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LAC is going to Telluride in 2006—

☞ See page 5 for information on Telluride



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Message from the President

It's Snowing!

by *Jacquie Nemor, LAC President*

Welcome to Over the Hill Gang, LA Council's newest club member.

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

That is definitely the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs' theme song. It all started at our Snow Gala in November. That was our theme song and two weeks later the local mountains had the earliest and largest snowstorm in decades.

LAC Ski Week 2005—

It still held true when we went to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, for our annual LAC ski week, February 5-12, 2005. Steamboat Springs hadn't had snow in almost a month and Monday and Tuesday, February 7th and 8th, they had 18 inches — thanks to LAC! It was pure powder heaven!



Single Ski Club swept the competition by winning all the major race awards at Steamboat Springs. Congratulations to the fastest woman on the hill, **Sherrie Marco**; the fast man, **Dennis Frieborn**; best first-time racer, **Jeff Simms**. First place for the Dave Seret Race was Single Ski Club; second place, Tri Valley Ski Club; and third place went to The Right Way Ski Club. Again, congratulations to all of you and especially Single Ski Club.

Thanks to **Bonnie West** as our VP Travel, **Stephen Hall** from Moguls as our tour operator, and **Laura Sturges** and her staff from Steamboat made this one of the best LA Council ski weeks. Great skiing, terrific accommodations, and the friendliest people made this a great week.

Next year our annual ski week will be in Telluride with FWSA, February 4-11, 2006.

Elections—

Los Angeles Council will be having their board elections in April. Nominations start in March and the new term begins in May. The following

offices are up for election:

President
Treasurer
VP Communications
VP Programs

You do NOT need to be a prior LAC board member to be president of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs. So you are all eligible to be the new president!

2005 Far West Convention—

Registration packets have been sent out to the presidents of each club for the 2005 FWSA Convention to be held in Long Beach, California. Since LAC is the host for this convention, we want all of you in attendance. Even if you aren't a delegate you can still participate in the golf tournament on Friday, June 10th. Also, the silent auction on Friday night at 7 PM is free to everyone. Come and get great bargains on ski and summer vacations and met our many special guests including **Glen Plake**.

Remember to make your room reservations now for the 2005 FWSA Convention. It's going to be an incredible convention that is being chaired by **Catherine Ohl** and her committee. I hope your clubs are participating in the club history exhibit. We are very excited about participating in this convention and hope to see you there. *

Jacquie

Individuals can support The Unrecables by shopping at Ralphs.



- Register your Ralphs card with Sigrid at sigski@earthlink.net.
- Get your family & friends to register!
- Use your Ralphs card for all your purchases.

The Unrecables thank you for your support.

Membership Matters

Holiday Greetings to All



Iris Williams, LAC Membership VP



March Madness!!! Are you ready! Mayoral candidates are bidding for your vote, college basketball series is about to begin, bikini skiing is just around the corner, and yes club and council elections announcements are here!

Elections—

Do you have a certain candidate in mind? Are you running or thinking about running? Get involved any way possible. Some experience is better than none and the only way to get that done is to get involved. Have great ideas or see a new way of achieving the impossible? Get involved! Be what you want to see in your club!

As we turn the corner into spring, new officer updates are needed by the council to keep the information flowing through the veins of the organization. LAC and FWSA needs this information as soon as your elections are over.

LAC forms are on the web page which can be sent to my email address. The new year for LAC is April 2005 and the Year of the Rooster says "Get it in Early!"

Far West Convention—

FWSA convention is just around the corner. Has your club publicized all the information needed for your delegates to sign up? Have you registered with LAC-FWSA committee. This convention will be the best ever but we will need your participation.

Thank you—

I would like to thank Century City [CCSC] for the ski clothing donated to the "Youth Learn to Ski Program" that Snow Busters Ski Club and Executive Board Snowboard Association has been organizing since last October. CCSC really came through for the kids! On behalf of the youth group, many thanks and they all wish to be just like you when they grow up!

In closing, the blessing is in the giving, so give so that thy shall receive. ✨

Iris



LAC needs YOU!



Here's the cliff-note version of the board functions for LA Council.

- **VP Programs** chairs the Snow Gala and any other events that LAC organizes.
- **VP Communications** produces the bi-monthly newsletter.
- The **Treasurer** makes sure we remain solvent.
- The **President** runs the board and general meetings and is the liaison between the clubs and the council. The president is also a member for the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors and the National Ski Council Federation. FWSA meetings are quarterly and the NSCF meeting is annually. ✨

The Sporting Life with
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April 17-23, 2005



LA will be joining the Northwest Ski Club Council



Courtesy Sunshine Village



Courtesy Ski Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine

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- Round Trip Air LAX to Calgary
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- Transfer between Sunshine Village and Banff International Hotel
- Three Nights Lodging at **Sunshine Inn**, Banff's only ski-in/ski-out Hotel
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- Welcome Reception at each Hotel
- All Taxes and Required Fees including Banff National Park User Fee
- All Gratuities for Bellmen and Maids Services

Optional Activities—

- Two days skiing at Lake Louise
- Council Challenge Race [\$5]
- Pub Crawl [\$10]

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- **\$200 deposit due NOW**
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Travel Tidbits

Trips for 2005 & Beyond



by Bonnie West, LAC Travel

Steamboat Wrap—

The Steamboat trip was very successful! I heard lots of comments. “The best ever.” “Well organized.” “Great fun.” Thanks to all the clubs who participated and their group leaders. As I write this, the Utah trip is in full swing. Although it was full with a wait list, they went through the entire list, so it always pays to get on a wait list even if the trip is full.

Banff/Lake Louise—

The last trip for this year is to Banff/Lake Louise with Northwest Ski Council, April 17-23, 2005. Contact **Sigrid Noack** at 310.823.1373 or sigski@earthlink.net for details on this trip.

Telluride 2006—

Now we'll follow Steamboat

with a trip to Telluride, February 4-11, 2006. I'll be sending out some information hopefully in a week regarding lodging we've been assigned and the pricing. Clubs and/or individuals can now make an initial deposit at \$100/per person. Make the check out to LA Council and mail to me at

4005 Overcrest Dr.,
Whittier, CA 90601.

Europe 2006

Plans are not final yet, but I've also been getting bids for a European trip leaving around mid-March. As soon as those plans are firmed up, I'll be sending that information out to the clubs also.

Far West Convention—

For your trip planning, it's helpful to go to Convention. This year it is right in our back

yard at Long Beach. The ski industry — resorts and tour operators — attend this event and you can get lots of information.

Friday night at the Silent Auction you can also bid on packages they put together. These normally go for 50¢ or less on the dollar. Saturday you have a chance to win the ground portion of a trip to Telluride with Far West. Your club president should have all information on the Convention or check it out at

www.fwsa2005celebration.org

Ski you on the slopes. ✨

Bonnie

Telluride

Founded over a hundred years ago, Telluride has evolved into one of the world's most premier playground. Originally made famous by mining, the town of Telluride is now world renowned for it's world class accommodations and amazing terrain. Tired of the same old standard resorts? Then join LA Council and Far West and sign up for the 2006 Ski Week on February 4-11, 2006. Telluride will surprise and amaze you!

Terrain for Everyone—

Powder, groomers, corduroy, steeps, cruisers, it's all here for your enjoyment. Whether you enjoy testing your limits on the double black extreme runs or just meandering down the greens, you will find runs here that will bring a smile to your face.

Think you want to take it up a notch? Check out Telluride's exclusive One-Run Heli-Skiing Ticket, where a few lucky riders can sample 1,100 feet of untracked powder.

Learn with a Pro—

Looking to try the ultimate learning experience? Telluride's Private Lessons offer tutorials in boarding, skiing, tele, and snow-biking with personalized one-on-one teaching. Coordinated around your time and desires, Private Lessons also allow the convenience of Ski School Express lift access as well as video analysis.

Book your trip with LAC today! ✨



TELLURIDE

Racers Get Ready

SOCALS April 16-17, 2005



I am writing this on a trip to Whistler, where there is very little snow (read none, mostly rocks, ice, and a lot of people). Mammoth is in much better shape, due to the continuing snowfall.

As a result of this great snowfall season, both leagues have a race to make-up, and they are going to try to make them up on the weekend of March 12 (ULLR) and

March 13 (ROKKA). Keep in touch with your race reps for the details.

The SOCALS (the Southern California Championships, replacing the Los Angeles Council Championships), are still scheduled to be held the weekend of April 16-17, 2005. This should be a great weekend, as it also coincides with the Mammoth Club Appreciation Weekend.

We would love to have all of you participate in the racing, which will be a two-day event,

with both GS and SL races. This will be a more encompassing event, open to all leagues, and individuals. Have your club organize a trip, go with friends, or come on your own.

If you have any questions, please contact me, by e-mail or telephone, but please plan on joining us for this weekend of racing.

Kathy Faris
competition@lacouncil.org
310-470-2522 *



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. *



LAC Ski Week Steamboat 2005



by Bonnie West. Photos from Singles, Tri Valley & Pacific Rim

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 had a "Fat Monday" ski around, 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 so 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 Single Ski Club, 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. **Jeff Simms**, Singles also got the award for best first time races.

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. See pages 9-10 for race results. As you can see, many earned gold, silver and bronze NASTAR pins.

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.

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.

A surprise visitor to the banquet, **Billy Kidd** spoke about Steamboat and the area.

Catherine Ohl and **Gene Fulkerson** raffled off a magnum of champagne which was autographed by several Olympians and coaches from Steamboat. The proceeds from the raffle were donated to the

Jimmie Heuga Center for MS.

Ski Week 2006—

All in all it was a great week. Join us next year in Telluride, February 4-11, 2006! *



Singles



Sleigh Rider Diners



Tri Valley

Champagne Powder Skiing at Steamboat

by Steve Lefkowitz. Photo by John Melville

My companion [and friend] **John Melville** and I just came back from a week's worth of wondrous skiing at Steamboat, Colorado. Our trip was sponsored by the L.A. Council of Ski Clubs and I would like to thank them for not only their financial support but also for their "adopting" John and I for a week and encouraging us to participate in their activities and making us feel at home despite not being surrounded by a group of Unrecables as in the last several L.A. Council Ski Weeks.

The Accommodations—

We knew going in that the accommodations would not be the best for a wheelchair user, but fortunately I can walk a little, I kept my eyes on the bottom line [skiing a week at Steamboat], and made the best of it.

Every night John unfolded the sofa sleeper while I took the bed closest to the bathroom. Since my chair would not fit through the doorway to the bathroom [or even in the

hallway to get there], I had to hold onto various counters and other objects and make my way there very carefully.

Getting around our room was dicey at best for me and while our hotel was ski in ski out [for most people], it also had a flight of stairs before the slopes.

The Skiing—

The week started slowly, the runs being somewhat icy and crusty, us not knowing where all the ramps and elevators were, the transportation being spotty, etc.

Then near the end of the second day the heavens opened up. It snowed on and off for the next two days. Twelve inches at the base and more up higher on the mountain. Nothing like a little "Champagne powder" to change one's attitude.

The Springs—

John and I took the next day off, went into town, did some shopping and picked up a few needed items and spent a few soothing hours at a local hot springs [which is how Steamboat originally got its name, there are several geothermal springs in the area].

The latter half of the week got decisively better. We found the ramps and elevators, figured out the transportation, participated in several Ski Week activities and we became more

involved with the Singles Ski Club (who "adopted" us for the week).

We even asked for and got a loaner wheelchair at the Bear River Bar & Grill where LAC had an "on the mountain" lunch [which I was able to ski to, the chair hadn't been asked for in 3 years] and of course, the main reason that we were there — the wonderful "Champagne" snow.

The Mountain—

Steamboat is a real skiers mountain, with many runs for all ability levels, and I was tremendously impressed with their abundance and variety of terrain!

To those of you who were aware of the fact that I just undergone hand surgery or had seen my right hand recently sporting a cast, I undertook this trip with the approval of my surgeon with the caveat that I had to wear 2 braces [one on my wrist and another on my thumb joint]. This was accomplished by wearing a glove liner under the braces and a baggy nylon overmitt over all the hardware.

I am very pleased to report that after my last run, on the last day, when I finally got back to my wheelchair, I breathed a huge sigh of relief — I got



Steve with Billy Kidd

Steamboat Race Results



by Britt Johnson. Results can be found at www.nastar.com

Racer	Ski Club	Race 1	Medal 1	Race 2	Medal 2
Beverly Accordino	Tri Valley	28.02	Silver	28.23	Bronze
Bernbaum Barry	Singles	27.90	Bronze	26.50	Bronze
Katarina Bernbaur		26.95	Silver	26.77	Bronze
Uly Boecker	Conejo	26.74	Silver	25.99	Silver
Paul Bollinger	Tri Valley	24.11	Silver	25.13	Bronze
Paul Booth	Los Padres			28.85	-
Kathy Brady	Conejo	33.29	-		
Mary Burns	Singles			28.09	Bronze
Uta Buschor	Singles			24.83	Silver
Monica Carlson	TRW			27.32	Bronze
Don Clark	Singles			28.14	Bronze
John Clark	Tri Valley	23.49	Silver	24.14	Silver
Nancy Clark	Singles			28.21	Bronze
Donald Cole	Tri Valley	23.73	Gold	23.65	Silver
Allen Elowe	Singles	24.20	Silver	23.30	Silver
Steven Engel	TRW	23.98	Silver	22.92	Silver
Dirk Feild	Conejo	25.56	-		
Jessica Freeman	Singles	24.46	Gold	22.94	Gold
Dennis Frieborn	Singles	21.34	Silver	21.36	Silver
Gene Fulkerson	Pacific Rim	21.67	Gold	22.58	Silver
Dale Gaberson	Singles			28.58	-
Ronald Guidotti	Tri Valley	25.43	Bronze	25.38	Bronze
Sam Hayakawa	Singles	24.58	Silver	22.97	Silver
Larry Heath	Singles			40.86	-
Charles Hicks	Singles			25.94	Bronze
Carol Hobaugh	South Bay			27.07	Bronze
Minoru Ichiho	TRW	25.15	Silver	24.98	Bronze



Britt Johnson

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More from Steve

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through a week of skiing and didn't injure anything further.

Thank You—

Once again, I wish to thank the L.A. Council and the wonderful clubs for their sponsorship of me and helping make this long-time dream of mine finally happen [to ski Steamboat] and to **John Melville** [uncle Herman?] without whose assistance and patience with me would have made it a truly horrendous week instead of the glorious week that it was. Thanks all!! *

Special Thanks!

Please join us in thanking the following for donating to the 2005 Steamboat Trip Fund. Steve Lefkowitz, John Melville, The Unrecables & LAC appreciates and applauds your support.

Auslich	Long Beach
Century City	Los Angeles Council
Conejo	Pacific Rim Alliance
Catherine Ohl	Rokka Race Camp
Edelweiss	Singles
Gene Fulkerson	Tri Valley
Hughes	Wailers

More Race Results from Steamboat

 Continued from pg. 9

Racer	Ski Club	Race 1	Medal 1	Race 2	Medal 2
Britt Johnson	South Bay	28.07	Bronze	29.03	-
William Karasick	Singles			25.61	Bronze
Anil Kashyap	South Bay			23.15	Silver
Linda Keller	TRW	29.86	Bronze	25.13	Silver
Walter Lamay	South Bay			24.71	Silver
Sherrie Marco	Singles	23.63	Gold	22.71	Gold
Steven Markman	Singles	27.16	Bronze	26.62	-
Anneliese Martin	TRW			34.89	-
Linda Mero	Singles			27.81	Bronze
Louis Milani	Pacific Rim	23.41	Bronze		
Jack Miller	Singles			25.99	Bronze
Polly Miller	Singles			26.68	Bronze
Earl Mitchell	South Bay			21.86	Silver
Julie Morris	Tri Valley	24.04	Gold	23.83	Silver
Glenn Morton	Tri Valley			24.36	Bronze
Burke Mucho	Singles	25.46	Silver	24.29	Silver
Michael Murdock	Tri Valley	28.03	-	26.80	-
Christine Noutsious	Singles			27.85	Bronze
Catherine Ohl	Pacific Rim	24.39	Gold	25.35	Silver
Patricia Ortiz	Pacific Rim	39.64	-	36.56	-
Debra Parsons	Edelweiss			25.22	Silver
Tom Parsons	Edelweiss			24.17	Bronze
Laura Priess	Singles	24.74	Silver	23.41	Silver
Maryanne Pryor	TRW	29.20	Bronze	28.28	Bronze
Charles Repp	Singles			27.25	Bronze
Eric Riccio	Tri Valley	23.81	Silver	24.46	Bronze
Beth Robertson	South Bay	24.89	Silver	24.85	Silver
Joyce Rodela	South Bay			23.65	Silver
Becky Schreiber	Singles			27.83	Bronze
Samuel Schreiber	TRW	26.96	-		
Bob Shepard	TRW	27.09	Bronze	25.36	Bronze
Jeff Simms	Singles	24.11	Silver	23.71	Silver
Peter Sindelar	Tri Valley	22.85	Silver	21.93	Silver
Steve Skinner	Singles			25.01	Bronze
Barry Smith	Tri Valley	22.99	Silver	23.16	Silver
Richard Sugita	TRW	23.96	Silver	22.75	Silver
David Tabbush	Tri Valley	28.81	-	26.80	Bronze
John Talley	Tri Valley	30.42	-	31.22	-
Al Tomei	Singles	28.23	Bronze	25.46	Bronze
Sallie Bette Tomei	Singles			26.00	Bronze
Helene Tropp	Singles			25.81	Silver
Phil Weisgerber	TRW			25.00	Bronze
Ken Wong		28.72	Silver	25.54	Silver
Joanne Wyse	Edelweiss	32.94	-		



Fastest Woman & Man
Sherrie Marco
Dennis Frieborn



Gene Fulkerson
Jacquie Nemor

More Steamboat Race Results

Vertical Express for MS at Steamboat



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!

Going for the Gold

Steamboat had only two double gold medal winners. Congratulations to

Jessica Freedman
Sherri Marco

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.

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.**

The Vertical Express Races—

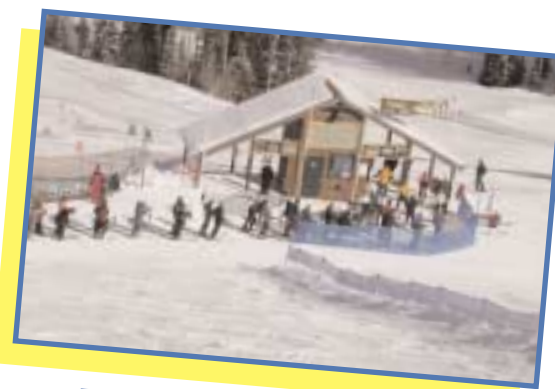
Laura Sturges joined Catherine and Gene on Pac Rim's Fire & Ice Team on February 12, 2005 to race for the cure. Registration and breakfast started at 7 AM! By 8 AM we were slide slipping the Bashor race course in preparation for the upcoming wax race. Steamboat set a speed trap at the bottom to record 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 fastest 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. 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!



Billy Kidd Gives Racing Tips to LAC



LAC Racers Line Up on Bashor



Laura Sturges [Steamboat], Laura Pries [accepting the 3-liter bottle of Korbel for Gary Stein], Gene Fulkerson

Far West Ski Week Aspen/Snowmass 2005



Pac Rim Group at Aspen Highlands

LA Council had a great time at the Far West Ski Week to Snowmass. Besides the regulars, Pacific Rim, led by **Fay Mumbauer**, brought 30 members, and Grindelwald, led by **Ann Lawson**, brought 20 people. **Judith Miller** did a wonderful job juggling all the people, logistics and parties.

LA Council—

Our week started off with snow and lots of it [but not too much]. LA council 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.

Lunch was done up right with service at Sam's Knob, Gwyn's, Cloud Nine, or Krabloonik's. There were so very many places to choose for dinner. Grindelwald and Pacific Rim both had their club dinner at the highly recommended Mountain Dragon [not on the same nights].

LA Council hosted a happy hour at Margarita Grill where they served two for one margaritas. Rumor was that more than a few of the ladies left a bit toasted.

Far West—

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.

Monday, Far West hosted a

Restaurant/Pub Crawl in Aspen. Because of the Winter X-Games, Aspen moved the event up to 3 PM. Since the qualifying races were held in Snowmass earlier, many of us choose to crawl in Snowmass.

Wednesday, was the Giant Slalom races at Snowmass, followed by a fabulous on-mountain picnic at the Spider Sabich Picnic Area.

Thursday, was the Slalom races at Snowmass. The day was capped off with a fun après ski party at Snowmass' Cirque Café.

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

Council Challenge Results—

The councils were off to the races in the annual challenge which has most often been won by Sierra Council. The final results are:

Los Angeles	403.43
Sierra #1	412.06
Arizona	449.81
Orange	453.85
Central	471.07
San Diego	DQ
Sierra #2	DQ

LA owes a **BIG** thanks to San Diego for accidentally knocking out Sierra #1's fastest women. Of course, in the process San Diego knocked themselves out of the running. Their "Bite-Me" theme was really just more than a costume, for which they won top honors. Central Council was awarded the anchor in their first challenge. Congratulations LA! ❄️



*San Diego's Bite-Me Team Captains
Gene Fulkerson & Catherine Ohl*



*Don Shafe, Richard Grant, Jan Grant,
David Mashaw, Rick Harrington, Karyn
Purnot, Steve Romine, Mae Lon Ding*

Nuts & Bolts

A Word (or two) from the Editor

by Catherine Ohl, LAC VP Communications



Water Ski Insurance—

Were you aware that the current insurance offered through FWSA no longer covers water skiing or boating. If any club has or knows of an insurance policy that covers water skiing, please contact Catherine Ohl, 858-467-9469 or ohl@acatmeowz.com.

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 Mountain Resort.

The crash occurred just after 11 AM on February 24, 2005 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 under Section B of the state statute for "involuntarily but recklessly" killing someone. He was also charged with reckless endangerment.

The manslaughter charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment. Endangerment carries a maximum one-year jail pen

Big Sky Air Deals—

Big Sky Resort is offering some great deals and a direct flight from LAX to Big Sky Resort on Saturdays this winter. This offer is for individual travelers or

groups. Individuals please call their reservations department at 800-548-4486. Groups can call **Brandon Bang** at 800-548-4487.

Farewell to Ron Lucas—

Ron Lucas from South Bay and a past VP of Travel Director for LAC has left California for the Big Apple. Ron says he has lot of frequent flyer miles and will be back often for visits. *



South Bay Ski Club is Going Out of Business—

Since no one has stepped up to take over the task of running the club, South Bay will be closing its doors in June, 2005. They will celebrate their end with a Party on Saturday, May 21, 2005. They have booked the Bluewater Grill (the old Lobster House) for that date, from 6 to 11 PM, for a night of dinner, dancing, socializing, and reminiscing. There will be a no-host bar.

The Bluewater Grill was chosen in part for its sentimental value, because when the club first started, that's where the general meetings were held. In those early days club membership was LIMITED to 300 members and there was a waiting list. EVERYONE showed up for the meetings and dancing afterward at the Lobster House.

This party is by invitation only and an RSVP is required. All current and lifetime members will get in free. These members will be able to bring a non-member spouse or significant other.

Some club members want to stay in touch and are in the process of establishing an e-mail roster for this purpose. If you'd like to get on the list, contact webmaster@southbayskiclub.org. *

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
FWSA Registrar c/o Karen James, 1812 Vickers Dr., Glendale, CA 91208

revised Dec 2004

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

rev. Feb 2005

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	\$135 before 5/15/05	
	Friday — Silent Auction & Dance, Beverage	\$160 after 5/15/05	\$ _____
	Saturday — Continental Breakfast, Awards Luncheon, Awards Banquet & Dance	\$190 after 6/4/05	
	Sunday — Eye Opener & Buffet Brunch		
	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"/> Need assistance walking.	\$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. Handicap [or avg] _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Need golf club rental <input type="checkbox"/> Left Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Right Hand	\$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"/> Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast <input type="checkbox"/> Tortellini with Ricotta Cheese	\$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]			\$ _____

All forms and payments are sent to FWSA Convention Registrar, c/o **Karen James**, 1812 Vickers Dr., Glendale, CA 91208.
For more information, contact **Catherine Ohl** at 858-467-9469 or e-mail ohl@acatmeowz.com.

by Catherine Ohl, LAC VP Communications

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.

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 and there really is no compelling reason not to wear one. ✨



Courtesy Sierra-at-Tahoe

Combating 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. ✨

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 Cruchy 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

What's News at Western Ski Resorts

by Catherine Ohl, LAC VP Communications

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.

Northwest Areas Endure Prolonged Snow 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.

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.

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. *



Courtesy Mt. Bachelor



Courtesy Sun Valley



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Mammoth Tripping with LAC Clubs



Mammoth Mountain

*** Legend of Ski Clubs**

- AEA Aerospace
- ASBCLA Asian
- AUS Auslich
- BCSC Beach Cities
- BSSC Buckhorn
- CCSC Century City
- CSSC Conejo
- ESC Edelweiss
- EXB Executive Board
- FWRA Far West Racing Assoc.
- FWSA Far West Ski Assoc.
- 4SW Four Seasons West
- GSC Grindelwald
- HSC Hughes
- KSC Kronenstadt
- LAC Los Angeles Council
- LBSC Long Beach
- LPSC Los Padres
- NBS Nat'l Brotherhood of Skiers
- PRA Pacific Rim Alliance
- RRR Radar River Rats
- SAGA Saga
- SBSSC Santa Barbara
- SSCLA Single
- SSSC* Slope Surfers
- SSC Snow Busters
- SBSC South Bay
- TVSC Tri Valley
- TRW The Right Way
- TU Unrecables
- USRSA US Recreation Ski Assoc.
- WSC Wailers
- WWSC Westwood
- WFSA Winter Fox

*SSSC trips are for BCSC, HSC, SBSC, SSCL, and TRW

Dates	Club*	Contact	Email / Phone
Mar 04-06, 2005	KSC	Jean Evans-	jeanmje@aol.com
Mar 04-06, 2005	LPSC	Tom Reed-	vpwkendski@lospadresskiclub.net / 805.485.6717
Mar 04-06, 2005	SSSC*	Mike Madden-	vp@slopesurfers.org / 310.416.5346
Mar 04-06, 2005	WSC	Rob Townsend-	trip@wailersskiclub.org / 626.792.9371
Mar 04-06, 2005	WSC / GSC	Rob Townsend-	trip@wailersskiclub.org / 626.792.9371
Mar 11, 2005	Slalom clinic	Scott Peer-	Scott.g.peer@jpl.nasa.gov / 818.500.0488
Mar 11-13, 2005	AEA	Lena Gorgi-	yeslena@msn.com / 310.540.3996
Mar 11-13, 2005	CCSC	Michelle Hollister-	mammothtrips@ccscsports.org / 818-363-4080
Mar 11-13, 2005	CSSC	Susan Revello-	mammoth@conejoski.org / 818.704.0377
Mar 11-13, 2005	ESSC	Roy Megahan-	jodiburt@earthlink.net / 818.780.5736
Mar 11-13, 2005	LBSC	Julie Elder-	weekendtrips@longbeachskiclub.org / 562.437.3943
Mar 11-13, 2005	SAGA	Marc-	tripoperations@sagala.org
Mar 11-13, 2005	SSCLA	Sandy Blackwell-	sb3@jmbm.com / 818.352.2597
Mar 11-13, 2005	WFSA	Cheryl Cowley-	310.892.2358
Mar 11-16, 2005	TVSC / AUS	Debbie Russell-	sgtdeb1@aol.com / 909.624.8737
Mar 18-20, 2005	KSC	Jean Evans-	jeanmje@aol.com
Mar 18-20, 2005	WSC	Rob Townsend-	trip@wailersskiclub.org / 626.792.9371
Mar 18-20, 2005	WSC / GSC	Rob Townsend-	trip@wailersskiclub.org / 626.792.9371
Mar 18-21, 2005	SSSC*	Mike Madden-	vp@slopesurfers.org / 310.416.5346
Mar 24-27, 2005	LBSC	Julie Elder-	weekendtrips@longbeachskiclub.org / 562.437.3943
Mar 25-27, 2005	AEA	Lena Gorgi-	yeslena@msn.com / 310.540.3996
Mar 25-27, 2005	ASBCLA	Craig & Evie Pitcairn-	therockpit@cox.net
Mar 25-27, 2005	SSCLA	Sandy Blackwell-	sb3@jmbm.com / 818.352.2597
Mar 31 - Apr 03, 2005	SBSSC	Tom Doolittle-	tom-doolittle@cox.net / 805.964.9510
Apr 01-03, 2005	CCSC	Michelle Hollister-	mammothtrips@ccscsports.org / 818-363-4080
Apr 01-03, 2005	KSC	Jean Evans-	jeanmje@aol.com
Apr 01-03, 2005	LPSC	Tom Reed-	vpwkendski@lospadresskiclub.net / 805.485.6717
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Apr 08-10, 2005	KSC	Jean Evans-	jeanmje@aol.com
Apr 14-17, 2005	TVSC / AUS	Debbie Russell-	sgtdeb1@aol.com / 909.624.8737
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Apr 16-18, 2005	BSSC	Rod Rice-	CBuckhorn@aol.com / 949.360.3757 [weekdays]
Apr 22-24, 2005	WSC	Rob Townsend-	trip@wailersskiclub.org / 626.792.9371
Apr 29 - May 01, 2005	SSSC*	Mike Madden-	vp@slopesurfers.org / 310.416.5346
May 13-15, 2005	TU	Karen Finfer-	kfinfer@rcre.com / 310.998.8550

Trippings Around the Country with LAC Clubs



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Mar 03-07, 2005	Tahoe, CA	LPSC	Sylvia Barnes- vplongski@lospadresskiclub.net / 805.648.7040	
Mar 04-15, 2005	Val Gardena, Italy	LBSC	Mil Green- milgreen@att.net / 626.357.1090	
Mar 05-13, 2005	Bormio, Italy	LPSC	Sylvia Barnes- vplongski@lospadresskiclub.net / 805.648.7040	
Mar 05-13, 2005	Bormio, Italy	PRA / RRR	Gene Fulkerson- gene@pacificrimalliance.org / 858.467.9469	
Mar 06-13, 2005	Aspen, CO	ASBCLA	Steve Ott- steve.ott@water.ladwp.com / 661.259.3929	
Mar 09-13, 2005	Florence, Italy	AUS	Nancy Sanford- nanskii@aol.com / 909.585.5594	
Mar 09-14, 2005	Salt Lake City, UT	SBSSC	Tom Doolittle- tom-doolittle@cox.net / 805.964.9510	
Mar 11-16, 2005	Mammoth/Tahoe, CA	TVSC / AUS	Debbie Russell- sgtdeb1@aol.com / 909.624.8737	
Mar 12-19, 2005	Bormio, Italy	USRSA	Nancy Sanford- nanskii@aol.com / 909.585.5594	
Mar 12-19, 2005	St. Moritz, CH	FWSA	Tucker Hoffmann- FWSATravel@aol.com / 510.278.5900	
Mar 12-19, 2005	Sun Valley, ID	CSSC	Peggy San Filipo- ski@conejoski.org	
Mar 13-18, 2005	Malta	PRA/RRR	Gene Fulkerson- gene@pacificrimalliance.org / 858.467.9469	
Mar 18-20, 2005	Heavenly, CA	FWRA	Bob Ellis / 925.487.7771	
Mar 18-20, 2005	Heavenly, CA	TVSC / AUS	Debbie Russell- sgtdeb1@aol.com / 909.624.8737	
Mar 19-22, 2005	Sorrento, Italy	AUS	Nancy Sanford- nanskii@aol.com / 909.585.5594	
Mar 19-27, 2005	Grindelwald, Swizerland	SAGA	Marc- tripoperations@sagala.org	
Apr 17-24, 2005	Sunshine, Banff	AUS	Hal Mankau- halmusic@verizon.net / 562.924.0979	
Apr 17-24, 2005	Sunshine, Banff	LAC	Sigrid Noack- skisig@earthlink.net / 310.823.1373	
Aug 2005	Chile	PRA	Gene Fulkerson- gene@pacificrimalliance.org / 858.467.9469	
Sept 2005	China	FWSA	Tucker Hoffmann- FWSATravel@aol.com / 510.278.5900	
Feb 04-11, 2006	Telluride, CO	FWSA	Bonnie West- travel@lacouncil.org / 562.699.8880	

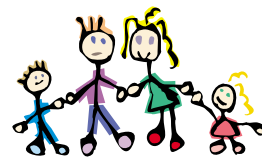


Heavenly Valley



FAR WEST FAMILY SKI TRIP Mammoth Mountain, CA

April 16 -17, 2005



Far West Sponsored Pizza Party—

Lodging Deals—

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



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.

Beginners Welcome—

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

Information—

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

Skiing in the Far West Recreation Boom

by Catherine Ohl, LAC VP Communications



John Watson 1971

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.



Packing Olympic Slopes

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. In 1962, FWSA used the proceeds from previous flights to send seven junior racers, with their coach Dave McCoy, to Europe on one of the charter flights. This opportunity allowed these young racers to ski in Europe and get a taste of international racing.

1960 Olympics—

The fact that Squaw Valley was awarded the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley was an amazing feat. Andrew Hauk served as Vice Chairman of the California Olympic Commission which supervised the spending of \$8,990,000 appropriated by the State of California for acquiring and constructing all of the major facilities required for the staging of the games. Gene Williams, Far West Chairman of the National Ski Patrol System, proposed that NSPS patrol for these winter Olympics. Backed by the Far West Ski Association, this Olympics was the first time the games were covered by a volunteer ski patrol. The Olympic Ski Patrol (OSP) was made up of 48 men and 3 women. The volunteers were led by Emil “Chris” Christensen of Pasadena, CA. Bud Mills, who founded the Far West Avalanche Program, was

patrol leader of the OSP avalanche detail.

Thousands of new California skiers joined the ranks and in 1966, FWSA implemented bylaw changes at its Las Vegas Convention, enabling the organization to expand its professional staff and develop a broad spectrum of programs attractive to recreational skiers. The Association developed a marketing approach, which proved very successful in attracting more members. These included; club and league racing, membership benefits, a newspaper, public affairs programs, insurance, and travel vacation ski weeks.

The Beginning of Councils—

Councils began forming in the late 1940’s. In late 1947, the Bay Area Ski Federation was organized “For the welfare of Bay Area Skiers “ and voted to join Far West as the Bay Area Council of FWSA in 1961. Southern Council of the Far West Ski Association existed as early as 1948 and was made up of the 4th district of the CSA. FWSA recognized a Central and a San Diego Council in the 1960s. Club racing leagues began formally in Southern California in 1964 with Rokka and Southeast Leagues.

Bringing the purposes of the councils and the regional association more into alignment began with Southern Council in 1969. The Southern Council began to regard itself as a district arm and promoted the programs of the FWSA, even creating council positions mirroring the program positions at the regional level. This resulted in a synergistic benefit to both council and region.

In the 70s strenuous but ultimately unsuccessful attempts were made to bring in councils in Arizona and Sacramento and the Tahoe-Reno area, the latter as the Sierra (Nevada) Council. An unanticipated result was the spinoff from Southern Council (later to be renamed Los Angeles Council) of the Inland and Orange Councils in 1971. Southern was a huge council, including over 60 clubs meeting as far east as San Bernardino, south to cover Orange County, and north to Santa Barbara and even Mammoth Mountain! The devolution made it easier for club representatives to make it to meetings and do useful work. ✨



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Tri Valley Ski Club

Tri Valley's Gary Gilmore will be offering members a **Mystery Night** on Friday, April, 1, 2005. This is no April Fools.

www.trivalleyskiclub.com

Conejo Ski Club

Saturday, March 19 2005, Conejo will be **Hiking** from the Rancho Road Park and Ride. Hike starts at 9 AM.

www.conejoski.org

Buckhorn Ski & Board Club

Buckhorn's lodge has been damaged due to too much snow. Operations are suspended until they can **dig out the lodge** and access the damage. If you'd like to help contact Rod Rice at 949-637-4810

www.orgsites.com/cal/buckhorn

Wailers Ski Club

Join the Wailers for **An Evening at Bodega Wine Bar** in Pasadena on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 8:30 PM. Bodega has more than 40 wines to choose from and some different drinks like sake, Soju cocktails and Calimochos.

www.wailersskiclub.org

Los Padres Ski Club

Mark your calendars for the **Kern River Tube Trip** on July 22-24, 2005.

www.lospadresskiclub.net

Singles Ski Club

Singles has scheduled a **Weekend Escape Bike Ride** to Monterey and Carmel on Friday, April 22, 2005 - Sunday, April 24, 2005.

www.singleskiclub.org

Far West Ski Association

If you are a member of an LAC club, you are a member of FWSA and you can participate in the following events.

www.fwsa.org

- **ST.MORTIZ, SWITZERLAND** Mar 12-19, 2005
Tucker Hoffmann, Trip Leader
510.278.5900 / tkhoffmann@aol.com
- **CONVENTION** June 9-12, 2005
Westin, LongBeach
Catherine Ohl, Chair
858-467-9469 / ohl@acatmeowz.com
- **CHINA** Sept 2005
Tucker Hoffmann, Trip Leader
510.278.5900 / tkhoffmann@aol.com
- **HAWAII CRUISE** Oct 9-16, 2005
Harry & Karen Davis, Trip Leaders
800.301.9673 / groups@montrosetravel.com
- **TELLURIDE, COLORADO** Feb 4-11, 2006
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CCSC

CCSC, still referred by many as Century City Ski Club, also stands for California's Complete Sports Club. CCSC will be returning to Solvang for **Wining and Biking**, April 22-24, 2005. They will be staying two nights at the Best Western King Frederik Inn.

www.ccscsports.org

Auslich Ski & Recreation Club

Aprils Fools is not just another day. Auslich will once again have a **Game Night** at Melanie's, starting around 7 PM. Bring an appetizer to share, what you want to drink and a game you would want to play with others.

www.auslichskiclub.org

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IAC Calendar of Events

MARCH 2005

- 7 General Meeting
- 12 / 13 Ullr / Rokka Races
- 18 - 20 FWRA Championships

APRIL 2005

- 4 General Meeting
- 6-10 Mountain Travel Symposium
- 15-17 Mammoth Appreciation Weekend
- 15-17 FWSA Family Weekend
- 16-17 **LAC Championships / So. Cals**
- 17-24 **LAC Sunshine / Banff**

JUNE 2005

- 9 - 12 FWSA Convention, *Westin, Long Beach*
Catherine Ohl @ 858.467.9469
ohl@acatmeowz.com
- 10 @ 5 PM **LAC all club Happy Hour**, *Westin*
- 10 @ 7 PM Silent Auction, *Westin*

SEPTEMBER 2005

- 11 or 18 FWSA trip to China

OCTOBER 2005

- 9-16 FWSA Hawaiian Cruise

FEBRUARY 2006

- 4-11 LAC Ski Week to Telluride, CO
- 4-11 FWSA Ski Week to Telluride, CO

Los Angeles Council

LAC is a member council of the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) and the National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) and is entitled to privileges of both organizations.

LAC is made up of 30 member clubs located throughout the greater Los Angeles region. The council offers a forum for clubs to come together to share activities and lessons learned. LAC sponsors at least one major Ski Week, a four-day Ski Trip, Club Races, Race Camps, Volleyball, Softball, Gala Dance and Summer Events.

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(southeast corner of Manchester / Sepulveda)

General Meetings—

First Monday of the Month, 7 PM

Marie Calendar's

4356 Lincoln, Marina del Rey
(end of Hwy 90 at Lincoln, northeast corner)

Convention Meetings—

Third Monday of the Month, 7 PM

Board Meetings—

Fourth Monday of the Month, 7 PM



2004/05 Race Schedules

League Races

Mar 12 / 13 Ullr / Rokka Mammoth

Championships

Mar 18 - 20 FWRA Heavenly
April 16 - 17 SOCALS Mammoth *

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www.lacouncil.org

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www.aeclubs.org/ski/index.htm

Asian
www.asbcla.org

Auslich
www.auslichskiclub.org

Beach Cities
www.bcskiclub.org

Buckhorn
www.orgsites.com/ca/buckhorn

Century City
www.ccscsports.org

Conejo
www.conejoski.org

Edelweiss
www.edelweissskiclub.org/

Executive Board

Four Seasons West
www.4sw.com

Grindelwald Ski Club
www.grindelwaldskiclub.org

Hughes Ski Club

Kronenstadt
<http://geocities.com/kronenstadtski/>

Long Beach
www.longbeachskiclub.org

Los Padres
www.lospadresskiclub.net

Over the Hill Gang - Los Angeles

Pacific Rim
www.pacificrimalliance.org

Radar River Rats
www.radarriverrats.org

Saga
www.sagala.org

Santa Barbara
www.sbski.org

Singles
www.singleskiclub.org

Slope Surfers
www.slopesurfers.org

Snow Busters

South Bay
www.southbayskiclub.org

The Right Way
www.therightwayskiclub.org

The Unrecables
<http://home.earthlink.net/~unrecables>

Tri Valley
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