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## LA COUNCIL IS THE BEST EVER!

The LA Council Far West Convention Committee Team pictured below delivered the best ever convention! For details see pages 10-13.



Courtesy Jim Degner

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—“HELLO”!

by Rinda Wohlwend, LAC President > > > > > > > > > > > > >

As your newly elected President of LA Council, I'd like to say a big “Hello” to all clubs and members. I look forward to serving as your President and working with our very exceptional LA Council Board Members. This is one terrific team! I would also like to acknowledge and thank **Jacquie Nemor** as Past President for her outstanding leadership, hard work and friendship.



Courtesy Bonnie West

## Far West Convention –

LA Council is very proud to have served as the host council for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Far West Convention and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the

Westin in Long Beach this past June. And what a fantastic convention it was!

This convention was the culmination of over two years' hard work and efforts of so many people. I believe it outshined all previous

conventions and will be remembered by all as the “Diamond Memories” convention.

## Summer Fun –

Moving right along into summer, we find the LA Council clubs having houseboat trips, water skiing trips, train trips, Hollywood Bowl evenings, wine tastings, bike rides, kayaking, camping, lobster fests, Baja trips, cruises, and fun adventures of all types.

And, would you believe, as of June, they're still skiing at Mammoth from 7 AM to 2 PM! Talk about getting the most out of your season pass. Wow! Several clubs will be there for Jazz Fest in July.

## President's Meeting—

Club Presidents, please mark you calendars NOW for the annual Presidents Meeting on August 1, 2005 at 7 PM. How can we increase our membership? or Get people to fill Board Positions? These and other topics deserve our discussion. Please bring your

club's questions, ideas and topics for discussion. Meeting will be at the IHOP in Westchester at 8600 South Sepulveda Blvd (southeast corner of Manchester and Sepulveda).

## Shop 'til You Drop—

Looking ahead to the Fall, on Sunday, October 23, 2005 we will join with Orange Council to hold our “Shop 'til You Drop” event at H&H Jobbing in Redondo Beach, CA. This year, in addition to food, drinks, music, and a ride on the Virtual Snow ski ramp, there will also be a ski swap. This will be a fun event with lots of great bargains! *(See page 9 for details.)*

## Snow Gala—

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5, 2005 for our Snow Gala dinner dance which kicks off the ski season and honors clubs' Man and Woman of the Year contest. Festivities will be at the Marina del Rey Hotel. *(See page 9 for details.)*

See you soon. ✨ *Rinda*



Courtesy Jim Degner

## LA Council Presidents Convention Photo Op—

- John Watson** '69-70
- Grady Smith** '89-90
- Jacquie Nemor** '03-05
- Ed Knott** '00-03
- Bonnie West** '98-00
- Clarence Ballenger** '93-94
- Rinda Wohlwend** '05+
- Sigrid Noack** '96-98
- Ray Craig** '91-93, '94-96
- Jane Wyckoff** '75-77
- Gene Fulkerson** '83-85

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS— DUES ARE NOW DUE

> > > > > > > > > > > > > by Iris Williams, LAC Membership VP



## Dues are NOW Due—

Just a reminder that LA Council club dues are **NOW** due. Our membership year is from July 1 - June 30. Dues for 2004-2005 are merely \$30 per club. Please submit your dues to me asap.

Courtesy Jim Degner



## Membership has it Benefits—

Membership in LAC gives your members all the benefits offered by LA Council [lacouncil.org], Far West Ski Association [fwsa.org] and the National Ski Council Federation [skifederation.org]

Additional important benefits for joining LA Council include:

- Links to Club's Web Sites, contact information and trip dates are posted on the LAC Web Site—www.lacouncil.org.
- Each Club's officers receives a copy of the award winning bi-monthly LAC Newsletter "Snow Scene."
- Clubs have the ability to obtain insurance with few exclusions.
- Club's are represented at Ski Dazzle and are able to earn money by working the Swap.
- Clubs and/or Members are able to participate in LAC and FWSA Ski Weeks.
- Clubs are encouraged to join one of LAC's race leagues. In the summer, Clubs can field volleyball teams.
- Race and Snowboard Camps are available to Club's members.
- Clubs are listed in the Far West "Skier's Guide."
- Clubs can attend the Annual Snow Gala Dinner and Dance. The Gala also recognizes the Man and Woman of the Year from the Clubs.
- Discounts for members on a variety of products at lacouncil.org, fwsa.org, and skifederation.org. ❄️ Iris

## WATER SPORT SAFETY TIP—

### Wear A Life Jacket if...

- You are under 12 years.
- When boating alone.
- You are a weak swimmer.
- It's night.
- If the weather turns bad.



### Beach Sunning—

- Don't forget to put sunscreen on the
- part in your hair
  - tops of your ears
  - tops of your feet.

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# Telluride, Colorado

## February 4-11, 2006

### Trip Includes-

- 7 nights Lodging [double occupancy]
- 5 out of 7 day Lift Ticket
- Welcome Party
- 3 Races
- Mountain Picnic
- Après Ski Party
- Pub Crawl
- Farewell Awards Banquet
- Registration

**\$775-**  
**\$1125\*** +  
*air & transfers*

### Payment Schedule & Cancellation Penalty-

Deposit	Due By	Cancellation Fee
\$100 pp	Deposit due NOW	none
\$200 pp	July 1, 2005	\$25 pp
\$400 pp	September 1, 2005	\$100 pp
Balance	November 1, 2005	\$100 pp & cost

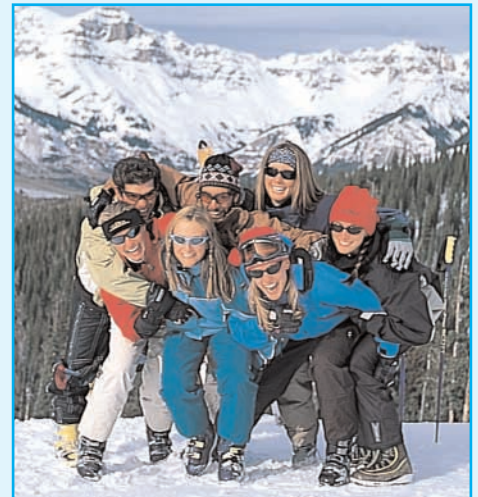
### Reservations & Information-

**Bonnie West**  
**travel@lacouncil.org or 562.699.8880**

\* Price depends on choice of lodging



Courtesy Telluride/Tony Demin



Courtesy Telluride

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## Telluride Mountain Stats

- 8,725 ft Town Elevation & Coonskin Base
- 9,540 ft Village Elevation
- 12,260 ft Gold Hill Summit
- 3,535 ft vertical drop
- 84 trails
- 24% beginner / 38% intermediate / 38% advanced-expert
- 16 lifts [2 gondola, 7 quads, 2 triples, 2 dbls, 3 surface]
- 4.6 mile Galloping Goose is longest run
- 1,700 acres skiable terrain
- 18.6 miles nordic trails
- 309 inches average snowfall per year
- 50 Bars & Restaurants
- 69 Shops and Galleries



TELLURIDE



Courtesy Telluride/T.R. Youngstrom

# TRAVEL TIDBITS— 2006 TRIP UPDATES

> > > > > > > > > > > > > > > > *by Bonnie West, LAC Travel VP*



Hope you are enjoying the summer. It's hard to think about skiing when it is hot, hot, hot!

The Convention in Long Beach was a great success and thanks to **Catherine Ohi** for pulling all the pieces together. LA clubs did a great job! A lot of club members showed up for the Silent Auction Friday night and got some great bargains.

Folks were still skiing Mammoth until the end of June. The only chairs open were 1, 3 and 23 from 7 AM – 2 PM, but those who went had a great time! No beginners on those slopes.

## Telluride – February 4-11, 2006

Several clubs have signed up for the Ski Week in Telluride. If

your club isn't going to Telluride, and you want to go, we still have spaces at a very reasonable rate. This week should be great fun and a chance to meet other Far West skiers. *(See page 4 for details.)*

## Prague & Kitzbühel – March 14-25, 2006

Imagine a week in Kitzbühel, the most famous holiday resort in Tyrolean Austria. There is something here for everyone! For the skiers there is 99 miles of manicured pistes. For the non-skiers, there is hiking, skating, swimming, sauna, a casino and more. Excursions to Salzburg, Innsbruck, Munich and Venice are available.

An optional pre-trip to romantic Prague starts your European adventure. Prague is

also one of nine cities, which were awarded the title of “European metropolis of culture in 2000” by the European Union.

We still have spots available, so make your plans early. *(See page 6 for details.)*

## The Future—

Believe it or not – we're already looking at bids for 2007!!!

The emphasis here is to make your travel plans early! These trips will either be sold out, or the spaces will be dropped soon!

Have a great summer! ✨



Courtesy Catherine Ohi

*Bonnie*

## FAR WEST CLUB AWARDS—

### Tollakson for Outstanding Club

	A	AA	AAA	AAAA
1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Mountain High (NW)	<b>Pacific Rim (LAC)</b>	Bergfreunde (NW)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	-	<b>Singles (LAC)</b>	Apres (BAC)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	-	-	North Island (SDC)

### Wentworth for Outstanding Club Newsletter

	A	AA	AAA	AAAA
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Unrecables (LAC)</b>	Mountain High (NW)	Orange County (OC)	North Island (SDC)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	<b>Tri Valley (LAC)</b>	Torrey Pines (SDC)	Bergfreunde (NW)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Don Diego (SDC)	<b>Pacific Rim (LAC)</b>	Apres (BAC)

### Outstanding Club Web Site

	A	AA	AAA	AAAA
1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Mountain High (NW)	<b>Pacific Rim (LAC)</b>	Bergfreunde (NW)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Motorola (AZ)	Phoenix (AZ)	North Island (SDC)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Don Diego (SDC)	Action (SDC)	-



Courtesy Jim Degner

Gordon Cardona  
Unrecables



Courtesy Jim Degner

Judith Miller  
Singles

LA Council of Ski Club presents—

# Kitzbühel, Austria

March 17-25, 2006

**\$1,425\***

### Trip includes—

- ◊ Round trip economy air from LAX on Lufthansa
- ◊ Round trip transfers from airport to Kitzbühel
- ◊ 7 nights lodging at 3-star Hotel Edelweiss (Dbl. Occ.)
- ◊ Breakfast & dinner daily
  - Farewell Gala dinner
- ◊ 2 Euros/day toward drink
- ◊ Après Ski coffee & cake buffet
- ◊ Local Taxes & Service Charges in Europe
- ◊ Local English speaking representative
- ◊ Vacation Protection Plan

### Does NOT Include—

- ◊ Lift tickets
- ◊ Air taxes, fees, fuel charges (est. \$210)

### Reservations & Information—

Bonnie West at [travel@lacouncil.org](mailto:travel@lacouncil.org) or 562.699.8880

### Payment & Cancellation Schedule—

Deposit	Due By	Cancellation Fee
\$200 pp	Deposit due now	none
\$500 pp	September 30, 2005	\$100
\$500 pp	December 1, 2005	\$250
Balance	December 30, 2005	\$350
	January 30, 2006	no refund unless replaced



*\* Pricing based on 1 Euro = \$1.23. Trip price could change, depending on the exchange rate at time of final payment.*

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**\$215\***

# Prague, Czech Republic

March 14-18, 2006

### Prague pre-trip includes—

- ◊ 3 nights at a Hotel (Dbl. Occ.)
  - Daily breakfast
- ◊ Half day city tour of Prague with English speaking guide
  - Entrance to Vladislav Hall in Prague Castle
- ◊ Prague to Kitzbühel transfer



You are invited to join Far West

## 7-Day Hawaii Cruise aboard the Pride of Aloha Sail

October 9-16, 2005

Cruise from Honolulu visiting the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island.

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There is something for everyone on board!

### Pricing—

Category	FWSA Price
J Inside	\$1025
G Ocean View	\$1225
D Deluxe Ocean View	\$1389
BE Balcony	\$1669

### Additional information—

- \* **Deposit**— \$350 per person at time of booking [\$50 pp non-refundable]
- \* **Final Payment**— July 5, 2005
- \* **Airfare**— Contact Montrose Travel at 800.301.9673 for lowest airfare
- \* **Transfers**— \$40 per person
- \* **Gratuities**— \$70 per person (payable on board)
- \* **Credit Cards Accepted**— Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover

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To sign up visit <http://www.montrosetravel.com/index.php?fwsa> or call Linda at Montrose Travel at **800.301.9673**

## THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED GIFTS FOR THE CONVENTION DELEGATES.

Every delegate received the following.

- > A beautiful messenger bag courtesy **Andy Vogel** from the following
  - **Tacone** ([www.tacone.com](http://www.tacone.com))
  - **City Kitchen** ([www.citykitchenla.us](http://www.citykitchenla.us))
  - **Millennium Media & Graphics**
  - **Pure Indulgence** Chocolatiers & Baksets ([www.pureindulgence.com](http://www.pureindulgence.com))
- > Martini blinking pin courtesy **Gene Fulkerson**
- > Hypnotic mints courtesy **Gene Fulkerson**
- > Badge Lanyard from Paul Webber of **PRW Sports Luggage** ([www.prwsl.com](http://www.prwsl.com))
- > A Warren Miller video or coffee cup from **Mountain Chalet** ([www.mchalet.net](http://www.mchalet.net))
- > Ski Boot Shot Glass courtesy **Gene Fulkerson**
- > Sunblock Stick from **Sunsoother** ([www.sunsoother.com](http://www.sunsoother.com))
- > Outdoor pack from **Vacation Connections** ([www.vacationconnections.com](http://www.vacationconnections.com))
- > Carabineer Key Ring from **Heavenly Ski Resort** ([www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com))
- > Convention pin from **Far West Ski Association** ([www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org))
- > Mogel Mike Ski Trivia Game from **Bob Settineri** ([www.sierraproductions.com](http://www.sierraproductions.com))
- > 75 year commemorative pin from **Far West Ski Association** ([www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org))
- > Luggage Tag from **The Parking Spot** ([www.theparkingspot.com](http://www.theparkingspot.com))
- > A full size item from a selection of wonderful **Neutrogena** products ([www.neutrogena.com](http://www.neutrogena.com))



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

# PROGRAM PROSPECTS— ALL THE FUN STUFF

by Mary Allariston, LAC Programs VP > > > > > > > > > > > >

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS!, to all of LA Council for their wonderful efforts and the huge success of the Far West Convention in Long Beach. Everyone did an outstanding job, and we should all be very proud!!



Courtesy Bonnie West

## Snow Gala—

Thanks to **Celeste Coleman** and her theme of “Let it Snow” last year... it did snow – a lot!!! And they’re still skiing at Mammoth! In honor of that, we are keeping the same theme for the Snow Gala this year, to be held at the Marina Del Rey Hotel on November 5, 2005.

There is a block of rooms that are set aside for this event, at a discounted price, so reserve yours now!! (It’s never too early

to plan for a GOOD TIME!)

The Grand Raffle Prize this year is 5 nights lodging, 4 days lifts in, where else but, TELLURIDE! And the added bonus of this year’s prize is that it can be used any time throughout the year!!! Of course it can be used during Far West/LAC Ski Week, but if you’re not able to make that, it can also be used at another time.

We plan to have lots and lots of great raffle prizes for everyone to win, along with a great evening of dining and dancing. Don’t miss this one! Tickets will be coming your way shortly. President **Rinda Wohlwend** and I plan to visit as many clubs as we can to bring you info and Gala & Raffle tickets. We’ll be seeing you soon. (See page 9 for details.)

## Shop ‘til You Drop—

And don’t forget our H & H

Jobbing day on Sunday, October 23, 2005. We will be having a mini “Ski Swap” for you to sell your clothing and equipment at the event. It should be a great time, and perhaps you’ll make enough \$\$ to spend some on new “stuff”!!! (See page 9 for details.)

## Ski Dazzle—

Ski Dazzle will be here before you know it, and we’ll need lots of help with the LAC booth. Please contact me if you would like to help us out. I’ll need lots of volunteers.

And keep your ears open for some NEW events we hope to implement for next year!!! We want to do some really fun things for all the clubs in the council to enjoy and come together as a group. I think you’ll be in for some big surprises!!! \*

Mary

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LA COUNCIL CONVENTION COMMITTEE—

*Words cannot express how I truly feel about the FWSA 75<sup>th</sup> Convention. Fantastic! The BEST in the History of Western, or even National (USSA), SkiSport Conventions. Unbelievably a masterpiece of professional perfection, something that all of those who attended will remember the rest of our lives.*

*There isn’t a thing the committee could have done better. I just wish it lasted a week so I could have spent time reading all the wonderful historical presentations word for word.*



Courtesy Emilio Trampuz

*Your kindness and friendship to all those attending will last forever. I only wish there had been a reception line of all the volunteers so those of us in attendance could have shaken their hand and said a grateful “Thank you.”*

*Chuck Morse, Former Executive Director of Far West (and damn proud of it)*

## AND A SECOND—

*If Chuckles is making a motion, may I please second it.*

*Doug Pfeiffer, Ski Books International*



Courtesy Jim Degner

Chuck Morse



# 2005 LAC SNOW GALA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005, 6 PM



2004 MEN & WOMEN OF YEAR

## Marina del Rey Hotel

13524 Bali Way, Marina del Rey  
310.301.1000

**\$50\***

### Evening Events—

- 6 PM — No Host Bar
- 7 PM — Elegant Sit Down Dinner
  - Choice of Salmon, Prime Rib or Vegetarian
- 8 PM — **Men & Women of Year Awards**
- 9 PM — Dancing until the wee hours (midnight)
  - The Fabulous **Patti Stone & River Rock Band**
  - Raffle Prizes, Great Door Prizes
  - FREE Parking

### Dinner Tickets & Reservations—

- Contact your Club's LAC Representative or
  - **Mary Albritton** at 562.856.0922 or [programs@lacouncil.org](mailto:programs@lacouncil.org)
  - **Ed Knott** at 310.313.1902 or [whyknott@mac.com](mailto:whyknott@mac.com)
  - 11930 Avon Way, #105, Los Angeles, 90066

\* \$70 after October 24, 2005

*Dress is Cocktail / Formal*

## Grand Raffle— Tickets only \$1 each

- **Grand Prize:** Trip for Two to Telluride for Five Nights
  - Includes 4 Days of Lift Tickets valid for 2005-06 season
- Lots of Great Raffle Prizes [lift tickets, lodging & more]
- Winners need **NOT** be present

### Gala Hotel Room Rate at Marina Del Rey Hotel is \$123.17—

- Call 310.301.1000 or 800.882.4000 for reservations
- Rate good until October 5, 2005 or when block is sold out.

## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Sunday, October 23, 2005  
Noon - 5 PM

## H & H JOBBING

2772 W. Artesia Blvd.,  
Redondo Beach, 310.793.9150

### Afternoon Events—

- Deep Discounted Ski & Snowboard New Fashions & Accessories
- Experience Virtual Snow with **Bob Salerno**, 2-Time World Champion
- Food, Drink, Music, Dancing
- Mini-Swap
- Ski Club, Trip Information, Mtn. Reps
- Prizes

### For Information—

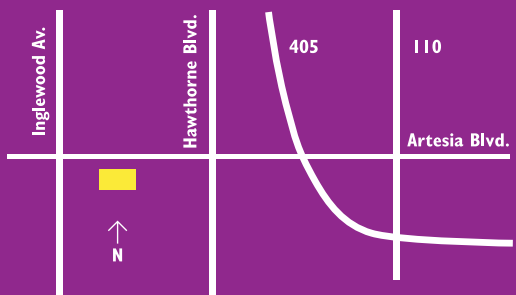
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### About H&H Jobbing—

H & H Jobbing is a Discount Outlet Store serving the Greater Los Angeles Area. They have been selling wholesale to the public since 1940. They specialize in middle to high-end ski and snowboard apparel and accessories for the whole family.

You will not find a larger or more extensive inventory anywhere in the world!

In addition to clothing, they carry a huge selection of Snowboards, Boots, Bindings. Hard to find small sizes are their specialty.





# FAR WEST CONVENTION WRAP— THE BEST EVER!!!

by Catherine Ohl, Far West 2005 Convention Chair > > > > > > > > >

photos courtesy Jim Degner, Catherine Ohl, Bonnie West, Chile Holtz, Agnes Johnson

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Courtesy Chile Holtz

The Kayak Volunteers



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

Buckhorn Yoddlers



Courtesy Jim Degner

Elaine Guidotti & John Perkins  
LAC Woman & Man of the Year



Courtesy Jim Degner

Special Guests— Billy Kidd, Delo  
Armstrong, Jimmie Hengag, Chris  
Davenport, Glen Plake, Bob Salerno

Some have said that the 73<sup>rd</sup> Far West Convention was the BEST ever. I am inclined to agree but then I may be just a bit biased. But that's exactly what the great LA Council convention team set out to do— to make sure this convention would not soon be forgotten. With close to 300 registered delegates and hundreds more as guests, this convention is one for the record books.

### Optional Activities—

As usual, the fun began Thursday night at the Pub Crawl with **Britt & Dolly Johnson** leading about 120 happy revelers crawling up and down Pine Avenue while enjoying tasty foods and mighty fine drinks at four great bars.

Friday brought some very special optional events to the convention as we took full advantage of our unique surroundings. The golfers, led by **Ed Knott**, gathered at 6:30 AM in the lobby to head over to Recreation Park for a round of 18. (See page 12 for the fun details.)

**Barbara Kedwards** led more than 60 people in the kayaking armada with help from **Karyn & Marty Purmot, Donna & Chile Holtz, Susie Yarian, and Joanne Seebach.**

**Mary Albritton** took more than 40 others to the Queen Mary for the “Historic” and “Ghost” Tours. The Ghost Tour guide definitely gave an academy award winning performance! Would you believe, one lady in our group had sailed the Queen years ago and still remembered her room number!?! [We did notice that some of our group had trouble remembering their room number at the Westin.] After touring, everyone enjoyed a fabulous lunch on board in the Promenade.

**Melanie Dietz** took about 20 people for a private guided tour of the Aquarium of the Pacific ending at Bubba Gumps for a delicious lunch.

### Silent Auction—

The convention officially kicked off Friday night with the annual Silent Auction and, as always, there were many amazing deals to be had on trips and other items. Once again **Jane Wyckoff** and **Barbara Razo** did another great job. Our advertising paid off as there were more than 300 walk-ins in addition to our delegates. This explains why LA once again set a new record for sales revenue.

Our special thanks to **Grady Smith** [and his wife **Shelly**] for serving as auctioneer— on his wedding anniversary. What a night! The “Welcome Party” was sponsored by **Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge** and the fine ale was donated by **Firestone Walker Brewery Company.**

As part of the 75 year celebration of our snowsport history, museums, resorts, organizations, Far West, clubs, and councils had amazing displays of ski history. Unfortunately, one would need a week to read everything that was so carefully researched and recorded. It was quite a kick to see so many of our friends, old and new, then and now, in the photos recalling our glorious past.

### Travel Expo—

Saturday was a busy day. The morning was devoted to the Travel Expo, ably run by **Bonnie West**, where all delegates had a chance to meet with the ski industry, up close and personal, in eight ten-minute meetings. This is always a great opportunity for clubs and councils to

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# MORE ON THE FAR WEST CONVENTION—

> > > > > > > > > *by Catherine Ohl, Far West 2005 Convention Chair*



*☞ More Convention News from page 10*  
learn about some new and different opportunities and catch up on changes in the industry. **Debbie Warzynski** won the trip to Telluride donated by Far West.

## Awards Luncheon—

After a short break, we all sat down to a fabulous King Salmon lunch. **Steamboat** presented the Western Heritage Skisport Award to **Ingrid Wicken** for establishing the California Ski Library. **Aspen/Snowmass** presented the annual safety award to **T.J. Barnes**, San Diego. The first highlight of the day was the wonderful presentation of **Ansel Adams'** early photographs by his son, **Dr. Michael Adams**. Lunch was sponsored by **Intrawest Destination Resorts** and the fine ale was again donated by **Firestone Walker Brewery Company**.

## History Reception & Reunion—

The activities after lunch were a departure from the typical convention faire as this time was dedicated to a celebration of ski history. We began with a “reception and reunion” where everyone was given a chance to renew old acquaintances and remember when. The history exhibits were still available for viewing.

The reunion was followed by a multi-media presentation orchestrated by **Steve Coxen** where clips were shown of our very special guests— **Jimmie Heuga & Billy Kidd** [the first American men to win Olympic medals in alpine skiing], **Chris Davenport, Glen Plake & Bob Salerno** [our extreme skiing trio], and **Deb Armstrong** [’84 Olympic gold

medalist]. There were also clips of the Tenth Mountain Division and Goofy’s “The Art of Skiing”, a cartoon previewed at the Far West Convention in 1941. The Multi-media presentation was sponsored by **Ski Big 3—Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine**. The fabulous desserts were provided by **Aspen/Snowmass** and the ice sculpture for our mango martinis was donated by **Finlandia Vodka**.

The final hour [or two] was spent in a choice of four informal presentations. **Jimmie Heuga, Billy Kidd** and **Doug Pringle** met to discuss “Ski Challenges.” **John Watson** hosted a session on “Growing up in Far West.” **Richard Kun**, Snow Summit President, and **Doug Pfeiffer**, former Snow Summit ski instructor, discussed “Ski Area Development in the Far West.” And finally, the **Chris Davenport - Glen Plake - Bob Salerno** trio entertained many with their extreme spins on skiing.

## Dinner Awards—

Saturday night was dinner, awards, dancing and party time! The awards, always an important part of every convention, took up more time than normal as we took advantage of the additional guests to take “reunion” photographs of past award winners. *The service awardees are on page 15.*

The only “grass roots” award presented Saturday night was the crowning of **Steve Coxen** [Northwest] and **Barbara Bryant** [Sierra] as the Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year. **Big White** and **Silver Star** continues to sponsor this prestigious award. The dinner wine was donated by **Penfolds**

*☞ continued on page 13*



Courtesy Jim Degner

*Dr. Michael Adams & John Rosenkranz (Far West logo designer)*



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

*10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division— Howard Koch & Bruce Campbell with Mike Sanford*



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

*Kay Cofield & Billy Kidd*



Courtesy Jim Degner

*Tammie Amsted & Catherine Ohl President's awardees by Mike Sanford*

Check out ALL the convention photos at [www.fwsa2005celebration.org](http://www.fwsa2005celebration.org)

# NUTS & BOLTS— A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE EDITOR

by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP > > > > > > > > > >

## Far West Convention—

The big news this issue is certainly the Far West Convention. It was a great event that LA Council pulled off in grand fashion. Highlights can be found throughout this newsletter.

I would like to thank **Jacquie Nemor** and the entire LA Council for the special award they presented to me at the convention. I will treasure it forever and remember all the incredible people who worked so very hard to make this convention the best ever. Thank you LA Council!



Courtesy Jim Degner

The 2006 Far West convention will be at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa in Chandler, AZ, June 8-11, 2006. Make your plans NOW to attend.

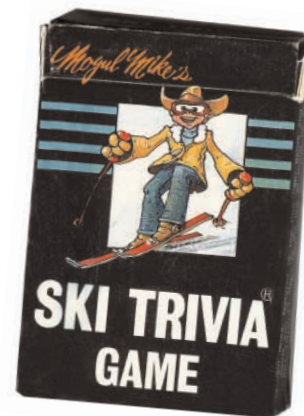
## Ski History Trivia—

While doing research for the Far West history displays for the convention, I ran across an entertaining **Ski Trivia Game**.

This game was developed by **Bob Settineri** of **Sierra Productions** in the 70s. Bob graciously donated enough games for all our delegate. And he still has a couple thousand games which he will sell at a discounted price.



So check it out. And if this is something your club might be interested in, contact Bob at 949-474-0667 or sierraprod@aol for details.



## History Exhibits—

The following LA clubs had fabulous exhibits of their illustrious history on display at the 2005 Far West convention.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Aerospace Auslich</b>     | <b>Long Beach Pacific Rim</b> |
| <b>Buckhorn Conejo</b>       | <b>River Rats Singles</b>     |
| <b>Edelweiss Grindelwald</b> | <b>Tri Valley Unrecables</b>  |

# FAR WEST CONVENTION GOLF— > > > > > > > > > by Ed Knott

On Friday, June 10, 2005, a morning filled with June gloom, 70 intrepid golfers attacked Long Beach's Recreation Park golf course. Eighteen teams of ski industry and ski club golfers vied for prizes and bragging rights— both for team and individual glory.

After 5 hours of outstanding competition, the following teams ascended the proverbial victory platform:

1st place— **Justin Davis, Norm Kreutz** (Silver Star), **Bob Warzynski**, and **Debbie Warzynski**

2nd place— **Libby Arrigo, Brandon Bang** (Big Sky), **Val Clem** and **Eric Thompson** (Salt Lake City CVB)

3rd place— **Denny Bartlett** (Ski Big 3), **Bob Ellis, Adam Feehan** (Mt. Bachelor), and **Wanda Ross**

Not to be intimidated by these contestants, the team of **Norm Cullen** (past president of FWSA), **Casey Green** (Steamboat), **Dennis Heffley** and **Gwen Thompson** (Silver Star) were awarded the prestigious DFL title.

Individual honors went to **Norm (Gorilla) Kreutz** and **Linda (Gooch) Yamaguchi** for winning the longest drive con-

test and to **Laura Cuddie** (Destination Rockies), **Woody Hogan**, and **Kurt Schroeder** (Sportours) for nestling their tee shots closest to the hole. Congratulations!

Many thanks go to the people who helped make this year's tournament so enjoyable. Heading the list is this year's sponsor Snowbasin Ski Area, represented so ably by **Cyd Heatherly**. Thanks also to **Rick Malin, Jack Miller** and **Jacquie Nemor** for their assistance. One final thank you to **M.C.** and **Harry Eastman** and to **Gene Fulkerson** for donating additional prizes.

On to Phoenix in 2006 for the next round!

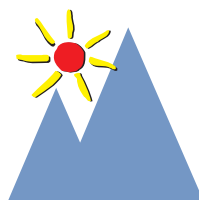


Courtesy Catherine Ohl

# MORE ON THE FAR WEST CONVENTION—

> > > *by Catherine Ohl, Far West 2005 Convention Chair*

Far West's  
**Diamond Memories**  
Celebrate 75 years of Snowsport



*More Convention News from page 11*

**Wines of Australia** and hosted by **Vail Resorts**. The exuberant L'Amour Band was sponsored by **Mammoth Mountain**.

## Sunday Business—

On Sunday, the day started with the traditional 7 AM “eye opener.” Singles “Wags” **Waghorn** and her incredible crew— **Nick Carson, Dee Everts, Allen Elowe** — did an excellent job providing the eats. **Finlandia** Vodka donated its Lime Vodka for the Bloody Marys.

Afterwards, we all got back to the normal Far West business starting with the elections. Not even a slight earthquake during the Pledge of Allegiance could deter us from our path. No surprises here as all the incumbents were re-elected. The election results were as follows:

President	<b>Mike Sanford</b>
Secretary	<b>Mary Azevedo</b>
Treasurer	<b>Nancy Kelly</b>
VP Councils	<b>Michael German</b>
VP Membership	<b>Barbara Bryant</b>
VP N. A. Travel	<b>Lynnell Calkins</b>
VP Public Affairs	<b>Scott Bowker</b>
Trustee 1	<b>Randy Lew</b>
Trustee 2	<b>Linda Westlund</b>

The elections were interrupted for brunch and later followed by the club awards for outstanding club [Tollakson], newsletter [Wentworth] and web site. Councils awards were also presented for outstanding newsletter and web site. *See page 5 for club awards and page 15 for council awards.*

Photos from the convention were taken by our official photographer **Jim Degner**. Check them out. ❄️



*Grindelwalders Norbert Knapp, Ernie Knapp, George Eisenbrand, Muriel Matson, Louis Buhler*



*Singles Eye Openers—Nick Carson, “Wags” Waghorn, Dee Everts, Allen Elowe*

## Thank you LA Council—

This convention and snowsport celebration was orchestrated by an amazing team of dedicated LA Council members. I am so very proud to be a part of this team. In addition to those mentioned in the convention wrap-up, I would like to thank the following people.

**Karen James** did an amazing job as registrar. This is a HUGE task and she handled it with professionalism beyond expectations. **John James** worked miracles with the history exhibits which were enjoyed by everyone.

**Laura Priess** did the grunt work tracking addresses of all the invited ski legends. We wouldn't have been able to keep track of all the convention tasks without the able minute taking ability of **Nancy Goettling**. Our wonderful entertainment and decorations were courtesy **Iris Williams**.

**Nancy Sanford** stepped up to handle an important task as hotel liaison. Capable Grindelwald volunteers for registration were arranged for by **Fay Mumbauer** and **Norbert Knapp**, while **Judith Miller** provided other needed volunteers. **Ray Craig** did a fantastic job tracking all income.

**Fay Mumbauer, Patricia Ortiz, Kay Cofield, Carol Shook, Andy Vogel** and **Gene Fulkerson** gave me sound advice and welcome support I didn't realize I needed. Besides handling sponsorships [other than ski resorts] **Andy Vogel** and **Gene Fulkerson** were indispensable in that they resolved issues before any of us were even aware of them. I owe **Gene & Jacquie Nemor** a special thanks for all their encouragement and support.

Finally, kudos to the Westin Long Beach for doing such a fantastic job. **Stephanie Kim**, Convention Service Manager, was outstanding as she responded to all our wishes and needs in a timely manner. **Raquel Paredes**, Banquet Manager, was indispensable with the actual implementation— the meals were fabulous, the ballroom was reset in an incredible short period of time, and we never ran out of food. The Westin too had a great team.

Thanks everyone. You are the best! ❄️

*Catherine*

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# BANFF, SUNSHINE, LAKE LOUSIE WRAP-UP

by Sigrid Noack, Trip Leader > > > > > > > > > > > > > > >



Courtesy Sigrid Noack

LA Council Group



Courtesy Sigrid Noack

Helping Gordon Cardona



Courtesy Sigrid Noack

The Snow Bikers



Courtesy Sigrid Noack

The Snow Shoes

## LAC Brings Home “Council Challenge” Trophy—

It was a fun NASTAR race between LAC and the Northwest Ski Club Council on April 20, 2005 at Sunshine Village in Banff. LAC had only 6 racers, some with Sigrid’s encouragement, racing for the first or second time, while the NWSCC brought 13 racers from the Portland/Seattle area.

And when the figuring was all said and done by the NW council’s **Diane Hicks**, LAC was the winner. LAC Gold medal winners were **Charlene Rawls** and **Sigrid Noack**, our Silver medal winner was **Pat Poupontong**, and a Bronze medal went to first-time racer **Deborah Hawkins**. **Martha Spano** and **John Lampe** received participation medals. Congratulations to all the racers!

## Sunshine Village—

There were many other highlights of our Sunshine/Banff trip. Eleven of our LAC people stayed up at the beautiful Sunshine Inn, which is Banff’s only ski-in/ski-out area. Since the Inn is not wheel chair accessible, **Gordon Cardona** and his mom **Wally** elected to stay in Banff the whole week. But they were provided a private shuttle ferrying them up to Sunshine for skiing.

Gordon had two wonderful instructors, **Jamie** and **Max**, and he wore them both out, since he loves to go so fast, and tethering him at speeds is a serious work-out and requires great strength! We were lucky to have almost perfect weather and great snow conditions for skiing, boarding and all the other fun activities.

Two of the NW guys even skied

Delirium Dive on the last day— and they survived to tell about it!

Many of us from both councils gave snow biking a try and most fell in love with that new sport imported from Austria. Thank you, **Rene** and Sunshine Village, for letting us have such fun with the bikes.

**Charlene Rawls** and **Sigrid** gave tobogganing a try one night after the lifts closed. What fun, once we figured out how to steer those things! Just a few crashes!

Another evening, Sunshine provided guides for a snow shoe excursion. It was great exercise and beautiful scenery, walking on those high tech shoes. We made our way to a snow cave, where we were expecting to be served hot toddies, but nobody remembered to bring them along.... Oh well! It was wonderful walking around with no lifts running, no other people, lots of nature, beautiful scenery, and silence!

## Banff—

After three days and nights, staying in the midst of Banff National Park, at the top of the gondola, surrounded by gorgeous mountain scenery at the Sunshine Inn, we moved down into the “city” of Banff. The Banff International is a beautiful place, right across the street from Safeway! Everybody loved that!

Skiing at Lake Louise the next day became more of a challenge, since the weather was so warm and the snow was getting very slushy. The scenery was gorgeous and the mountain tour guides were wonderful, but when they closed the back of the mountain, most of us slushed our way back to

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# BANFF & FAR WEST CONVENTION WRAP-UPS

> > > > > > > > > > > *by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP*



*More on Banff from page 14*

the bus, and back to Banff. On our last whole day, most of us went out touring. The Banff Street Fair was happening later in the day, so many of us were seen strolling or even dancing on Banff Avenue.

What a fun place and a great trip! Thank you **Linda McGavin** of NWSCC, **Denny Bartlett** of Sporting Life, and **Don Beaulieu** of Sunshine for making this such a special experience. \* *Sigrid Noack*

## Additional Comments—

This was a unique & all-round, memorable trip.

*Gulnar Poorsetta*

Skiing in warmer weather this time in Banff was great!

*John Lampe*

Snow biking— was it ever fun! Being surrounded by those beautiful mountains was awesome.

*Wally Cardona*

I enjoyed staying at the Inn at Sunshine— just ski home to the lodge for dinner and a good night's sleep in a room with trees as a view.

*Charlene Rawls*

Like snow sparkling in the sun, this trip shall forever remain a wonderful skiing memory.

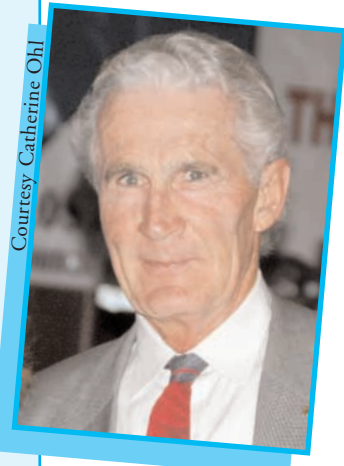
*Annette Mann*

I can't imagine experiencing the splendor of the Canadian Rockies at any other season, in any better way than springtime in Banff & Sunshine.

*Deborah Hawkins*

## FAR WEST SERVICE AWARDS

<b>Hans Georg</b> - Long-term contributions	<b>Nancy Kelly</b> Bay Area Council
<b>Elizabeth Schatzi Wood</b> - Female One or Two-Year Contribution	<b>Helen Harris</b> San Diego Council
<b>J. Stanley Mullin</b> - Male One or Two-Year Contribution	<b>Donn Bryant</b> Sierra Council
<b>Jordon-Reily</b> - Public Affairs	<b>Mark Udall</b> US Congressman, Colorado
<b>Terry Smith</b> - Racing	<b>Barbara Bryant</b> Sierra Council
<b>Jimmie Heuga</b> - Humanitarian	<b>Muffy Davis</b> Para Olympian
<b>Tommi Tyndall</b> - Ski Industry Contribution	<b>Breckenridge Ski Resort</b>
<b>Bill Mackey</b> - Ski Industry Employee	<b>Mark Thoreson</b> Sun Valley
<b>President's Awards</b>	<b>Tammie Anstedt</b> , Vail Resorts <b>Catherine Ohl</b> , LA Council
<b>Bill Berry</b> - Feature Article "The Snow Summit Story 1952-2002"	<b>Richard Kun</b>
<b>Bill Berry</b> - Hard News	<b>Walter Roessing</b>
<b>Warren Miller</b> - Modern Media	<b>Joe Jay Jalbert</b> Jalbert Productions



Courtesy Catherine Ohl

*Richard Kun  
Snow Summit  
President*

## FAR WEST COUNCIL AWARDS—

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Courtesy Jim Degner

*Rinda Wohlwend, Mike Sanford,  
Catherine Ohl*

by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP > > > > > > > > > >



Stretching is key to staying fit—before and after exercising.

**Quad Stretch—**  
Holding onto a chair or wall for balance, grasp your shin and pull your foot back toward your butt until you feel the stretch in the quads. Hold and repeat for other leg.

## Heat Illness Prevention—

With warmer temperatures, heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more of a concern. These conditions may appear after exposure to high temperatures and inadequate intake of fluids.

Normally the body cools itself by sweating. During heat waves

or high temperatures the body's temperature control system can become overloaded and sweating is not enough. Another factor that can affect the body's ability to cool itself is high humidity when sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat. Other conditions that limit the body's ability to regulate temperature are old age, fever, obesity,

dehydration, heart disease, poor circulation, sunburn, or drug and alcohol use.

## Heat exhaustion—

Heat exhaustion develops after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. The people most prone are the elderly, those with high blood pressure or working out in a hot environment.

Signs of heat exhaustion are heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, dizziness, headache, nausea, and/or fainting. The person's pulse or heart rate may be fast and weak, and breathing may become fast and shallow. If left untreated this may lead to heat stroke.

## Heat Stroke—

A heat stroke can occur when the body temperature rises rapidly, 106°F or higher, within 10-15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent damage if not treated immediately.

The warning signs of heat stroke are extremely high temperature; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; or unconsciousness.

## Prevention—

Increase fluid intake during hot temperatures by two to four glasses of **cool** fluids each hour. Cold beverages can cause stomach cramps and alcohol will cause you to lose more fluid. If you think you have a heat illness take a cool shower or get into an air-conditioned environment. A heat stroke is a medical emergency. ❄

## SAFE CYCLING—

With the Tour de France in full swing, many of us are inspired to dust off our bikes and start cycling once again. Cycling is one of the safest sports. However, there are some basic rules which every cyclist should know and obey.

1. Observe all traffic regulations including red and green lights, one way streets, and stop signs.
2. Keep to the right and ride in a straight line. Always ride in single file.
3. For night riding, have a white light on the front of your bike and a state approved red reflector in the rear.
4. Have a satisfactory bell or buzzer to warn others of your approach.
5. Give pedestrians the right of way.
6. Watch out for cars pulling out or doors opening unexpectedly.
7. Never hitch rides— holding on to a moving vehicle while riding is extremely dangerous. Never do stunts.
8. Never carry other riders. Don't carry packages that obstruct vision or prevent proper control of bike.
9. Be sure your brakes work efficiently and safely and don't squeak. Get your bike tuned annually.
10. Be cautious at intersections. Slow down and look to the right and the left before crossing.
11. Always use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
12. Never weave or swerve as unexpected moves cause accidents.
13. Wear a helmet. ❄



Go Lance!



# WESTERN SKI RESORT REPORT

> > > > > > > > > > > *by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP*



## **Kicking Horse Begins \$25 Million Upgrade—**

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in British Columbia, Canada has \$25 million in mountain enhancement projects now underway in the continued development of the mountain and Resort Village.

Of the \$25 million, \$21 million is being invested in on-going real estate projects including the Selkirk Resort Homes and Palliser Lodge as well as continuing individual single family homes construction.

An additional \$4 million is being invested in mountain infrastructure to enhance the year-round guest experience.

## **California Resorts Post Record Season—**

Prodigious and early snowfall helped lift California ski areas to record visits of 8.1 million, far surpassing the previous mark of 7.6 million recorded in the 1997-98 El Nino season.

Among individual areas—Heavenly, Kirkwood and Sierra-at-Tahoe— contributed to the record year.

Southern California, led by Mountain High, also posted strong numbers.

## **Big Sky and Moonlight to Offer Combined Lift Ticket—**

Big Sky Resort and its new neighbor on Lone Peak, Moonlight Basin, will give visitors next winter the option to purchase tickets and passes allowing unlimited access to

both resorts. The resorts shared several trails and a lift in the past. But previously, it was necessary to purchase a ticket or season pass from each if you wanted to ski them both.

Combined, the two trail networks offer nearly 5,300 acres of skiable terrain and the second-biggest vertical descent in the US at 4,350 feet.

The combined pass will also provide lift access to hundreds of acres of summit snowfields that were previously accessible only by hiking. Between them, the two resorts operate 23 lifts.

## **Jackson Hole to Retire Aerial Tram—**

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort will retire its Aerial Tramway, estimated to have carried over 2 million passengers, winter and summer, since 1966, in September 2006.

While a replacement for the lift has not yet been determined, the resort is considering several alternatives for replacing its iconic tram.

## **Wyoming Resort for Sale at \$20 Million—**

The Big Horn Mountain Resorts—consisting of Big Horn Ski Resort and its sister resorts Meadowlark Lake Resort and Deer Haven Resort—are for sale, with the price set at \$20 million. The sale price includes all the buildings, equipment, inventory, liquor licenses, vehicles, and rental gear at all three resorts. The owner is said to need cash to pay off a sudden debt.

Located in central Wyoming on 400-acre Meadowlark Lake, the Big Horn Ski Resort has 1,000 vertical rising from a base elevation of 8,300 feet. The area has 14 trails and three lifts, including one double and one triple chair, with 55 percent of its 160 acres covered by snowmaking.

The area has also recently built a 10,000 square foot all-log lodge. Terrain mix is 30 percent novice, 40 percent intermediate, and 30 percent advanced. A new master plan calls for tripling the area's size; related to that, 700 hundred acres of developable land could also be made available to a buyer.

## **Colorado Resorts Post Third Best Season—**

Colorado Ski Country USA reported their third best year ever as record numbers of international skiers and snowboarders (up 28%) helped drive visits to 11.81 million, up more than 550,000 from a year ago.

According to preliminary estimates, Colorado achieved a 6% gain in destination visits. Colorado accounted for 55% of the entire western United States' total destination skier visits. \*



Courtesy Jackson Hole, WY

Jackson Tram



Courtesy Big Horn, WY

Big Horn

# SKI HISTORY OF THE FAR WEST

by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP > > > > > > > > > >

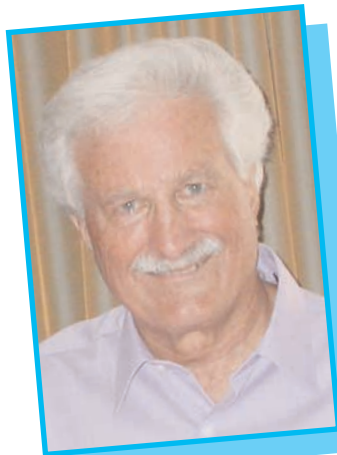
*Last article in the series.*

## Far West Rebuilt—

The conflict between USSA and Far West came to a head in the 80s. Following the 1983 USSA convention in Boston [referred to by some as the Boston Tea Party], USSA voted to de-emphasize their recreational programs and concentrate on supporting the US Ski Teams. The Amateur Athletic Act of 1978 was used to create a national governing body which required a focus on the national competitive effort. The United States Recreational Ski Association [USRSA] was founded as the national recreational organization and Far West withdrew from USSA to begin rebuilding the association. Clubs were left to determine which association(s) they wanted to affiliate with – USSA, USRSA, and/or Far West.



*Frankie Hansen 1986*



*Gene Fulkerson 2005*

Meanwhile, the race leagues of Far West formed an independent nonprofit corporation, named the Far West Racing Association [FWRA], to focus on their specialized programs. FWRA continued to generate operating funds through sponsorship, the Los Angeles Ski Dazzle ski swap, and race fees. The president of FWRA currently serves as a member of the Far West Board of Directors.

On November 6, 1984, the Executive Committee of Far West met to decide on the direction the association should take. This committee proposed a new set of bylaws that were approved at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Far West Convention held at the Oakland Airport Hilton, May 17-19, 1985. Far West was restored as an all-volunteer organization with **Janie “Frankie” Hansen** as president. To encourage clubs to stay with Far West, dues were waived and are not required by clubs as long as they belong to a member Council.



*Jane Wyckoff 1970*

## The Modern Far West—

As an all-volunteer organization without dues paying members, Far West had to figure out a way fund their numerous programs. The annual FWSA convention, hosted by Balboa Ski Club, held at the Irvine Hilton & Towers in Irvine, California on May 16-18, 1986 was historic. Special programs attracted a record number of delegates. More importantly, the first annual Silent Auction was introduced and managed by **Jane Wyckoff**. The continued success of this fund raiser set the stage for enabling financial support of Far West programs for the future.

The 90s saw the rebuilding of the Far West travel program by **Gene Fulkerson** with both domestic and international trips being offered. The public affairs program under **Mike Sanford** was rejuvenated and has assumed a significant role on the national stage on a wide variety of issues—area development, safety, transportation, insurance, taxation, consumer advocacy and snowsports history.

The council development program has had dramatic successes in the last decade. Arizona Ski Council and Northwest Ski Club Council [then Portland Area Ski Club Council or PASCC] joined Far West in 1991 and 1992, respectively. Meanwhile Sierra Council built a strong race program and in 1996 once again became actively involved in Far West. In 2000, New Mexico Council joined the association as the tenth council and Far West became one of the founding members of the National Ski Council Federation [NSCF]. ❄️

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## TRI VALLEY

Tri Valley is off and running to the **Del Mar Race Track** on Saturday, July 30, 2005, 9:30 AM. Trip includes train ride from Anaheim, tailgate party in Anaheim, open air bus to race track, and buffet lunch in the infield.

[www.TriValleySkiClub.com](http://www.TriValleySkiClub.com)

## LONG BEACH

Dance with Long Beach to the hits of the '60s, '70s and '80's with Breezin at **Concerts in the Grove** on the Long Beach Cal State University grounds Saturday, August 20, 2005 at 6:30 PM. Bring a picnic to enjoy before the 7:30 PM performance. Beverages and desert available at concessions.

[www.LongBeachSkiClub.org](http://www.LongBeachSkiClub.org)



## GRINDELWALD

Grindelwald's annual **Pismo Beach Camp Out** is scheduled for August 17-21, 2005. There will be a "Clam Chowder Contest" and a "Wine and Cheese Party" for the adults with a "Pinata" with prizes for the kids.

[www.GrindelwaldSkiClub.org](http://www.GrindelwaldSkiClub.org)

## RADAR RIVER RATS

The Rats have kicked off their summer **Water Ski Program**. The Rats go to the Colorado River near Needles two times a month through October. Meals, drinks, camping on the beach, skiing, lessons and equipment included. Everyone welcome— Beginners to expert, skiers, non-skiers & boarders, family & friends.

[www.RadarRiverRats.org](http://www.RadarRiverRats.org)

## LOS PADRES

Join Los Padres every Tuesday evening for a **Vigorous Walk**. Meet in Downtown Ventura at Poli and Kalorama at 6 PM. Contact Ralph Brasacchio at 805.648.6950 if you intend to join them.

[www.LosPadresSkiClub.net](http://www.LosPadresSkiClub.net)

## EDELWEISS

Join Edelweiss as they **Bike** their way through the wine country of Solvang on July 30, 2005.

[www.EdelweissSkiClub.org](http://www.EdelweissSkiClub.org)

## AUSLICH

Auslich will be doing a **Family Day Train and BBQ** event on Sunday, August 14, 2005. Cost is a mere \$7 for adults and \$5 for the kids.

[www.AuslichSkiClub.org](http://www.AuslichSkiClub.org)

## SINGLES

**Bike** with Singles as they go from Oxnard to Ventura on Saturday, August 6, 2006 at 9 AM. This ride, 20 miles one way, will be along the coast. On the return from biking, the group will stop for a delicious lunch at Fisherman's Wharf in Oxnard.

[www.singleskiclub.org](http://www.singleskiclub.org)

## WAILERS

The **Wailers Fall Bash** will be September 23-25, 2005.

[www.wailersskiclub.org](http://www.wailersskiclub.org)

## FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

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

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

- **CHINA** Sept 10-24 / Sept 24 - Oct 14, 2005  
**SOLD OUT**  
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  
Lynnell Calkins, FWSA Travel  
lynnell@aol.com / 310.370.4617
- **ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND** March 11-18, 2006  
Tucker Hoffmann, Trip Leader  
510.278.5900 / tkhoffmann@aol.com
- **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS & MACHU PICCHU** May 22 - June 6, 2006  
**SOLD OUT**  
Tucker Hoffmann, Trip Leader  
510.278.5900 / tkhoffmann@aol.com
- **2006 FAR WEST CONVENTION** June 8-11, 2006  
Arleigh Meiners, Host Convention Chair  
480.391.2612 / arleigh.meiners@cox.net

# TRIPPING AROUND— LOS ANGELES COUNCIL

## LAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY 2005

10 LAC Volleyball

### AUGUST 2005

1 LAC Presidents Meeting  
14 LAC Volleyball, Playa del Rey

### SEPTEMBER 2005

10-24 FWSA trip to China [SOLD OUT]  
11 LAC Volleyball  
24-Oct 14 FWSA trip to China [SOLD OUT]

### OCTOBER 2005

9-16 FWSA Hawaiian Cruise  
23 "Shop 'til You Drop" Swap & Sale

### NOVEMBER 2005

5 Snow Gala, Marina del Rey  
TBA Race Camp, Mammoth Mtn.

### DECEMBER 2005

1-4 Ski Dazzle, LA Convention Center  
11 Ullr Race, Mammoth Mtn [tentative]

### JANUARY 2006

7 Ullr Race, Mammoth Mtn [tentative]  
29 Ullr Race, Mammoth Mtn [tentative]

### FEBRUARY 2006

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

### MARCH 2006

4 Ullr Race, Mammoth Mtn [tentative]  
11-18 FWSA Ski Week, Zermatt, Switzerland  
14-18 **LAC Pre-Trip**, Prague, Czech Rep.  
17-25 **LAC Ski Week**, Kitzbühel, Austria  
17-19 FWRA Championships, Kirkwood

### APRIL 2006

tba LAC Championships / SoCals

### MAY 2006

22 - June 6 Far West Galapagos / Machu Picchu  
[SOLD OUT]

### JUNE 2006

8-11 2006 Far West Convention

## LOS ANGELES COUNCIL

LAC, a non-profit organization, 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 approximately 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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## MEETINGS

### General Meeting—

*First Monday of the Month, 7 PM*

#### **IHOP**

*8600 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Westchester  
(se corner of Manchester / Sepulveda)*

### Board Meeting—

*Fourth Monday of the Month, 7 PM*

#### **Marie Calendar's**

*701 N. Pacific Av., Glendale  
818.242.6836*

### LAC TRAVEL ASSISTANT WANTED

Current LAC VP of Travel is looking for someone to learn the ropes on bids and various LAC travel procedures. Candidate should be interested in running for VP of Travel for 2006-08.

Contact **Bonnie West** at 562.699.8880 or [bonnie@talleywest.org](mailto:bonnie@talleywest.org).



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P.O. Box 83338, LA 90083  
[www.lacouncil.org](http://www.lacouncil.org)

AEROSPACE  
[www.aeacclubs.org/ski/index.htm](http://www.aeacclubs.org/ski/index.htm)

ASIAN  
[www.asbcla.org](http://www.asbcla.org)

AUSLICH  
[www.auslichskiclub.org](http://www.auslichskiclub.org)

BEACH CITIES  
[www.bcskiclub.org](http://www.bcskiclub.org)

BUCKHORN  
[www.orgsites.com/ca/buckhorn](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/buckhorn)

CENTURY CITY  
[www.ccscsports.org](http://www.ccscsports.org)

CONEJO  
[www.conejoski.org](http://www.conejoski.org)

EDELWEISS  
[www.edelweisskiclub.org/](http://www.edelweisskiclub.org/)

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[www.4sw.com](http://www.4sw.com)

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

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[www.longbeachskiclub.org](http://www.longbeachskiclub.org)

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[www.lospadresskiclub.net](http://www.lospadresskiclub.net)

OVER THE HILL GANG - LA

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[www.pacificrimalliance.org](http://www.pacificrimalliance.org)

RADAR RIVER RATS  
[www.radarriverrats.org](http://www.radarriverrats.org)

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[www.sagala.org](http://www.sagala.org)

SANTA BARBARA  
[www.sbski.org](http://www.sbski.org)

SINGLES  
[www.singleskiclub.org](http://www.singleskiclub.org)

SLOPE SURFERS  
[www.slopesurfers.org](http://www.slopesurfers.org)

SNOW BUSTERS  
[www.snowbusters.com](http://www.snowbusters.com)

SOUTH BAY

THE RIGHT WAY  
[www.therightwayskiclub.org](http://www.therightwayskiclub.org)

THE UNRECABLES  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~unrecables>

TRI VALLEY  
[www.trivalleyskiclub.com](http://www.trivalleyskiclub.com)

WAILERS  
[www.wailersskiclub.org](http://www.wailersskiclub.org)

WESTWOOD  
[www.westwoodskiclub.org](http://www.westwoodskiclub.org)

WINTER FOX  
[www.winterfox.org](http://www.winterfox.org)

LA Council is going to

# Telluride

February 4-11, 2006

# Kitzbühel

March 17-25, 2006

Courtesy Telluride / Doug Berry

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