

Convention Highlights

- Special 75th Anniversary Celebrations
- Ski History Exhibits
- Ski History Reunion & Reception
- Celebrity Guest Speakers
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Dinner & Dance

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- FWSA Business Meeting

Reservations at the Westin



- \$129 before May 15, 2005
- Call 800-228-3000, say you're with Far West
- Visit www.fwsa2005celebration.org
- Room rate available 3 days before/after event

Hotel Amenities

- A Starwood Hotel
- Turbo Net High Speed Internet Access
- Mini Bar, Coffee, Hair Dryers, Robes
- Fitness Facility, Outdoor Heated Pool
- Lounge, Restaurants, 24-hour room service
- Great Location and rooms with ocean view

Attractions for the Whole Family

Aquarium of the Pacific, The Queen Mary, Pine Av., The Pike at Rainbow Harbor, Shoreline Village, Catalina Island, Disneyland & California Adventure, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios

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Far West Ski Association

75th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Convention

June 9-12, 2005

The Westin Long Beach

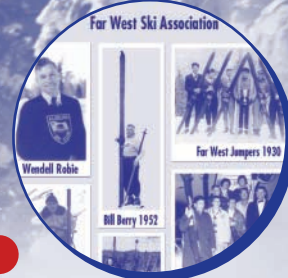
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The 75th Celebration—

The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs is already hard at work planning the **2005 FWSA Convention and 75th Anniversary Celebration** to be held at the Westin Long Beach on June 9-12, 2005.

This convention will be a bit different in that it will feature a significant ski historical event that runs concurrently with the normal convention business. Changes to the convention include:

- Addition of a Ski History Exhibit that would be on display in the main ball room & foyer from Friday night through Saturday evening.
- Saturday afternoon will be dedicated to ski history with multi-media presentations, discussion groups, and a reunion reception.
- All normal FWSA business activities will be finished by Saturday lunch.

We will have the usual Thursday night Pub Crawl, Friday Golf & other activities, Friday Silent Auction and Saturday Travel Expo.

This convention will draw not only the usual Far West club members but also a young, athletic and affluent population from the newly renovated downtown Long Beach area.

The Beginning—

The organization of skisport in California was to a large extent the result of an effort to attract the 1932 Winter Olympics. In spite of losing the Olympic bid in Yosemite, the National Ski Association (NSA) gave the sanction to the California State Chamber of Commerce to organize the California Ski Association (CSA).

October 7, 1930, “Hall of Famer” **Wendell Robie** of the Auburn Ski Club organized strong club support to form the California Ski Association. At the NSA convention in Chicago, December 14, 1930, CSA was accepted as an affiliated division, and California was awarded the 1932 National Ski tournament. The first sanctioned divisional meet was held by CSA in 1931.

January 18, 1931, CSA orchestrated a “traffic jam” demonstration that resulted in the authorization by the State of California for snow removal equipment on the roads that accessed California’s emerging ski resorts. Skiing was a new sport and thousands traveled to the snow in the winter. The ski industry began to develop from small club-operated hills to larger ski areas.

At the Convention in 1948, CSA changed its name to the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) to have a name more representative of the geographical area it encompassed — California, Nevada and Hawaii.

The Exhibits—

The scope of the ski history presentations and exhibits will depend largely on the participation of our clubs, councils, resorts, museums, and guest speakers. We already have a number of soft commitments from National Ski Museums, Ski Resorts, and clubs wishing to display their history of skiing.

History exhibition space will be free and available on a first-come first-served basis. We urge you to sign up for your booth space as soon as possible.

Note: There will be a charge for electricity if required. For the industry, the history booths are in addition to the Friday night Silent Auction booth which serves a different purpose.

Booth size will be limited to 10’ x 10’ for industry and 8’ x 10’ for clubs, council and FWSA. We feel that the best way to display history at this event will be through the use of photos. We suggest using 8”x10” photos mounted on a board with a few words of description in large print. We recommend that you display copies of all original photos.

Photo albums, scrapbooks and trophies will not be allowed. Multi-media displays are welcome. Feel free to wear vintage ski outfits. **Sign up for your history booth today!** Contact **John James** at jsjxcski@sbcglobal.net or 818-249-5982.