours, 4 countries for \$2,456 pp. Air extra. Book directly with Universal Travel. Contact [Eileen Sanford](mailto:Eileen.Sanford@pralliance.org) / 858-695-1442. **FLYER**

2015 Water Ski Trips to the Colorado River

June 19-21	August 7-9	September 25-27
July 10-12	August 21-23	October 9-11
July 24-26	September 11-13	October 23-25

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in the Works...

TBA Italy 2016 Pacific Rim Alliance.

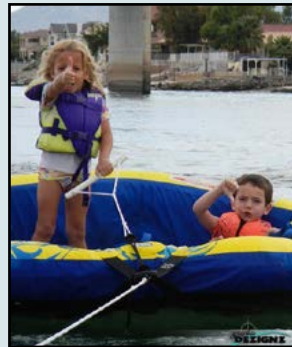
Ski Northern Italy followed by a trip to a major city. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org) / 858-467-9469.

TBA New Zealand Pacific Rim Alliance.

New Zealand is all about the outdoors, and the fun doesn't stop in winter. In fact, it gets even better, with an array of activities that you can only do when it's cold. Contact [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org) / 858-467-9469.

TBA Fiji 2015 Far West Ski Association.

Known as the "Soft Coral Capital of the World, Fiji is home to great diving. Contact [Randy Lew](mailto:Randy.Lew@fwra.com) / 530-304-0802.



Pacific Rim Events pacifrimalliance.org

- Bike One Friday / Month [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org)
- Water Ski June – Oct [Patricia Ortiz](mailto:Patricia.Ortiz@pacifrimalliance.org)
- Big White Dec 7–14, 2014 [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org)
- Big White April 4–11, 2015 [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org)
- Cabo San Jose Apr 23–May 3, 2014 [Catherine Ohl](mailto:Catherine.Ohl@pacifrimalliance.org)
- New Zealand Tentative 2015 [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org)
- Dinner for MS October 3, 2015 [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org)
- Italy Tentative 2016 [Gene Fulkerson](mailto:Gene.Fulkerson@pacifrimalliance.org)



LA Council Events lacouncil.org

- Peak 2 Peak Oct 8–12, 2014 usarc.org
- Snow Gala Nov 1, 2014 [Paula Hazzard](mailto:Paula.Hazzard@pacifrimalliance.org)
- Whistler Jan 31–Feb 7, 2015 [Laura Priess](mailto:Laura.Priess@pacifrimalliance.org)



San Diego Events skisandiego.org

- Winter Gala Nov 8, 2014 [Barbara Blase](mailto:Barbara.Blase@skisandiego.org)
- Aspen Dec 11–17, 2014 [Mike Sanford](mailto:Mike.Sanford@skisandiego.org)
- Happy Hour Dec 18, 2014 [Hotel Del](mailto:Hotel.Del@skisandiego.org)
- Whistler Jan 31–Feb 7, 2015 [Alan Godwin](mailto:Alan.Godwin@skisandiego.org)
- Bike / Barge April 4–11, 2015 [Eileen Sanford](mailto:Eileen.Sanford@skisandiego.org)
- Rhine Cruise Aug 21–28, 2015 [Eileen Sanford](mailto:Eileen.Sanford@skisandiego.org)



FAR West Travel & Events fwsa.org

- Cozumel Oct 11–18, 2014 [Randy Lew](mailto:Randy.Lew@fwsa.org)
- Whistler Jan 31–Feb 7, 2015 [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@fwsa.org)
- Val d'Isere March 14–21, 2015 [Debbie Stewart](mailto:Debbie.Stewart@fwsa.org)
- Heli-Ski March 16–21, 2015 [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@fwsa.org)
- Whitefish Mar 30–Apr 4, 2015 [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@fwsa.org)
- Convention June 4–7, 2015 [Eileen Sanford](mailto:Eileen.Sanford@fwsa.org)
- River Cruise June 19–25, 2015 [Nancy Ellis](mailto:Nancy.Ellis@fwsa.org)
- Fiji Fall 2015 [Randy Lew](mailto:Randy.Lew@fwsa.org)

wanna RACE?

If you'd like to test your skills in a race course, as a member of Pac Rim you can race in League, Council and Far West sponsored races. More information at fwra.com. Here's a list of the races. (Tentative)

December 10–12, 2014
December 13, 2014
January 7–9, 2015
January 10, 2015
February 4, 2015
February 21, 2015
March 7–8, 2015
March 27–29, 2015

Rokka GS Race/Ski/Board Camp
Rokka/Ullr/SDAL Race 1
Rokka Slalom Race/Ski/Board Camp
Rokka/Ullr/SDAL Race 2
Rokka/Ullr/SDAL Race 3 (Whistler)
Rokka/Ullr/SDAL Race 4
SoCals GS & Slalom
FWRA Championships



Meet at 10 AM
in the parking lot
East Bahia Hotel
Mission Bay

Oct 10
Nov 21
Dec 26
Jan 9
Feb 13
Mar 20

Mission Bay

About the Ride—

- Easy 20 miles around the bay!
- Can add 3 – 5 miles by taking the short or long way around Fiesta Island
- Bring water, helmet, sunscreen, extra tube and money for lunch
- **RSVP 858-405-0637**

ski **FRIENDS**
where are they now...

photos courtesy facebook



RIP Stephanie Thompson— September 11, 1955—October 11, 2014

We first met Steph on a water ski trip to the Colorado River back in the 80s. We were all staying at this primitive campground formerly known at Park Moabi. Most of us were camping in tents on the beach but Steph was in an RV in the main campground area where she could hook in. Steph came

out of the RV at the crack of 10 AM with full makeup and a ski, vest and gloves to match her boat. She wasn't much for skiing (she didn't like getting her hair wet) but she was a load of fun. Steph died of lung cancer and is survived by daughters Courtney and Ashley.



Cathy (Schulte) Combs is now happily living in Spokane, WA.



RC & Joe Escamilla enjoy their time in June Lake.

happy **BIRTHDAY**

September

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

October

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

November

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

exciting CHANGES for skiers in the west

Excerpted from saminfo.com

Deer Valley Buys Solitude

Deer Valley Resort has entered into an agreement to purchase Solitude Mountain Resort and will begin operating the resort on May 1, 2015. No price was made public.



photo courtesy Solitude

For the upcoming 2014-15 ski season, Solitude will operate as usual. Select Deer Valley staff will work alongside Solitude staff during the next six months to evaluate resort operations and gain knowledge about the Solitude brand.

Deer Valley will bring some of its service-oriented philosophies to Solitude but they do not plan to rebrand Solitude as another Deer Valley. Solitude will continue to welcome snowboarders, and keep the Brighton connection in place.

Mammoth Buys Bear Mtn.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area has entered into an agreement to acquire Big Bear Mountain Resorts and its Bear Mountain and Snow Summit resorts. The transaction will create one of the nation's largest ski companies, with more than 2 million visitors per year.

The combined areas will offer a new joint pass, the Cali4nia Pass (\$689), with unrestricted access to all four areas. The pass went on sale September 27 and

will be available online for a limited time only at www.snowsummit.com or www.Cali4niaPass.com.

Closing is subject to certain conditions, including Big Bear Mountain Resort shareholder approval and transfer of the U.S. Forest Service Permit that allows operations on nearly 1,500 acres of the San Bernardino National Forest.

Tamarack's New Ownership

The Idaho State Land Board authorized the transfer of Tamarack's lease recently to New TR Acquisition Co. LLC (NEWTRAC).

NEWTRAC announced that it will be expanding operations to seven days a week—the resort has been operated by the Tamarack Municipal Association on a Thursday-to-Sunday schedule since 2010.

NEWTRAC will invest \$2.6 million in the resort, which will cover refinement of the snowmaking system, new rental fleets, new snowcats, expansion of its terrain park, and slope brush and undergrowth clearing enabled by a grant from NSAA.

Ownership is also investing in completing and readying new cottages and townhomes for sale as part of its real estate offerings, with prices starting at \$329,900. ■



2015 Skiing History Week to be held in Steamboat, CO, April 8–12, 2015

Vail buys PARK CITY

Vail Resorts, Inc. has acquired Park City Mountain Resort (PCMR) for \$182.5 million.

The deal ends an epic legal battle over PCMR's lease for most of the on-mountain terrain, and removes the uncertainty that has hung over the resort for the past few years after a court ruled that PCMR had failed to renew its lease and eviction loomed.

The purchase includes the PCMR base area, parking, lower ski terrain and lifts, as well as water and snowmaking for the entire mountain, and is effective immediately. Vail Resorts holds the lease for the land above the base area, and has thus unified the resort under its management.

As part of the agreement, Vail must retain PCMR employees in their current roles for the coming season.

Vail will begin to put its stamp on the resort nonetheless.

Mountain operations of PCMR and neighboring Canyons, for which Vail Resorts also holds a long-term lease, will remain separate for the 2014-2015 ski season. However, Vail expects to connect the two resorts in the future.

Park City will now be part of Vail's Epic Pass products. All Park City Mountain Resort passes for the 2014-15 ski season will continue to be honored, and can be exchanged or upgraded for a season pass that will also be valid at Canyons.

The majority of all lift tickets sold at either resort will be valid at both Park City and Canyons. ■

Radio-Frequency Identification **RFID**

The scope for further RFID use goes beyond the regulation of lift access.

Hands-free lift ticketing has been used by the ski industry for nearly 30 years. Skidata pioneered the technology in 1987, and it has continued to grow from there. Around 1,000 ski areas worldwide are now using the technology.

For ski areas, the most appealing use of this technology is, of course, the automated process of selling lift tickets. These then enable skiers and boarders to access the lifts without needing to have their tickets manually checked.

But it's only in the last five years or so that leading resorts have begun to realize the full potential of the technology.

With the rise of social media and mobile apps, these chips, when paired with lift-side gates to read them, have a range of potential uses at both the customer facing, and the business end of resort operations.

Social

One of the more attractive and fun applications of RFID has been the option to use the technology to create video on the slopes. After scanning in with an RFID pass at the top of a designated run, cameras automatically track the guest during their descent. The resulting video is then available for download.

Loyalty Programs

Resorts can use the RFID by offering extra loyalty points to skiers who visit on bad weather days, or during other low traffic periods. These points can contribute toward winning rewards, such as a ride on a snow groomer, VIP parking close to the ski lift, or exclusive use of the lift before the official start of the ski day.

Data Collection

Loyalty programs also enable increased data capture, with the collected information available for tailored



photo courtesy Park City Mtn. Resort

marketing activities, such as a specific email promotion or a personalized letter and coupon on fans' birthdays.

Crime fighting

Another application of RFID is crime prevention. RFID chips can be implanted into gear— making it possible for individual items of equipment to be flagged as 'stolen' by owners. If the item is used by someone, an alarm is triggered or the gate is blocked when attempting to go through it. ■

EpicMix™ Guide allows Vail's guests to ski the mountain like an expert local



courtesy Vail Resorts

Vail Resorts has re-imagined how skiers and snowboarders will maximize their time on the mountain this winter, with the fifth generation of its award-winning, multi-channel app, EpicMix™. EpicMix™ debuted in 2010 as an RFID-based system that allows skiers and riders to track their days on the slopes and share their accomplishments via social media.

The new EpicMix™ Guide uses guest input to generate a customized, step-by-step navigational guide to experience Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge or Keystone in Colorado, Canyons in Park City, Utah, or Heavenly, Northstar or Kirkwood at Tahoe like a long-time local.

Guests log into any one of the various

EpicMix™ channels (app, mobile web, desktop) and answer a variety of questions including: desired resort, starting location at the resort, terrain difficulty desired, and length of time available. EpicMix™ Guide then pours over 350 possible itineraries to automatically generate the optimal route for that guest on that day.

Once an itinerary is completed, skiers and riders can share their itinerary, along with photos and other stats about their day, on social media through Facebook and Twitter.

EpicMix™ Guide will be available early December 2014. Guests can activate free EpicMix accounts at www.epicmix.com. ■

SKI PASS deals

PRE SEASON pass discounts

Ski resorts continue to join forces— an update for the skier/boarder.



Epic Pass

Photo: Vail Resorts

Unlimited access to Arapahoe Basin, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Canyons, Heavenly, Keystone, Kirkwood, Ashton, Mt. Brighton, Northstar, and Vail; Five days at each Verbier, Switzerland; Les 3 Vallees, France and Niseko, Japan. **Park City was added.**

\$769. Passes go off sale when sold out. www.snow.com.



Mountain Collective

Photo: Whistler / Paul Morrison

Two days each at Alta/Snowbird, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Mammoth, Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, and Whistler-Blackcomb; 50 percent off all additional days; up to 25% off lodging. **Norquay, Sunshine Village & Lake Louise were added.**

\$399
www.themountaincollective.com.



Intrawest Passport

Photo: Winter Park

The season pass includes six days of skiing at each of six participating ski resorts— Steamboat Springs and Winter Park, Colo.; Blue Mountain, Ont.; Mont Tremblant, Que.; Stratton Mountain, VT; and Snowshoe, WV.

\$599 for first skier
<http://www.intrawestpassport.com/>.



Tahoe Super Pass

Photo: Squaw Valley

Season passholders can ski and ride at Sugar Bowl Resort in addition to Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows, Sierra-at-Tahoe, and the Mountain Collective resorts. With the Tahoe Super Pass you'll be skiing at Lake Tahoe's four best resorts. Your season pass could pay for itself in 4 days!

Passes starting at \$439.
www.squaw.com.



Rocky Mtn. Super Pass +

Photo: Copper Mountain

The Super Pass Plus offers unlimited skiing and riding at Winter Park / Mary Jane and Copper Mountain, plus six unrestricted days at Steamboat and three unrestricted days at Crested Butte. Check out their website for additional benefits including Friends & Family tickets. **Mt. Ruapehu, Australia was added.**

\$569 www.skimonarch.com.



Powder Alliance

Photo: Schweitzer

When you buy an unlimited pass to any Powder Alliance resort, you get 3 free days at 12 others— Angel Fire, NM; Arizona Snowbowl, AZ; Bridger Bowl, MT; China Peak, CA; Crested Butte, CO; Mountain High, CA; Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR; Schweitzer, ID; Sierra-at-Tahoe, CA; Snowbasin Resort, UT; Stevens Pass, WA; and Timberline, OR. **Silver Star, BC was added.** Price varies by resort.

www.powderalliance.com.

SUSTAINABILITY

protect our winters COALITION

Heat-trapping greenhouse gases are now at record-high levels

excerpted from protectourwinters.org

No doubt about it — climate change is wrecking havoc on our skiing and boarding experiences. I don't believe we can stop the trend but we can all do our part to help slow it down.

Science of Climate Change

Climate change is a term that refers to major changes in temperature, rainfall, snow, or wind patterns lasting for a decade or longer. Both human-made and natural factors contribute to climate change.

Green House Gases (GHG) are necessary for life to exist on Earth—they trap heat in the atmosphere, keeping the planet warm and in a state of equilibrium. Human activities are increasing these green house gases in the atmosphere.

The natural green house effect is being amplified as human activities (such as the combustion of fossil fuels) adding more of these gases to the atmosphere, resulting in a shift in the Earth's equilibrium in the same way that a penny will shift a scale in balance.

Although the Earth's climate has changed many times throughout its history, the rapid warming seen today cannot be explained by natural processes alone. What is clear is that the Earth's temperature and atmospheric carbon are linked— when one is high, so is the other.

Since the Industrial Revolution — the last 150 years or so — humans have impacted this natural rhythm. We've done this primarily by digging up long-buried carbon in the form of coal, oil and natural gas, and burning these fossil fuels — releasing this eons-old carbon into the atmosphere. Also, as our population has increased, methane from waste and agriculture has also increased dramatically.



photo courtesy of R. Kistner

*The 2013 POW delegation of 17 in front of the Capitol building included **Conrad Anker**, professional mountaineer and author, **Donna Carpenter**, **Burton**, **Auden Schendler**, **Aspen**, **Ryan Gellert**, **Black Diamond Equipment**, **Tyler Lamotte**, **Patagonia**, **Matt OLaughlin**, **K2 Skis**, **David Ingemie**, **SnowSports Industries America**, **Penn Newhard**, **Partner Backbone Media**, **Gretchen Bleiler**, **Olympian snowboarder**, **Chris Davenport**, **ski mountaineer**, **Callan Sifsof**, **Olympian snowboarder**, **Forrest Shearer**, **snowboarder**, **Meg Olenick**, **US Ski Team**, **Seth Wescott**, **Olympian snowboarder**, **Danny Davis**, **snowboarder**, **Angel Collinson**, **skier**, **John Jackson**, **snowboarder***

The result is that we have increased green house gases in the atmosphere to the point where we are warming the globe faster than ever before and causing our climate to change.

Protect Our Winters

Protect Our Winters (POW) was started in 2007 by pro snowboarder **Jeremy Jones** who witnessed first-hand the impact of climate change in our mountains.

After having been turned away from areas that had once been rideable and seeing resorts closed due to lack of snow, Jeremy saw a gap between the winter sports community and the action being taken by us all to address the problem.

Snow-based recreation in the United States is estimated to contribute \$67 billion annually to the US economy and supports over 900,000 jobs. So when

you look at the cost of inaction, it's serious business.

POW represents the global snow sports community — there are 23 million of us in the US alone. Clearly, it's time for us all to step up and take responsibility to save a season that fuels our passions but is also the foundation for our livelihoods, our jobs and the economic vitality of our mountain regions.

Protect Our Winters is the environmental center point of the global winter sports community, united towards a common goal of reducing climate change's effects on our sports and local economies.

POW was founded on the idea that the collective power of the winter sports community is massive, and if we can all work together, the end result can be revolutionary. Together We Can Protect Our Winters. ■

EQUIPMENT roll out

BIG TOYS for powder days

Powder skis are suitable mostly for areas that have a lot of deep, soft snow

 see page 13 for more...

Big Toys For Big Days

Almost all of today's powder skis share the following two qualities: fat platform underfoot for flotation and significant tip rocker for planing over the snow and schmearing turns.

Where each is different depends on flex patterns, turning radii, and camber profiles, all of which combine to dictate a genuine personality. Over-indulgence is encouraged.

These ski recommendations are made by powdermag.com.

Atomic Automatic 117



The Automatic wants to turn and burn, and you can trust these to do just that, regardless of the snow type. With titanium stringers inserted into the wood core before and after the binding, the Automatic powers through crud and variable snow. Full camber underfoot with 30% tip rocker and 15% tail rocker, the ski is quick, with a directional torque. [\$800]

Dynastar Cham 117



The Dynastar Cham 117 has a stable platform for stomps and exiting chutes at speed with the ability to shed speed and a propensity for navigating tighter situations. The 117's versatility is of the highest caliber. The Cham 117's wood/fiberglass core and reverse sidecut tip keeps the weight down and pow up. [\$850]

4FRNT Hoji



While not the fattest stick at the powder party, the wood core HOJI relies on 4FRNT's Reflect Tech design and a directional tapered shape to make a ski that wants to charge the upper mountain but is still soft and maneuverable when you're making your way back inbound. [\$760]

Black Diamond AMPerage



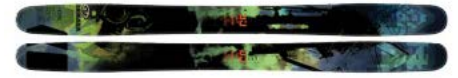
This ski is ready to rally the second you step into your bindings, a trait that comes in handy in consequential terrain and near whiteout conditions. With 400mm of rocker in the tip and 320mm in the tail (at 185), the AMPerage is as playful and schmeary as it is powerful. The AMPerage is a hard-charging ski that inspires confidence in any big mountain setting. [\$800]

Fraction Candide 3.0



The most popular ski from the 2014 Powder Week, the Candide 3.0 is equal parts powder ski and playful stick that might be the most fun you've ever had on skis. Adding just a slight amount of camber to this year's model makes the 3.0 nimble, while still holding a solid edge. These skis like to charge, but still feel accessible and responsive. [\$949]

Armada JJ 2.0



The second coming of Armada's flagship JJ has a longer turning radius and wider dimensions at every contact point. Those contact points are closer to the tip and tail, making the ski more stable, solving the only complaint with the previous generation. The JJ felt nimble for short, quick turns in the entry, unwavering through the middle. [\$925]

Blizzard Spur



Blizzard will only distribute 300 pairs of the new Spurs globally, and they will go fast. With a wood core built into Blizzard's Flipcore rocker construction, the ski has 650mm of tip rocker, so it's slow and gradual yet playful. Flat camber underfoot and carbon fiber laid up through the tip and the tail reduce chatter and swing weight, allowing the Spur to dominate any powder field. [\$950]

Fischer Big Stix 122



With 5mm of tip rocker over 450mm of ski, and 4mm of tail rocker over 430mm of length, this big ski glides over everything in your path with no annoying tip flap. The wide platform, combined with medium camber underfoot and no metal, adds pop on groomers. This may be the most fun and versatile powder ski. [\$900]

EQUIPMENT roll out

MORE TOYS for powder days

Powder skis can be difficult to control on groomed terrain

Icelandic Gypsy



The Gypsy has a poplar core, burly carbonium topsheet, and pretty much the coolest graphic ever laid on a ski. The fairly symmetrical shape, moderate flex, and full rocker profile certainly promote multi-dimensional skiing. The Gypsy is capable of navigating steep technical terrain with an element of unmatched playfulness. The ski is stable and nimble under your feet. [\$800]

K2 Annex 118



The Annex 118 takes all the positive qualities of the old Seth—stable and powerful with a wood core—while making them more accessible and nimble. The perfect amount of tail rise allows you to comfortably get these skis sideways at mach schnell. They feel a bit slow to come around for a 23m radius ski on groomers, but you're not buying these to bash gates. [\$960]

Moment Governor



The Governor may come off as a flat-tailed, amply cambered autocrat, but it will cooperate if you abide by one rule—go fast. The Governor's Front Rocker shape allows riders to initiate turns at high speeds without fear of getting bucked, and its relatively low weight comes in handy. The Governor dominates all soft-snow districts displays true bipartisanship in the most diverse conditions. [\$974]

RAMP Peacepipe



With a sweet graphic layered into the full bamboo core, the Ramp Peacepipe is a beautiful, lightweight, and versatile powder ski. Built in Park City with materials sourced in the U.S., the Peacepipe's generous rockered tip and mellow camber underfoot handled admirably in the soft bumps and took on steep chutes with ease. Even in the late afternoon chop they preformed well. [\$1,089]

Rossignol Squad 7



The Squad 7 features a sandwich construction with a wood core, but thanks to the honeycomb Air Tip, the weight is merely 4500g/pair. Rossi has also minimized tip vibration, which is important, because much of the extra length is in the tip. This is a blessing for tired legs. The longer version floats like a 190 in soft snow, but handles like a 185 when it's firm. [\$900]

Scott Sports Scrapper



The Scrapper is made for storms because of the aggressive twin-tip rocker profile, but it's not one-dimensional. There's no top-out speed while ripping. Due to its 3D Sidecut it has split-second turn initiation into stable edge control. What really made this ski fun was the energetic full-length wood core that allows playfulness and pop in creative terrain. [\$800]

Volkl Two



With a multi-layer wood core, these are natural skis for any powder playground. They float and are stiff enough to stomp, pop, and cut through any pillow line. The Twos—ridiculously easy to turn with a gradual rocker profile from tip to tail, a sidecut to match, and early taper—perform with a creative and playful nature. [\$875]

Airbags

The primary component of your avalanche safety system remains your brain, but no one's questioning the life-saving efficacy of airbags. Sales are exploding, but challenges remain, including airline restrictions, weight, and refill difficulties. Prices vary from about \$350 to \$1,400, and the options are bewildering.

All the big names are in the game, from backcountry mainstays like The North Face and Mammut to more mainstream alpine

brands like Head, Salomon and Atomic.

K2 joins the market this year with its acquisition of BCA (known for its affordability). So does Scott, which adopted the Swiss-made Alpride system, using argon and CO2 gases to keep things light and affordable.

Shown: Scott Air Free AP 22 kit, \$750.



eat for **FITNESS**

BANANAS are nature's Power Bar

It's important to carb load before exercising



There's a lot more to eating for sports than chowing down on carbs or chugging sports drinks.

The good news is that eating to reach your peak performance level likely doesn't require a special diet or supplements. It's all about working the right foods into your fitness plan in the right amounts.

Athletes have unique nutrition needs. Because athletes work out more than their less-active peers, they generally need extra calories to fuel both their sports performance and their growth.

Depending on how active they are, athletes may need anywhere from 2,000 to 5,000 total calories per day to meet their energy needs.

Carbs are Good

Although you may be tempted to skip the calories, the food you eat before you exercise will fuel your workout and maximize your efforts and results.

Eating before a workout also prevents low blood sugar, which leads to light-headedness and fatigue.

All About Carbs

Extreme low-carb diets negatively impact your mood.

Without carbs, you may feel weaker and more apathetic about training hard.

Going too low carb can impair brain function and reduce your ability to concentrate properly.

Slow-digesting carbs like oatmeal take longer to enter your bloodstream and help satisfy your appetite much better than junk food.

Your body needs a decent supply of carbs post-workout to keep that burn going as long as possible.

After working out, your body needs carbs to repair your muscles and get stronger.

Supplements—

Your wallet may think an energy bar, powder or vitamin is special because of the cost and the hype.

But guess what? Your body has no idea that it's eating a supplement and doesn't care where the protein or carbs are coming from—it's just as happy with regular food.

Eat a small meal of protein and carbs 30 to 60 minutes after training.

Carb Check

Ultimately, your activity level should determine the amount of carbs you take in. Here's how to calculate your maximum daily allotment of the muscle fuel:

- Beginner/Sedentary: 1 g/per pound of body weight
- Intermediate/Moderately Fit: 2 g/per pound of body weight
- Advanced/Highly Active: 3 g/per pound of body weight



Bananas

Bananas are nature's PowerBar. They are loaded with digestible carbohydrates and are packed with potassium, which aids in maintaining nerve and muscle function.

The body doesn't store potassium for very long, so a medium banana before a workout will help keep nutrient levels high.

Bananas are also recommended for morning exercisers. Get up and eat a medium banana with 1/2 cup of Greek yogurt. Wait about 30 minutes and then hit the gym. Your body will need the carbohydrates and protein. ■

GOOD STUFF for the kids & grandkids

5th & 6th Grade — **FREE Passports to Skiing & Boarding**

5th & 6th GRADE SKI FREE PASSPORT

Skiing and boarding are magical

activities that cultivate a love of sport, the outdoors, and healthy lifestyles. Plus—sliding on snow is more fun than pretty much anything else.

If you agree and want to instill that love in your kids and grandkids, more specifically your 5th or 6th grader, sign up for your state's Passport program.

A special program available to 5th graders (and in some cases 6th graders) across the U.S., Passports let appropriately aged kids ski at all or nearly all the resorts in a given state up to four times each for the price of the application fee—typically \$10–\$35.

Many Passports offer additional benefits—discounts on season passes, discounts for family members, coupons for rental gear, lessons and more.

The exact rules and regulations for each Passport differ slightly, as well as blackout dates.



Colorado's CSCUSA 5th grade Passport Program provides participants with three free days of skiing or snowboarding at each of the CSCUSA 20 member resorts.

The 6th grade Passport Program provides participants with four days of skiing or snowboarding at each of the 20 member resorts for \$99.

[More...](#)



5th graders ski or ride free 3 times at all 18 Ski Idaho participating resorts with the 5th grade passport.

6th graders ski or ride free 2 times at each of 15 Ski Idaho participating resorts with the 6th grade passport. [More...](#)



Fifth graders ski or ride three times free at each of Utah's 15 resorts with Ski Utah's 5th Grade Passport. Sixth graders ski or ride one time free at each resort.

Processing Fee is \$35. The Passport is chock-full of special deals — rentals, lessons, PowerAde, and other cool stuff!

[More...](#)



The 5th grade Ski & Ride Passport is the best way for 5th graders to experience the great outdoors by allowing them to ski or snowboard free at each Ski NW Rockies' participating resorts. [More...](#)



Vail Resorts' School of Shred pass provides 4 days of skiing or snowboarding at each of their Colorado top-ranked resorts—Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin.

It also includes a free first-timer lesson & rental. [More...](#)



If your kid is too old or too young to take advantage of the Fifth and Sixth Grade Passports, January is Learn to Ski and Snowboard month. Sign up if you're a newbie skier—child or adult—for a promotional discount. ■

HISTORY Brian Head celebrating **FIFTY YEARS**

with it's first high-speed quad lift.



photo courtesy Brian Head Resort

skiing, snowboarding, tubing, night skiing, dining, mountain biking and hiking.

This year marks the 50th year of operation for Brian Head Ski Resort. In celebration, the resort has installed a new high-speed quad-lift at Giant Steps, cutting down the ride time by more than half!

With dozens of activities, scenic beauty and pristine mountain air, it's easy to see why Brian Head Resort has become a destination for adventure and relaxation. ■



photo courtesy Brian Head Resort

While Brian Head serves as a destination for adventure and relaxation, it has a rich history of various cultures and industry.

The region was first discovered by the Fremont tribe of Native Americans and then later settled in 1851 by European shepherds and cattlemen who used it as a camp for summer grazing.

Sawmills and a cheese factory later became the primary sources of industry until the early 1900's. The pure mountain water and cool summer nights made the Brian Head region a desirable place for these early settlers and business people.

One of the most interesting parts of Brian Head history is its name. Brian Head was originally known as Monument Peak and was used by early surveyors and expedition leaders as a point of reference.

One story claims that the famous explorer John Wesley Powell saw the peak above all the others and named it after an official in the Geographical Survey Office by the name of Bryan.

Another story claims that the residents of Parowan changed the name in 1890 to Bryan Head in honor of the American politician, William Jennings Bryan.

Brian Head Resort was opened in the winter of 1964-1965. Ten years later, the Town of Brian Head was established in the area surrounding the Resort.

The Resort grew from a one chair lift operation to a complete Resort offering



With nearly two full seasons under its belt, the ownership group Brian Head Acquisition Partner, LLC (out of Missouri and California) has decided to take the plunge and install a new high-speed detachable quad.

The new lift, which will replace the 4,840-foot long Giant Steps triple chair, will be their first high-speed lift and will service all the blue and black runs below Brian Head Peak.

The new chairlift will reduce riding time up Giant Steps Mountain from 12 to five minutes. The other seven chairlifts will remain fixed-grip— for now.

The old chair towers will have a new life in the terrain parks.

SAFETY for the slopes

A safe trip requires careful planning

Here are important steps you can take to prepare for a safe trip outside US.

There is so much to love about skiing—the speed, the feel of the wind in your face, the spectacular mountains.

But skiing can present some very real dangers, from frostbite and sunburn to blown knees and head injuries. Follow these safety tips to learn how to stay safe on the slopes.



photo courtesy Jackson Hole

Why Skiing Safety

Skiing involves moving at high speeds down steep hills past other skiers through natural and man-made obstacles. Falls, regardless of how good a skier you are, are relatively common.

As your lift ticket states—skiing and boarding are inherently dangerous due to snow conditions, natural and man-made obstacles, other riders and variations in terrain.

And since skiing takes place at high altitudes in the winter, there is a real danger of frostbite, sunburn, hypothermia and exhaustion. The weather can range from sunny and bright to bitterly cold and cloudy and change drastically from one minute to the next.

Gear Up

As anyone who has skied on a cold day can tell you, it's no fun if you don't have enough warm clothing. On the other hand having too many clothes on a warm day can make you sweat leading

to you getting cold when the sun dips behind a cloud or the mountains.

The best way to tackle this situation is to dress in layers that you can shed or put on depending on the temperature.

Here's a rundown on what sort of clothes you should wear when you ski.

- As with all ski clothing, **thermal underwear** should be made of wool or a synthetic fabric such as polypropylene rather than cotton. The best long johns will fit snugly against your skin to form a warm base layer that your outer layers can fit over easily.
- Thicker is not necessarily better when it comes to **socks**. A sock that is too thick will make your boots too tight making your feet uncomfortable and cold. Choose socks that are the right thickness for your boots and reach up your leg to just below your knees.
- Fleeces or sweaters, used as **intermediate layers**, should be made from wool or synthetic fabrics. The newer fabrics can be warm and thin.
- **Snow pants** should be the right size while allowing your legs to move freely. Be sure to get a pair of pants that are windproof and waterproof.
- The best **jackets** will have plenty of pockets to store your gear. While down jackets tend to be the warmest, thin shells with extra intermediate layers can work just as well. As with the pants, all ski jackets should be windproof and waterproof.
- On really cold days, you'll want to have a **neck gaiter** that covers your neck and can be pulled up to cover your face. The best ones will also have a hood to go under your helmet.
- Remember, you lose a lot of heat through the top of your head, so

keeping your head warm is the first step to keeping the rest of your body warm. Wear your **helmet**.

Other Useful Items to Bring

- Hand & boot warmers
- Walkie-talkies
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm with SPF
- Water and snacks

Before You Go

One of the most effective ways to prevent injuries while skiing is to make sure you're in good shape before you ski. Stronger muscles will not only help you maintain control, they'll also make skiing more fun.

Be Smart

Always ski with a friend.

No matter how good a skier you are, it's good to have a buddy to help if you get lost or fall and hurt yourself.

Know your limits.

Be honest with yourself when it comes to your skiing ability. Skiing terrain that is beyond your ability is not only no fun, it's also a good way to get hurt.

Follow the rules.

Never venture past the ski area boundary or ski into a closed area. These areas are off-limits for a reason. Also, pay attention to any warning signs you might see.

Practice skier etiquette.

Remember that skiers in front of you have the right of way. Never stop in the middle of a trail or anywhere where you can't be seen from above, such as below a drop-off. When entering a trail, look uphill to make sure no one is coming. If you're passing another skier on a catwalk or narrow trail, let them know you're coming up behind them.

Have a great time.

Skiing is fun—lots of fun. ■

it's a **WRAP**

WATER SPORTS on the Colorado River

Needles Marina welcomes the Radar River Rats

More photos can be found at radarriverrats.org

June 20—22, 2014



It's so good to be at the river— it was a beautiful weekend.

July 11—13, 2014



Happy Hour with Trudy, Simone, Gene, Catherine and George.

July 25—27, 2014



Agnes on an early morning run.

photos courtesy Catherine Ohl



Always a good sign when the boat starts with Brian, Carmen and Paul.



George and Gene up to no good— as usual.



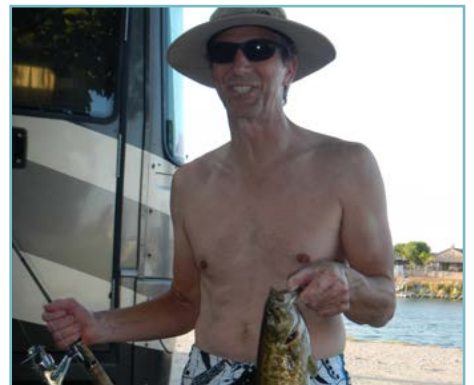
Jordyn and Katie cooling off in the river.



Our newest member, Lexi, with proud parents Troy and Seena.



Trudy "force feeding" Gene some exotic drink in a bag.



Mark caught another fish. Do you eat or throw back? Throw back.

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August 8—10, 2014



Gene cooling us off as we relax in our flotillas.

August 22—24, 2014



Gene is still going strong after more than 70+ years.

September 5—7, 2014



Carmen enjoying her float time under the shade.



Gene's personal float.



Love is in the air and happening on Catherine's leg.



Been working on getting a new tarp. Carmen and Paul are trying this one.



Trudy getting the most out of her early morning run.



Gene making a beer run. Beer anyone?



Mark, with Trudy & Simone, on his last trip of season before knee surgery.

photos courtesy Catherine Ohl

it's a **WRAP**

PACIFIC RIM raises \$2,375 for **CAN DO MS**

*Our 14th Annual Wine Maker Fund Raiser Diner was held in San Diego, September 27, 2014 in memory of our beloved friend **Jimmie Heuga***

Our fourteenth annual Wine Maker Dinner for Can Do MS raised more than \$2,300. Thanks everyone for your donations and support. We couldn't have done it without **Chef Mary Trimmins** and the seven fabulous wines and the special water that were donated.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

Agnes, Birgit, Corlis and Steve enjoying appetizers with Champagne.

The wine that has been donated this year is outstanding and each was perfectly paired with one course.

Piper Heidsieck Brut Réserve Champagne donated by Rémy Cointreau USA.

Nieto Senetiner Malbec donated by Foley Estates.

Firestone Chardonnay donated by Foley Estates.

Lincourt Sauvignon Blanc donated by Foley Estates.

Jack London Cabernet Sauvignon donated by Heck Estates.

Terra d'Oro Zinfandel donated by Trinchero Family Estates .

Troublemaker Blend 7 Red donated by Hope Family Wines.

In addition, sparkling water was donated by **Solé Water**.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

Rick and George helping Mary plate and serve. They also did dishes.

Gene Fulkerson worked with Mary as her Sous Chef. **Rick Cole, Linda Mathis** and **George Kish** served as their platers, waiters and assistants. **Paul Jackson** was responsible for pouring the wine. **Trudy** and **Raul Caro** stayed around to help with the clean up and the hand washing of more than 100 crystal glasses.

These events just get better each year.

Thanks to everyone else who contributed and participated—**Barb & Stu Baily, Linda & Mark Mathis, Paul & Carmen Jackson, Hans & Birgit Iliew, George Kish & Agnes Johnson, Rusty Etzel, Kim & Scott Griffin, Trudy & Raul Caro, Rick & Beth Cole, Corlis & Steve LeDuff, Phil & Mary Reimheimer, Judy & Jerry Schulthesis,** and **Catherine Ohl.** ■



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San Diego Council **Holiday HAPPY HOUR**
December 18, 2014, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Hotel Del Coronado, Babcock & Story
1500 Orange Ave, Coronado, CA 92118

featuring — **Candy Canes & Snowflakes**

Everyone Welcome!

Los Angeles Council invites you to the Far West Ski Week

Whistler Blackcomb

January 31 – February 7, 2015

Trip Includes—

- ◆ Round Trip Airfare from LAX to Vancouver
- ◆ Round Trip Ground Transportation to/from Airport
- ◆ Seven Nights Lodging
- ◆ 5 of 7 day Adult Lift Ticket (6th day and/or senior available)
- ◆ Registration
- ◆ Welcome Party
- ◆ Pub Crawl
- ◆ Mountain Picnic
- ◆ Mountain Rally
- ◆ Racing
- ◆ Club/Council Night Dinner
- ◆ Cocktail parties
- ◆ Ski Week Banquet
- ◆ Awards Apres Party

Lodging Options & Pricing Per Person (dbl. occ.)—

\$1,760 Delta Whistler 1 or 2 Bedroom Condo
\$2,125 Westin Hotel with King Bed & Full Kitchen

Registration & Information—
Laura Priess at 818-364-8923 or buffynzoom@aol.com
Click **FLYER** to download




NO TURNING BACK

For 65 years Warren Miller Entertainment's annual film is always highly anticipated. Take a peek by clicking on this poster and enjoy the trailer to the new film "No Turning Back." This latest installment is another legendary action-packed film any skier or snowboarder salivating and praying for snow. Click [here](#) to find a show near you.

radar **RIVER** rats

colorado **RIVER** skiing/boarding
needles **MARINA**



You must be a current member of the Radar River Rats and sign a Liability Release to participate in our water ski/board events.

\$145**



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

& water **SKIING** wake **BOARDING** at its very best!

2014 Colorado River **SCHEDULE**

June 20-22	July 25-27
July 11-13	Aug 22-24
Aug 8-10	Sept 19-21
Sept 5-7	Oct 17-19
Oct 3-5	

Everyone Welcome

Friends ° Family ° Beginner ° Expert

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

Trip Includes—

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

What's Available!—

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

Prices—

\$145 **	Skier / Boarder
\$75	Non-Skier *
\$35	Child age 6-12 *
Free	Child 5 and under*



Must be a member of Radar River Rats—

* May not ride in the club boat during club hours.
** Subject to fuel surcharge if gas is more than \$5/gal

For Trip Information—

Visit www.RadarRiverRats.org
Call Patricia at 323-651-0686 (before 9 PM)

Boat Drivers—

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

Big White, Canada

December 7–14, 2014

Basic Trip Price \$700 Includes

- 7 Nights Lodging Inn at Big White [double occupancy]
 - Ski In / Ski Out
 - Standard Room with Queen + Queen Murphy
 - Rooms have Mini-Fridge + Coffee Maker
 - Free WI-FI
 - Hot Tub + Pool
 - GST, PST, Hotel Taxes
- 6 Days Lift Tickets
- Transfer to/from Kelowna Airport
- Welcome & Après Ski Parties



Extras

- Single Supplement available on request
- Air NOT Included
 - United + West Jet flies Non-Stop from LAX
 - Air Canada/Jazz + Alaska/Horizon flies into Kelowna
- Tips NOT Included
- Trip Insurance Recommended

About Big White

- 25 feet annual dry powder.
- 2,800 patrolled skiable acres.
- 2,550 feet of vertical.
- 4.5 miles is longest run.
- 6% ◆◆ 22% ◆ 54% ■ 18% ●
- 118 designated trails.
- 10 ski lifts (6 are high speed).
- Free Daily Hosted Tour at 10:30 AM.
- 18 Restaurants & Bars.
- Typically Best Early Season Powder Skiing.
- Awesome Glade Skiing



Payment for Dec.

- \$700 Due October 1, 2014
- No Cancellation after Oct 1, 2014

Information

- Gene Fulkerson
- 858-467-9469 [h]
- gene@pacifcrimalliance.org

Make checks payable Pacific Rim Alliance. Mail to Gene Fulkerson, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124

SPRING FLING

25



\$720 per person

Special pricing for Far West Clubs & Members

APRIL 4-11, 2015

Big White

B C C A N A D A

Basic Trip Includes—

- **Welcome Reception**
- **7 Nights Lodging** (dbl. occ.)
At the White Crystal Inn in a Superior Kitchenette room with 2 queen beds, fireplace and kitchenette. Inn is in the Village with easy ski-in/ski-out access.
- **7-Day Lift Ticket**
- **Wine Tasting Après Event**
Taste the local wines of the Okanagan Valley.
- **Race** with prizes.
- **Farewell Banquet**
Join Michael J, Jimmie, and/or Katie at the renowned Kettle Valley Steakhouse for a harvest dinner. Enjoy local, sustainable farm-to-table ingredients as inspired by their Chef de Cuisine.

Extras—

- **Equipment Rentals**
Big White will offer all group members a special rate on rental equipment.
- **Master Monday**
A popular event for those 50+, which includes a 2 hour group lesson at any level from complete beginner to expert skier, followed by a fantastic gourmet lunch prepared by the amazing chef at the Kettle Valley Steakhouse.
Cost: \$59* pp plus tax
- **Dinner & Sleigh Ride**
Admire Big White's pristine beauty as the majestic Clydesdale horses guide the sleigh through snow covered forest to a cozy cabin in the woods.
Cost: \$65* pp plus tax

*2014 prices subject to change

Air—

- **Big White can assist you with booking air.**
Lots of reasonably priced non-stop flights available from various airports. United, West Jet, Air Canada/Jazz and Alaska/Horizon fly into Kelowna from most Western US Cities.

Airport shuttle—

- **\$85 per person**
Round trip shuttle from the Kelowna International Airport to Big White.

Contact—

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

Cabo San Jose, Mexico

April 23 – May 3, 2015

Choose your dates & length of stay

NEW DATES

Royal Solaris

● The All-Inclusive Basics

- Spacious Hotel Room with Stocked Mini-Bar
- Choice of King or 2 Queens
- Unlimited Meals, Alcohol, Soft Drinks
- Five Restaurants & Four Bars
- Two Swimming Pools and Two Jacuzzis
- Steam Room and Fitness Center
- Weekly Activity Programs
 - Beach & Pool Volleyball, Aqua Aerobics, Water Games, Dancing Lessons, Yoga
- Dinner Shows and Theme Nights
 - Mexican, Latin, Cinema Solaris, Evolution of Dance
- Live Music in the Lobby Bar most nights
- Scuba Diving Demo at the Diving Pool
- Taxes & Tips

● Member Benefits Include

- Round Trip Transportation from Airport
- Ocean View Room
- Robe & Slippers
- Free Wi-Fi
- Member Gourmet Breakfast
- Premium Bar & Members Only Lounge
- Premium Dinner Menu & Advance Reservations
- Reserved Seating at Dinner Shows
- Caribbean Night with Brazilian Dancers & Fire Show
- Excursion (1 free for 6-day+ stay) choice of
 - Snorkeling, Camel Ride on Beach, Ziplining

● Pricing [double occupancy]

\$81* per Person per Night (pppn)

- Includes Basics and Member Benefits

\$504 for 2 Persons for 4 Nights (\$63 pppn)

- Includes Basics and Member Benefits
- **Must attend a 90-min [low-key] time-share presentation**
- Can add Nights for \$81* per Person per Night

* Price increases to \$92 pppn after January 20, 2015

● Extras Available (\$)

- Room Service
- Business Center
- Spa, Beauty Salon and Shops
- Shuttle Service to Cabo San Lucas
- Tours Operated by Outside Company On Site offers Zipline, Fishing, ATV, Diving, Swim with Dolphins

● The Fine Print

- Can use Credit Card to Pay [no additional charge]
- Entertainment/Programs subject to change
- Solaris is a time-share and you will be asked if you want to attend a presentation. In our experience, if you say no they will leave you alone.
- Royal Solaris is located in Cabo San Jose, only 15 minutes from the San Jose International Airport (SJD) and just 20 minutes from Cabo San Lucas.
- Trip Insurance is recommended.

Tripping around... membership has its benefits.

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Aspen, Colorado

December 11-17, 2014

- Trip Price \$1,000-\$1,265 Includes** (based on lift options)
 - 6 Nights Lodging at The Gant (double occupancy)
 - 2 or 3 Bedroom Condos with 2 or 3 Baths
 - Fireplace, Kitchen, Balcony
 - Daily Maid Service
 - Hot Tub, Pool, Health Club
 - In-town Shuttle Service
 - 5 Days Lift Tickets
 - Air + Transfers to/from Aspen
 - Pre, Arrival + Post Parties
- Extras**
 - Tips NOT Included
 - Trip Insurance Recommended
- Aspen**
 - Experience the Power of Four—SKI Aspen, Snowmass, Highlands, Buttermilk
 - Enjoy Shopping at its best
 - <http://aspensnowmass.com>
- Payment Schedule**
 - \$200 Down now
 - \$400 by July 15, 2014
 - \$300 by August 30, 2014
 - \$365 by September 30, 2014
- Cancellation Fees**
 - \$75 after July 31, 2014
 - \$175 by after August 30, 2014
 - Total after September 30, 2014
- The Gant**
 - Relax in the comfort of an elegant private home while enjoying the luxurious services you would expect from a premier Aspen Hotel.
 - The Gant is a short walk to town and shopping.
 - <http://gantaspens.com>
- Information / Reservations**
 - Mike Sanford bubasanfrd@aol.com
 - 858-695-1442 [h]

Waiver/Release of Liability Required
CST 2083329-40

Make checks payable SD CSC. Mail to Mike Sanford, 11760 Caminito Prenticia, San Diego, CA 92131

Far West Ski Association Ski Week Whistler, Canada

January 31 - February 7, 2015

8,171 Acres of Terrain / 5,280 Vertical

\$1140
Plus air & ground

Tantalus Lodge

- Complimentary Ski Shuttle
- 5 min Walk to Village
- 2 bed / 2 bath
 - 1 Queen
 - 2 Twins
- Outdoor Hot Tubs w/ Sauna

\$1435
Plus air & ground

Coast Blackcomb

- Ski-in / Ski-out
- Continental Breakfast
- Free City Shuttle to Village
- 2 bed / 2 bath
 - 1 King
 - 2 Twins
- Outdoor Pool & Hot Tubs

\$1550
Plus air & ground

Four Seasons

- On-Site Bar Lounge & Restaurant
- Turn Down Service
- Ski Valet
- 1 bed / 1 bath
 - 1 King
- Outdoor Pool & Hot Tubs

FWSA Package Includes:

- 7 Nights Lodging (dbl. occ.)
- 5 day lift ticket
 - No lift ticket -\$285
 - 6 day ticket +\$51
 - 5 day senior (65+) -\$40
 - 6 day senior (65+) \$0
- Welcome Party
- Races
- Pub Crawl
- Mountain Picnic
- Ski Week Banquet
- Awards Après Party
- Council Night Event

Contact Now Alan Godwin
619-663-6626
alan@skiclub.us

Mail check payable to
San Diego Council of Ski Clubs
to
Alan Godwin
4678 Muir Ave
San Diego, CA 92107

Payment Schedule

- \$100 deposit
- \$400 by 20 July
- \$400 by 20 Aug
- \$400 by 20 Sept
- Balance by 20 Oct

Cancellation Fees

- \$125 after 25 Jul
- \$910 after 25 Aug*
- Total after 25 Oct*

*If replacement found transfer fees apply

Travel Insurance is recommended. CST #2083329-40

Bike & Barge Italy

Mantova to Venice

April 4-11, 2015

Enjoy cycling the countryside... Experience Venice, Mantova and Ferrara—the Jewels of the Italian Renaissance

Basic Trip Price \$1,600 Includes

- 8 Days / 7 Nights Lodging aboard the Ave Maria Barge
- 4 Day Tours
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (beverages not included)
- Midweek Maid Service
- Bed & Bath Linens
- Coffee & Tea Onboard
- Free Wi-Fi Onboard
- Afternoon Snack
- 27 Gear Unisex Bikes
- Bike Tour with Bike Leader
- Bike Repair Kit
- Saddle Bags and Front Bag
- Maps and Guide Book
- Visit to Cheese Factory
- Transfer from Ferrara-Adria
- Pre, Post & Arrival Parties
- All Port Taxes & Fees

Extras

- Single Supplement + \$420
- Superior Cabin + \$280
- Electric Bike + \$200 per week or + \$30 per day
- Air NOT Included
- Tips NOT Included
- Trip Insurance Recommended
- Post Trip to Cinque Terre [TBA]

Ave Maria

Relax in the comfort of an elegant private barge while enjoying the luxurious services you would expect from a premier hotel. Enjoy authentic regional cuisine and wine.

A bit of sailing, then off on a walking or cycling tour to discover the natural and cultural wonders of Italy. The floating hotel follows the bike tour, cruising along the Po River.

<http://www.ave mariaboat.com/en>

Payment

- \$100 Down now
- \$500 by Sept 1, 2014
- \$500 by Nov 1, 2014
- \$500 by Jan 1, 2015

Cancellation

- \$100 after Sept 1, 2014
- \$500 after Dec 1, 2014
- Total after Feb 1, 2015

Waiver/Release of Liability Required
CST 2083329-40

Information & Reservations...

- Eileen Sanford
- 858-695-1442 [h] or 858-761-6192 [c]
- eileensanford12@gmail.com

Make checks payable SD CSC. Mail to Eileen Sanford, 11760 Caminito Prenticia, San Diego, CA 92131

Rhine Getaway

Cruise Amsterdam to Basel

August 21 - 28, 2015

Call NOW to take advantage of the promotion as priced below*—offer expires 5/31/14

from \$2,431* pp includes

- 8 Days / 7 Nights Standard E cabin (dbl. occ.)
- 6 Guided Tours in 4 Countries
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Wine, Beer, Softdrinks with Lunch & Dinner
- Bottle Champagne in Room upon Arrival
- Free In-Room Wi-Fi
- Welcome Party
- All Port Taxes & Fees
- Air NOT Included
- Tips NOT Included
- Trip Insurance Recommended

extras

- French Balcony D \$3,031* pp (dbl. occ.)
- French Balcony C \$3,331* pp (dbl. occ.)
- Veranda B \$3,531* pp (dbl. occ.)
- Veranda A \$3,831* pp (dbl. occ.)
- Optional pre/post 2-night trips from \$549 pp

payment schedule

- \$500 deposit due now
- 25% of full fare due September 1, 2014
- 25% of full fare due January 1, 2015
- 25% of full fare due April 1, 2015
- Balance due May 1, 2015

cancellation fees

- \$100 after June 1, 2014
- \$300 after September 1, 2014
- 15% of full fare after March 1, 2015
- 30% of full fare after May 1, 2015
- 50% of full fare after June 1, 2015
- 100% of full fare after July 1, 2015

about Rhine Getaway

Visit the highlights of the legendary Rhine River on this 8-day cruise. Explore Holland's famous windmills and waterways and take part in the inviting nightlife in Rudesheim's Drosselgasse. You will see the many charming castles that command the riverbanks as you sail through Germany. Experience the lush landscape of the Black Forest region. Visit Viking Cruises Rhine Getaway at bit.ly/149mU1.

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CST 2083329-40

information

- Eileen Sanford
- eileensanford12@gmail.com
- 858-695-1442 [h] or 858-761-6192 [c]

reservations contact Ken Darrow, Universal Travel 858-456-7887

FAR WEST trips

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2015 Heli-Skiing Trip

Join a Far West Heli-Skiing Trip
March 16—21, 2015



Signature Skiing 5-day trip to Revelstoke, BC

Price: \$5,830 (twin occ.—taxes not included) \$6,480 (single occ.—taxes not included)

Includes:

- All meals, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages
- All lodge accommodations and use of lodge facilities such as saunas, hot tubs, etc. (lodging located in town of Revelstoke)
- Use of specially designed heli-skis and poles
- Use of radio/shovel/probe/guest pack
- Training in and use of avalanche transceivers
- Provides 71,000 feet of skiing of which 49,700 feet guaranteed



Schedule:

- Mar. 15, 2015—Fly to Kelowna, BC and stay overnight (not included in price)
- Mar. 16—CMH Bus takes you to Revelstoke—ski that afternoon (participants may drive directly to Revelstoke—must arrive in time for afternoon ski)
- Mar. 17—20 —Full days of skiing
- Mar. 21—CMH bus takes you back to Kelowna in the morning and you return home

\$500 non-refundable deposit due when you reserve your spot

Sign up directly with Julie Noble, jnoblecmh@msn.com
(503) 841-8662

**Request trip # 15-RE135 March 16-21, 2015
and identify yourself as a member of Far West Ski Association**

Spaces go quickly—first come first served—don't miss out!



For more information contact:
Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel
Far West Ski Association
fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

530.414.8261 (cell) 530.582.0566 (home)

Must be a member of a Far West Ski Association affiliated club or FWSA Direct Member



The Location of

Far West Ski Association's

2015 Mini Ski Trip

March 30th to April 4th, 2015

Adult package prices will range from \$380 to \$600

Price does NOT include air

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Included:

- Airport Transfers
- 3 or 4 Day Lift Tickets
- Transfers to Ski Resort
- Welcome Party
- Farewell Party

More Options:

- Snowmobile Tours
- Summit Nature Center
- Day Spa
- Glacier Park Tours
- Dogsled Adventures
- Sleigh Rides

Whitefish Mountain Resort is located at The Big Mountain in North-western Montana, located west of Glacier National Park in the Flathead National Forest. FWSA Lodging will be at **Grouse Mountain Lodge** where you will enjoy an authentic Montana experience.

This trip is limited to 100 participants

Contact Gloria Raminha
661-829-5996 or 661-800-8229
garski2011@gmail.com

Must be a Member of a Far West Ski Association affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member

Grouse Mountain Lodge

FWSA CST #2036983-40



FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

Mississippi River Boat Cruise—June 19—25, 2015



Package Includes:

- 1 night New Orleans Hilton 6/19
- Transfers to Ship
- Welcome Party
- 4 day Paddleboat Cruise
- All meals while on cruise
- Shore excursions; Daily Lectures
- Steamboat Style Shows
- 2 nights New Orleans Bienville House French Quarter Hotel
- includes Continental Breakfast—6/23 & 6/24
- Farewell Party

Optional Activities in New Orleans

- Airboat/Swamp Tours
- Ghost/Paranormal Tours

Adult Package Prices
\$ 1,778—\$ 3,058

Air and Ground Transportation not included

Enjoy a 4-day roundtrip paddleboat cruise aboard the American Queen from New Orleans. A "Southern Culture Cruise" with stops at Oak Alley Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA, capital of LA. Two nights in New Orleans after the cruise with a Farewell Party and optional tours.

Contact:

Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel
P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162
530-414-8261 (cell)
Email: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

Must be a member of an affiliated club/council or a Direct Member of FWSA



2015 Far West International Ski Week

Val d'Isère, France

March 14–21, 2015

from \$1,995 ppdo + air

Val d'Isère and Tignes ski areas are best-known for their combined ski area called L'Espace Killy. They offer over 190 miles of skiable terrain and extensive off-piste areas. Due to their altitude they have very reliable snow.

You will find a wide range of possibilities for the experienced skier and many wide open groomed runs for the intermediate and beginning skier.

There are over 150 shops and 115 bars and restaurants to meet your off-snow desires.

Paris, France

pre-trip

March 10–14, 2015

\$850 ppdo (\$1,339 Single Supplement)

Aix en Provence + Nice

post-trip

March 14–21, 2015

from \$1,850 ppdo + air

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Debbie Stewart

FWSAIntTrvl@prodigy.net • 559-737-0882 (c)



2015

83rd Annual Convention

Far West Ski Association

Salute to San Diego



"The Voice of the Western Skier"

**June 4-7, 2015****Town and Country Resort & Convention Center**

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

800-772-8527 • www.towncountry.com

Hosted by San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

Reservations call 800-772-8527

Group Name Far West Ski Association

Online Reservations <http://bit.ly/FWSA-lodging>

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy

(choice of Royal Palm Tower, Regency Tower/Courtyard, Garden Room)

All Rooms in our block **\$140** (Rooms will be released May 10, 2015)**Hotel Features**

- 32 lushly-landscaped acres in the heart of Mission Valley, 5 restaurants & 3 lounges, 3 Pools and Whirlpool, 14,000 sq. ft. Bella Tosca Day Spa-Salon-Fitness Center, 27-hole Championship Golf Course, adjacent to Fashion Valley Shopping Mall & Light Rail Trolley Stop
- NO Resort Fees; FREE Wi-Fi
- Parking is \$5 per day
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention

**Transportation**

- Air transportation is via San Diego International Airport (SAN), located 7 miles from the Town & Country.
- Rental cars and shuttle services are available at the airport.
- **The Cloud 9 Super Shuttle** is currently \$11 per person one way.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi-Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- Thursday Activities
 - Tour of San Diego
 - Sunset Dine Out on USS Midway
- Friday Activities
 - Michael German Golf Tournament
 - Kayaking La Jolla Cove
 - Biking Mission Bay
 - San Diego Zoo
 - Pool Party

Jane Wyckoff

FWSA Convention Chairperson

jnewyckoff1@cox.net or 949-933-9607**Debbi Kor**

VP Marketing & Sponsorship

fwsadebbi@comcast.net or 503-314-7078**Eileen Sanford**

San Diego Host Council Convention Coordinator

eileensanford12@gmail.com or 858-695-1442



pacific rim SIGN-UP FORM

Trip/Event: _____ **Trip/Event Dates:** _____

If you don't have a roommate yet, just fill in the information for Participant 1. If you have more than one roommate, fill out the appropriate number of forms. Single Supplement is usually available upon request. Download Liability [Form](#).

Description	Participant 1	Participant 2 (Roommate)
EXACT Name on Passport		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Email		
Cell Phone		
Home Phone		
Date of Birth [MM/DD/YEAR]		
Passport Number		
COUNTRY Passport Issued		
Date Passport ISSUED		
Date Passport EXPIRES		
BED Configuration (Specify "2 beds" or "matrimonial")		
Cost — Basic Trip (PP)		
Cost — Extension (PP)		
Single Supplement (Call for price)		
Membership (\$8 single/\$10 family)		
[Less] Deposit		
Final Payment		
Departure Airport, Date & Time		
Departure Airline & Flight #		
Return Airport, Date & Time		
Return Airline & Flight #		
Special Requests		

Send form(s) with your payment to Pacific Rim Alliance, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124. To expedite the process, email this completed Trip Form to gene@pacificrimalliance.org. For information contact [Gene Fulkerson](#) or call 858-467-9469.

Pacific Rim Alliance Photography Policy:

By attending a Pacific Rim Alliance Event (the "Event"), you consent to being filmed and or photographed, whereas your image, voice, and likeness may be used by Pacific Rim Alliance for promotional purposes. Any photograph taken at the Event, whether in digital or analog format, is subject to mandatory, non-exclusive license to the Pacific Rim Alliance for use in Event promotional purposes.



Membership Application

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

To join the Pacific Rim Alliance, fill out the following, Sign your release of liability and send with your check [payable to Pacific Rim Alliance] to:

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

Name [1]: _____ Name [2]: _____

Home Addr: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Addr [1]: _____

E-Mail Addr [2]: _____

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

Home: _____ Work [1]: _____

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

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

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

Photographs of members participating in club activities are routinely included in a newsletter or on our web site or facebook which is distributed to the membership and other interested parties and is made available to the general public. Signature is required below to agree to this and to the terms of the Release of Liability to the right.

Signature [1] Date

Signature [2] Date

Release Of Liability, Waiver Of Claims, Express Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement

WAIVER: I am aware that participation in the Pacific Rim Alliance events has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, snowboarding, alpine, Nordic, Heli & off-piste skiing, certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking ski lifts; changing weather conditions; exposed or hidden natural or man-made objects; avalanches; failure to ski or ride safely or within one's own ability; and negligence on the part of other skiers and boarders, the organization or their staff.

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

I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS [releases Pacific Rim Alliance] WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

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

MEMBERSHIP has its BENEFITS

The **Far West Ski Association** has an impressive collection of member benefits including trips, lodging, lift ticket and more. Check out the member benefits at fwsa.org.

The **National Ski Council Federation**

has also discount benefits for club members which includes lodging, lift tickets, ski rental and so much more.

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

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

The bearer of this card is a member of the Far West Ski Association and entitled to all the benefits associated with membership in FWSA. This card is non-transferable. Photo ID may be required. Expires 9/30/15.

COMMUNITY center giving BACK ...so easy to do.



Can Do MS

Everything done at Can Do MS is driven by one simple belief: you are more than your MS. Can Do MS is the start of a whole new way of thinking about and living with multiple sclerosis. For more than 30 years Can Do MS has been empowering people with MS with research, webinars and other programs.

Our next fund raiser for MS will be our annual wine dinner on **Oct. 3, 2015**. For more information contact

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

Can Do MS

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

Hope on the Slopes

Ski & Ride For A Cure has partnered with the American Cancer Society to manage events and collect donations to support programs, research and services.

The Ski & Ride for a Cure is a vertical tracking event. Participants register for the event, download the TraceUp app

and then ride! This is a season-long vertical tracking event for skiers and boarders. You can ski/board and track vertical anywhere nationwide. The participant(s) with the most vertical attained during the 2014/2015 season will be eligible for prizes.

For more information on this event, click hots.kintera.org/SkiRideVert.



Recycle Program

Pacific Rim recycles cans, bottles and glass at all our events. Each quarter we donate the proceeds to a charity. This quarter's donation goes to **St. Jude**.

Your donation makes a real difference. The daily operating cost for St. Jude is nearly \$2 million, which is primarily covered by public contributions.
www.stjude.org/waystohelp.

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The Unrecables

{re}Register Ralphs Card [each Sept]

The Unrecables Ski Club is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, serving the recreational needs of people with disabilities. They promote adaptive sports, and encourage people with disabilities to participate in sports, recreational, and social activities in their

communities. The club is a member of the LA Council of Ski Clubs.

Log in to www.ralphs.com. Click on **Community Contribution**. Click on **Participant**. Follow the easy steps to enroll. **Their NPO# is 80831**. Be sure to complete all information.

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

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**DISABLED
SPORTS
USA**
If I can do this, I can do anything!"

the FINE PRINT

Skiing is a Dance in which the Mountain always Leads.

About Pacific Rim

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

Originally we concentrated on skiing exotic resorts in Europe, South America and New Zealand. These have been scaled back due to the weak economy. While many of us are now retired we are looking at locations that fit the quote that "we have more time than money."

We have gotten into the groove of running early and late season ski weeks to Big White Ski Resorts in Canada. These trips run about \$700 per person and include hotel lodging (double

occupancy), 6-day lift ticket, ground transfer from/to the Kelowna airport and various parties. We believe that Big White offers the best and most consistent early and late snow.

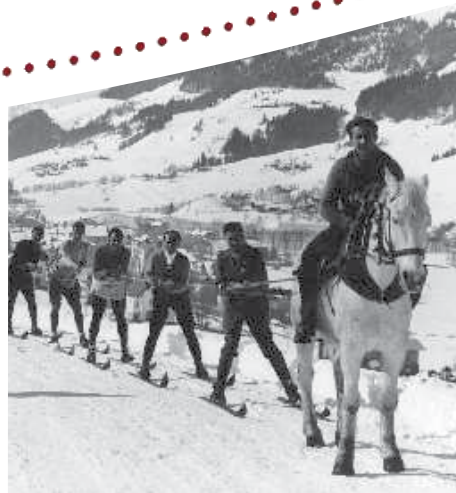
We do not offer Mammoth trips since there are so many ski clubs in both the Los Angeles and San Diego Councils that offer quality affordable bus trips to Mammoth. Just ask and we'll direct you.

We believe in giving back to our ski community.

- ◆ Our major fund raiser is our annual wine maker dinner for Can DO MS. To date we have raised more than \$36,000.

- ◆ We encourage members to participate in other on-snow fund raisers for so many good causes— Hope on the Slopes (for cancer), Ski to Defeat ALS, USARC Ski-a-thon and Peak to Peak Pedal (for adaptive skiers) and the Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express for MS.

- ◆ We also support junior racers (through the Far West Ski Foundation), Women's Ski Jumpers USA, Wounded Warriors, The Unrecables and others.



Official Documents

We are a 503(c)7 not-for-profit corporation founded in 1997 and incorporated in the state of Nevada. We file a Form 990 yearly.

A current copy of our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation can be found via the "[About US](#)" link on most pages on our web site.

Liability waivers are required for membership on all trips and events. Trip waivers can be downloaded from our [website](#).

Ski History

We have a relatively young history as a ski club. Most of our history can be found in our past newsletters and photo galleries cataloged since our beginning.

We also have a collection of history of ski clubs, councils, the Far West Ski Association and ski resorts in the west. It is a work in progress updated regularly by our Club historian. If you have any history you would like to share, contact **Catherine Ohl** at ohl@catmeowz.com. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.

Learn-to-Ski Programs

We encourage our members to participate in the National Bring-A-Friend challenge (<http://www.bringafriend.org/>) in January.

There are some incredible deals for first time skiers. It's a great way to get your friends safely on the slopes.

Another significant program is National Ski Safety Month (www.nsaa.org/safety-programs/national-safety-month/).

Use your brain, it's the most important part of your equipment.
~Kevin Andrews and Warren Miller, Extreme Skiing



Ski with Pride • Watch all Sides • Let it Ride • First with Safety Awareness



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Mission Statement

The PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of skiing, boarding, sight-seeing, photography, travel, public affairs and civic awareness. The Alliance is further oriented to the building of international relations among skiers, snowboarders and sports organizations throughout the Pacific Rim.

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

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

The Alliance is a member of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC), Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (LAC), Far West Ski Association (FWSA), National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) and an associate member of National Ski Areas Association (NSAA). Membership in Pac Rim allows you to participate in their events and programs. ■



Conduct Policy

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

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



FWSA Recognition Programs

Far West Ski Association has an extensive recognition and awards program. Pacific Rim and our members have won numerous Far West awards.

There are a variety of these programs for individuals. Submittal deadline is March 20. Details and applications can be found at <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/programs.html>.

- ◆ **Western Ski Heritage Awardee** wins a 5-day ski trip for two to Steamboat, CO.
- ◆ **Safety Person of the Year** wins a 5-day ski trip for two to Telluride, Colorado.
- NEW Environmental Awardee** wins a 5-day ski trip for two to Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado.

Far West sponsors are offering three great prizes that require some thought and work but yields a big reward. It's well worth the investment of time. ■