

## Alexa Wehsener

Alexa Wehsener is a first year J2 racer on the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team. Her hometown is San Diego, but for the second half of the season she lives in Mammoth Lakes, California. She has been skiing since she was 3 years old and racing since she was seven years old. Her parents drove round trip to Mammoth every weekend (and sometimes during the week) so that she could ski.

Her favorite subjects in school are Psychology and Advanced Biology. She will be home schooled on-line this year so she can spend more time racing.



She also enjoys volleyball, running and swimming at the beach. One of her favorite pastimes is photography. One of her pictures got accepted and was on display at the Del Mar Fair. She enjoys volunteering for activities for the children's ministry at her church, such as, Vacation Bible School.

Alexa says she loves the feeling of freeness being on skis provides and the feeling of control that you can go where you want to go and completely conquer that part of the mountain. However, one of her best and most incredible feelings is completely laying it over on a bulletproof race course. Surprisingly, she loves racing when it is storming. It gets her more excited and pumped up. She tends to do well in low visibility. She feels as if she is going against nature. Nature is trying to tell her that it is her mountain however when Alexa goes out there and stays on the course it is as if she is telling nature who is really in charge.

This past year she went to the Jr. Olympics in Mt. Bachelor. After the Junior Olympics she went to the Far West Finals and placed well in the slaloms there. In school she was on the Honor Roll for the fall quarter and on the Principal's Honor Roll for the spring quarter. She was also awarded the best female J3 Skier of the Year for the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team.

SDCSC is proud to sponsor such an avid racer and all around wonderful young lady. Let's watch for Alexa on Mammoth Mountain this year and in future years. Congratulations to her family, especially her mom, dad and grandfather who have worked hard and made many sacrifices to support Alexa in her racing career. ■




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*San Diego Council of Ski Clubs present*

*The  
Magic  
of the  
Night*

*honoring the Clubs' & Council's  
Men & Women of the Year  
& Joe Harris Award Recipient*

 **San Diego**  
Council of Ski Clubs

**November 6, 2010, 5:30 pm**  
Courtyard Marriott, Kearny Mesa, CA

## Evening Events

5:30 PM

### COCKTAIL HOUR

- No Host Bar
- Pick up Dinner Ticket & Program

6:30 PM

### DINNER IS SERVED

- Welcome by President **Eileen Sanford**
- Introduction of Special Guests
  - **Helen Harris**, 2009 Council's Woman of the Year, 2010 Far West Council's Women of the Year, 2009 Joe Harris Awardee
  - **Hobe Schroeder**, 2009 Council's Man of the Year
  - **Club Presidents**
  - **Council Board of Directors**
  - **Special Guests**

7:30 PM

### MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR CONTEST

- Introduction of Judges
- Introduction of Club's Men & Women of the Year
- Honorees are asked a final Question

8:00 PM

### JOE HARRIS AWARD PRESENTED

8:15 PM

### DANCING TO NORTH STAR BAND

9:00 PM

### ANNOUNCE MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR

11:00 PM

### GOOD NIGHT

## Gold Level Sponsorship

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## Men & Women of the Year

### CLUBS' WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Beth Gaff  
Anne Heye  
Nora Cole  
Laura Meldrum

### CLUBS' MEN OF THE YEAR

Tom Sekreta  
Roy Akridge  
Barry Cole  
Joe Goldhammer

### JUDGES

Ken Hodge  
Connie Smith  
Nick Cowell  
Rusty Etzel

## Silver Level Sponsorship

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# 2009 - 10 Man & Woman of Year

HELEN HARRIS & HOBE SCHROEDER



## 2010 WINTER GALA COMMITTEE

Barbara Blase, Gala Chair  
Eileen Sanford  
Nora Cole  
Judy Schultheis  
Don Cheshire  
Mike Sanford

## HONORED GUESTS

Helen Harris  
Hobe Schroeder  
Helen Harris  
Joe Harvis  
Walt and Lora Wehsener, parents of Alexa

## SPECIAL THANKS

Helen Navoy Harris  
Helen Navoy Harris, Debbie Schroeder,  
Jonnie Johnson, Arnie Anderson, Janet Kangars,  
Catherine Ohl, Action Ski & Board Club

2009-10 Woman of Year  
2009-10 Man of Year  
2009 Joe Harris Awardee  
President NSCF  
Far West Scholarship

History & Research  
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# San Diego Council

# 2010-11

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# Women of the Year

Helen Harris *	Don Diego
Rusty Etzel	Torrey Pines
Debbie Schroeder	Torrey Pines
Susan Shaffer	North Island
Cheryl Riess	North Island
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Helen Harris	Don Diego
Bobbie Owen	Don Diego
Jo Henry	North Island
Janet Hatch-Plent	North Island
Candy Cowell	North Island
Judy Schultheis	North Island
Eileen Powers	North Island
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Connie Smith *	Don Diego
Cheryl Slavik	Don Diego
Judi Allday	Torrey Pines
Sara Tully	Convair/Don Diego
Susie Vetter *	Action
Laura Meldrum	Torrey Pines
Eileen Weiner	San Diego
Doris Arden	North Coast
Marilyn Bosworth	Convair/Don Diego
Connie Smith	Convair/Don Diego
Margo Webster	Convair/Don Diego
Linda Walker *	Torrey Pines
Nancy Whipple	Torrey Pines
Margo Thomas	Torrey Pines
Nancy Rashman	Torrey Pines
Kathie Leach	Torrey Pines
Diane Mensch	Torrey Pines
Mary Larson	Baja Sierra
Pam Fontius *	Convair/Don Diego
Donna Mehaffey	Baja Sierra
Barbara Williams	Baja Sierra
Merry Evans	Baja Sierra
Judy Kucera	Torrey Pines
Susan Plazak	Torrey Pines
Judy Pyke	Auslich of San Diego
Karen Ottley	Torrey Pines
Maureen MacDonald	Don Diego
Mary Jane Gerber	Torrey Pines
Virginia Mateja (Cobb)	Convair

*\* Was also Named FWSA Woman of the Year*

# Men of the Year

Hobe Schroeder	Torrey Pines
Rick Bonnett	North Island
Carl Cobb	Don Diego
Dave Arnold	North Island
Rick Bonnett	North Island
Gene Fulkerson	Pacific Rim
Robb Kirschenmann	Action
Ken Zuorro	North Island
Bob March *	North Island
Michael J. German	North Island
Bob Morton	Solar
Bob March	North Island
Ed Hillary	Solar
Dick Wood	North Island
Mike Sanford *	North Island
Dave Williamson	North Island
Dick Wood	North Island
Mike Sanford	North Island
Wayne Kamaura	Action
Gene Fulkerson	USA
Norm Cullen *	Action
Jim Ortiz	North Island
Richard Baker	Convair/Don Diego
George Paul	Convair/Don Diego
Tom Medvitz	Convair/Don Diego
Jim Dumas	Baja Sierra
Jim Wehsener	San Diego
Jim Kangers	San Diego
Julio De Guzman	San Diego
Ted Cunningham	Baja Sierra
Brad Davis	Torrey Pines
John Dobos	Baja Sierra

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# Joe Harris Award

Helen Harris	Convair/Don Diego
Tom Boren	Convair/Don Diego
Susie Vetter	North Island
Mike Sanford	North Island
Norm Cullen	Action
Connie Smith	Convair/Don Diego
Jim Ortiz	North Island/Don Diego

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# History



San Diego @ Sun Valley  
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Convair @ Sun Valley, ID  
circa 1950s



Helen Harris @ Sun Valley  
Masters Criterium 1989

# San Diego Council

by Helen Navoy Harris, Don Diego

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) board of directors scheduled its summer meeting at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego on Saturday, August 17, 1963. **Joe Harris**, Convair Ski Club, was asked by **Lee Klein**, Executive Director of FWSA, to arrange an informal, social get-together with the presidents of the San Diego ski clubs. These clubs included Convair, Don Diego, San Diego, Torrey Pines, Astronautics, Solar, Aztecs, and Trolls of Oceanside.

In addition to introducing the various presidents, Joe related the many and varied activities that took place for skiers in San Diego. This proved to be a noteworthy session for San Diego ski clubs and FWSA.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1963, **Len Speicher**, FWSA president, notified Joe that the San Diego Council was officially declared a part of FWSA. Joe was welcomed as the head of the new council and was given a position on the FWSA board.

This was an historical event for the San Diego ski community. But the stepping stones and building blocks leading up to this momentous occurrence were based on Joe's initiative and energy that bonded the various activities of the clubs, such as:

- (1) Encouraged (i.e., strongly persuaded) each club he helped in its formation (and there were many) to be 100% FWSA members;
- (2) Formalized the ski club's individual swap meets into a single giant swap called the Ski Trade Night (now the Ranch Craft Swap);
- (3) Established a Sno-Ball (now Snowball Gala), with all the ski clubs participating, where the club princesses were judged and a queen was crowned; and
- (4) Promoted racing by having the two strongest clubs at that time, Convair and San Diego, each host an open race so other clubs could participate.

Joe was able to accomplish most of these activities with the assistance of San Diego Club members **Bob Dean** and **Jim Wehsener**.

As time went on, the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs was organized with officiating members, such as president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. It was also incorporated as a non-profit organization through the pro bono efforts of **Tom Becca** (lawyer and Torrey Pines member) with established articles and bylaws.

The first Sno-Ball was held in 1960 and continues on today as the Snowball Gala. It was in the early 80s that the King & Queen pageant was upgraded to the Woman & Man of the Year competition.

The San Diego Skier was introduced in 1969 and published for many years until it was incorporated into the newly reconstructed Far West Skier's Guide.

The first FWSA convention to be held in San Diego (1971) was announced at the Phoenix/Scottsdale convention when San Diego with the Bahia Belle (Mission Bay sternwheeler) won over the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

The Council's Ski Trade (swap meet) outgrew its location at the YWCA and was transferred to the Convair Missile Park for many years until the demise of Convair. The recent location has been at Ranch Craft (thanks to Earl).

Racing participation grew due to the formation of the Intramural (inter club) racing program which is now the Alpine League. San Diego competes in Far West races.

Perhaps, the biggest innovation has been the Council Travel program. In the early days the mode of transportation was generally carpools, then came the availability of bus transportation (remember the Kopecky bus trips), and finally the advent of flights. Through the efforts and expertise of **Tom Boren**, Travel Director, Council trips were organized, club trips were coordinated, National Ski Weeks, and later Far West Weeks, were supported.

New ski clubs have been formed and some have disappeared. Currently, 40 years after its inception, the San Diego Council is composed of nine active clubs. ■

# History



Torrey Pines @ Vail  
1975



Action @ Beaver Creek  
2003



North Island @ Tahoe  
1988

# Presidents

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Larry Schallock

Arnie Andersen

Robert A. Vogel

Tom Becea

Harry Eastman

Joseph Harris

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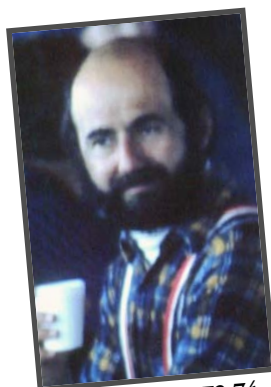
Convair



Joe Harris, 1963-71



Arnie Anderson, 1977-78



Tom Becea, 1972-74

# Founder SD Ski Council

by Helen Navoy Harris, Don Diego

Joe, born in Chicago, moved to San Diego as a young boy. He started skiing in his 30s, when San Diego Ski Club had their rope tow in the Cuyamacas. One of his instructors was **Henry Mandolf**.

Joe was employed in Convair's High Speed Tunnel. In 1952, Joe was asked to start a ski club at Convair and insisted that Convair be a 100% Far West Ski Club. In the early 60s, because the Southern Council of the FWSA was too far away, Joe formed an informal association of San Diego ski clubs. With these clubs, he established a Sno Ball, Trade Night (Swap), Race League, and Dry Land Lessons.

In 1963, FWSA asked that this association become a Council of FWSA. Joe was nominated as the first Chairman and served as President for the next eight years. Joe actively participated in the Far West Ski Association, being a member of the board of directors, and chairman of the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs.

Joe was asked by **Bruce Barr** to teach a dry land ski session at the YMCA in 1959. Interest in learning to ski exploded at such a rate that Joe, Bruce and the Y moved the Dry Land Ski School to Balboa Park, opening it to the public via the Park and Recreation Department. All this endured for over 10 years. Stanley Andrews Sports and later Ranch Craft donated the use of their technicians and ski equipment. Convair and Don Diego Ski Clubs supplied the volunteer help.

Joe was involved in the promotion of Junior Racing programs locally. He also spearheaded many convoys to Sun Valley where he won the coveted Gold Ram and Silver Sun awards.

FWSA presented Joe with the Terry Smith Award in 1979 for standardizing the Far West race rules and the Hans Georg Award in 1982 for his life-long contributions to organized skiing. In 1988, USSA awarded Joe the Fred Braun Award for his handbook "National Alpine Rules for Recreational Racing" which standardized rules across the country for recreational club races.

We are proud to have had Joe Harris in San Diego. ■

# Joe Harris

Feb 20, 1920 - Feb 3, 2002



Joe in his Signature Hat circa 1950s



Mammoth Standard Race 1986



Alpine League Awards