

San Diego Ski Council

celebrates its -

40th Anniversary

**Winter
GALA**

Honoring 2003 Men & Women of the Year

Saturday November 8, 2003, 6 PM

Harbor Island Hilton
1960 Harbor Island



Proceeds to Benefit

Jimmie Heuga Center for MS

Evening Events

6:00 PM

Doors Open

- No Host Bar
- Pick up Dinner Ticket & Program

7:00 PM

Dinner is Served

- Welcome by President Judy Schultheis
- Introduction of Special Guests
 - Misty & Brian Massey, Ranch Craft
 - Joe Bushalacchi & Vanessa, Sportsmen Seafood
 - Bobbie Owen, 2002 Council Woman of Year
 - Ken Zuorro, 2002 Council Man of Year

8:15 PM

Man & Woman of the Year Contest

- Introduction of Judges
- Introduction of Club's Men & Women of the Year
- Contestants will be asked a Question

8:45 PM

Present Joe Harris Award

9:00 PM

Dancing to Music by

10:00 PM

Announce Man & Woman of the Year

Midnight

Good Night



Firestone Walker Brewing, Co., Paso Robles, CA
www.firestonebeer.com

Sportsmen's Seafood, 1671 Quivara, Mission Bay,
619.224.3551 • www.sportsmenseafood.com

The Catillacs - Vintage Rock & Roll
www.catillacs.com 619.463.3835

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Men & Women of the Year 2003 - 04

Women of the Year

Cathleen Tinner
Helen Harris
Darlene Stein
Rusty Etzel

Men of the Year

Robb Kirschenmann
Rick Bonnett
Gene Fulkerson

Judges

Maureen Taylor
Sandy Owen
Cheryl Riess
Catherine Ohl
Roberto Cleaver
Laura Meldrum

Prizes



SDSC Man & Woman of Year

Ranch Craft
4620 Alvarado Canyon Rd., 619.280.0304

Mammoth Mountain
www.mammoth-mtn.com, 800.MAMMOTH

Men & Women of Year Candidates
Mammoth Mountain

Action
Don Diego
North Island
Torrey Pines

Action
North Island
Pacific Rim

Action
Don Diego
North Island
Pacific Rim
Solar
Torrey Pines

\$100 Gift Certificate
Each

Two Lift Tickets Each

One Lift Ticket Each

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Council Sponsors

Family Picnic

Family Picnic

Music by

2002 - 03

Man & Woman of Year

Bobbie Owen, Don Diego & Ken Zuorro, North Island



2003 Winter Gala Committee

Gene Fulkerson & Catherine Ohl
Patricia Ortiz, Connie Smith & Barbara Blase
Bobbie Owen & Ken Zuorro

Honored Guests

Misty & Brian Massey
Joe Bushalacchi & Vanessa

Special Thanks

Helen Navoy Harris
Helen Navoy Harris, Jonnie Johnson, Arnie Anderson,
Janet Kangers, Catherine Ohl, Action

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San Diego Ski Council

2003-04

Board of Directors

Judy Schultheis
Bobbie Owen
Michelle Langmaid
Jo Henry
Michael German
Mike Sanford
Susie Vetter
Connie Smith
Laura Meldrm
Bob March



President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Past President
Public Affairs
Travel
Activities
Webmaster
Alpine Race League

Council Representatives

James Dart
Ed Langmaid
Helen Harris
Bob & Nony Milmore
Ken Zuorro
George Falkowitz
Gene Fulkerson
John Tyson
Bob Morton
Sabina Alberti
Rusty Etzel
Maggie Land
Action
BAE Systems
Don Diego
Get Off Your Rockers
North Island
Ocean Hills
Pacific Rim
San Diego
Solar
Torrey Mesa
Torrey Pines
Top of the Hill



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Chair
Reception
Man & Woman of Year

Ranch Craft
Sportsman Seafood

History & Research
Photos Courtesy

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Women of the Year

Bobbie Owen	Don Diego
Jo Henry	San Diego
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

* Was also Named FWSA Woman of the Year

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Men of the Year

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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1965 Queen Karen Ottley & her Court of Beauties

History



San Diego @ Sun Valley
1980



Convair @ Sun Valley, ID
circa 1950s



Helen Harris @ Sun Valley
Masters Criterium 1989

San Diego Ski 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 9th, 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 Winter 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 Ski Council 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 Becea** (lawyer and Torrey Pines member) with established articles and bylaws.

The first Sno-Ball was held in 1960 and continues on today as the Winter 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 twelve active clubs. ■

History



Torrey Pines @ Vail
1975



Action @ Beaver Creek
2003



North Island @ Tahoe
1988

Presidents

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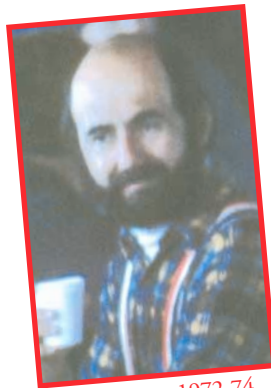
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Jim Ortiz	North Island
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Don Stewart	Convair / Don Diego
Kathie Leach	Torrey Pines
Larry Schallock	Norski
Arnie Andersen	Torrey Pines
Robert A. Vogel	Convair / Don Diego
Tom Becea	Torrey Pines
Harry Eastman	Convair
Joseph Harris	Convair



Joe Harris, 1963-71



Arnie Anderson, 1977-78



Tom Becea, 1972-74

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Founder SD Ski Council

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 Ski Council.

Joe was asked by **Bruce Bar** 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 Silver Ram and Gold Ram 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. ■

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Joe Harris

Feb 20, 1920 - Feb 3, 2002



Joe in his Signature Hat circa 1950s



Mammoth Standard Race 1986



Alpine League Awards



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