

Hans Georg Nomination

Catherine Ohl

Nominated by:
Fay Mumbauer

I first met **Catherine Ohl** at the Far West Convention in 1995 and was overwhelming impressed with the way she had organized the finances of the Far West Ski Week to Whistler under Gene Fulkerson. This was just the first of many of Catherine's widely varied accomplishments I've personally witnessed over the years.

Catherine is the type of person who sees a job that needs doing and just does it. She has carried this same work ethic with her to organized skiing. She is passionate about skiing—the organization, the history, and safety. She has been recognized for some of her efforts and is the only person to have won both the history and safety awards twice.

Catherine's most notable feat for Far West was in pulling together Los Angeles Council, Orange Council and Far West and putting on one of the best ever conventions for the 75th Anniversary Celebration. While she didn't do all the work personally, she had the vision, leadership, and picked key people to see that it got done right and on schedule. And in doing so, she brought innovation to the Far West Convention, including the very popular multi-media presentations, that are still a part of the convention today.

Not only was she in charge of the 2005 convention, she put together an incredible history celebration with participation from clubs, councils, museums, and resorts. She personally researched and put together more than half the exhibits.

Catherine served for five years on Ski Week Staff. She was creator and editor of the Travel Update, a quarterly publication. She was official ski week photographer as well as travel accountant, secretary, hotel coordinator and Survival Guide originator and executor. She was especially challenged in 1996 as she was instrumental in getting the 500 Far West skiers to Cortina, Rome and Florence. Many forms and procedures Catherine developed for the travel program then are still in use today.

Among the numerous other tasks Catherine has performed for Far West are

- Put together sponsorship brochures for the 2004 and 2005 conventions.
- Designed & printed all the graphics, layouts, signage, and registration packages for the 1999, 2003, 2005 conventions.
- Originated the Travel Expo as an alternative to the Travel Carousel in 2003. She ran the Expo again in 2004.
- Researched, corrected and redesigned the Far West Awards book in 2000 and continues to do so today.
- Brought the "Great Eight" Awards program into the electronic age. Under her leadership, solicitation, nominations and voting were mainly done electronically.

Catherine is also involved in skiing at the grass roots level. For the past 30 years, she has served as President, Travel VP, Secretary, Membership, and/or Newsletter Editor for the various ski clubs (Century City, Rats, Pacific Rim) and Councils (Los Angeles, San Diego).

- Newsletter editor for LAC for four years and won top honors for her publication every year.
- Key executor of the first four very successful San Diego Family Picnics.
- Published in National Ski Club Newsletter.
- Brought data base management to LA Council as VP of Membership.
- Co-ran galas in both Los Angeles and San Diego.
- Revived the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs annual Directory and published it for six years.

Catherine has been very involved in raising money and awareness for ski related charities, including but not limited to, USARC, the Unrecables, Mammoth Junior Race Program, Special Olympics, Releaf Sarajevo, Chris Klug Foundation, and the Jimmie Heuga Center. She has raced, published, raffled and/or wined & dinned others for these charities. Whether able to participate or not, she has helped raise a minimum of \$1,500 every year for The Heuga Center for MS.

Catherine is a valued addition to every organization she joins and has done much to promote and improve organized skiing. She is definitely worthy of this most prestigious award.



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Hans Georg Nomination

Donn Bryant

Nominated by:
Bob Ellis

After 61 years of exceptional support and involvement in skiing and ski racing, I can think of nobody else that deserves this award more than **Donn Bryant**. In high school he helped to form the first ski club at Boise High School called the Davos Dusters, and he became the club's first president. By his senior year he became an "apprentice" ski instructor at Bogus Basin. In Donn's freshman year at Boise Junior College, he joined the Bronco Ski Club and participated in intramural ski club races with other small colleges in Idaho. Later, at the University of Idaho, he was his fraternity representative on the University of Idaho Ski Council where he promoted and participated in intramural ski meets between living groups. After graduation from the University, Donn served as Social Chairman, Membership Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and three terms as President of the Bogus Basin Ski Club. All told, he served fifteen years on the Board of Directors. He also served on the Bogus Basin Recreation Association Board, a group that determined the direction and future of Bogus Basin which also formed the Bogus Basin Ski Racing Alliance.

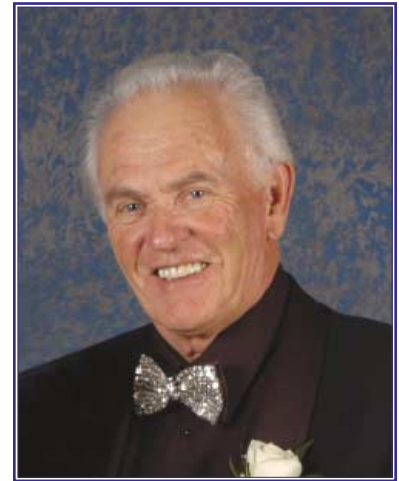


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From 1961 to 1984 Donn served as the Bogus Basin Ski Club representative to the Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA). During that time he served two terms as Article and By-Laws Chairman. In 1985 PNSA awarded him the Norrie Lamson Award for 24 years of service to the Juniors and the PNSA Junior Program.

Donn was also a licensed ski racing official for 24 years beginning at the local level, advancing through the regional level and reaching national certification in three categories: Timing and Calculations, Referee, and Technical Delegate. From 1961 to 1985, Donn worked at the local and regional levels in racing as well as the World Cup in 1972 as Chief of Handtiming.

Donn also served on the advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the Fagowee Ski Club where he recommended Fagowee participation in the Far West Ski Association. He also served two terms as President of Fagowees, then was instrumental in forming the Capital Ski & Sports Club. He served three terms as its President and one year as past president. Donn has also belonged to the Raleigh Ski and Outing Club, Code 3 Ski Club, Reno Ski & Rec, and the Cabernet Ski Club, which he founded and became the first President in 2006.

Donn served as club representative to Sierra Council for several years in his capacity as club president. He also has been Secretary of Sierra Council and served for 5 years as Vice President. Donn has also represented the Sierra League at the summer race rules meeting in Mammoth.

Donn's dedicated long term commitment to the sport of skiing is still being demonstrated with his involvement in the Far West Skiing Association where he is serving his seventh year as Chairman of the Man and Woman of the Year Program. Donn has attended twelve previous FWSA conventions. He is continually volunteering to help wherever he is needed; he has served as a substitute Head Gatekeeper when that person was unable to perform the job. He actively assists at every race either with registration, waivers, awards, or as a pacesetter. He letters signs for events such as league races, the UNR Ski Swap, and Norcals. In 2001 and 2002 he was awarded the "Top Gun" award in the league for winning the most overall racing points. He has race trained in the Masters Race Training Program at Northstar and trained at summer race camps at Mt. Hood and Copper Mountain since 1998.

Donn has volunteered at the Special Olympics Winter Games, the Code 3 races to raise money for the Pacific Burn Institute, and at the UNR Ski Swap for the past seven years. He raised money with the Ski Racing Alliance for Handicapped Children. He has also helped to raise money to fund the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School and participated in the Celebrity Winterfest which benefits Special Olympics in 2007 and 2008. On a personal competitive side, Donn is still extremely competitive as a ski racer in class 3 in the Far West Racing Association. Recently, he has competed in numerous Far West Championships, Far West Ski Weeks, the Keystone Nationals, and Norcals.

Finally, the impact of what Donn has done for the sport and for the association is immeasurable. He volunteered as a weekend ski instructor for sixteen years teaching youngsters to ski. He was instrumental in forming ski clubs and influencing others to join the clubs and learn to ski. He served as a licensed racing official for 24 years. Donn also supervised youngsters in the Nordic Ski Program at Bogus Basin. All in all, as an Ambassador of Skiing, Donn's enthusiasm and goodwill have influenced countless skiers and will continue to do so in the years to come. I believe Donn Bryant's experiences, influence and respect throughout the skiing industry speaks volumes. Donn Bryant is a worthy and deserving recipient of the Hans George Award.

Hans Georg Nomination

Harry Leonard & Jerry Simon

Nominated by:
Chuck Morse
John Watson

The team of **Harry Leonard** and **Jerry Simon** performed an invaluable service in the formation and growth of organized skiing – clubs and councils - in California. They were the architects of the ski shows across the nation for two decades. They reached out to clubs and councils to involve them and in the process offered exposure and income to them in the early years of their growth after the Squaw Valley Olympics.

They acted as an inseparable close-knit team, Harry doing the exposition work and Jerry doing promotion and developing the innovations that were featured in the ski shows.

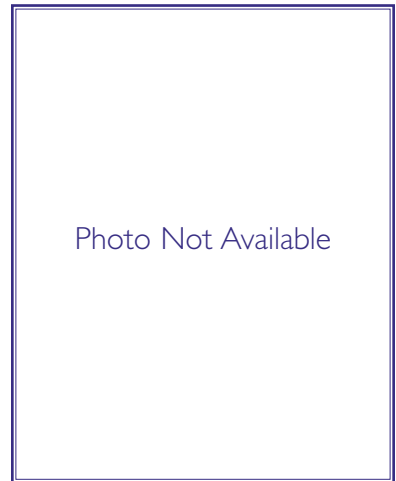
Jerry's promotional work involved the suppliers and areas and became the template for travel connections that remains to this day. Ski shows would not exist today without their early work.

The annual ski show circuit consisted of five or six major cities around the USA. Two of those annual shows, from about 1963 to '83 were held in California, one in Los Angeles, one in San Francisco. Others were in Chicago, Detroit, Boston and New York City.

In addition to helping clubs and councils, the shows had a powerful influence, like Warren Miller and John Jay's movies, in giving skiers around the country a sense of community. They, the shows and the men, were a strong influence in bringing skiing to the people and people to skiing.

They sold skiing to the nation, at a time when television was rather ignoring our sport. Tens of thousands of baby boomers came to our sport by first attending a ski show put on by Harry and Jerry.

The Ski Shows were a combination of travel exposure by vendors, club and council recognition, the evolved ski swap and the involvement of grass roots skiers in them. The Ski Shows brought the skiing worlds together. The Ski Shows would not have happened without these inseparable partners.



Hans Georg Nomination

Sigrid Noack

Nominated by:
Judith Miller
Jane Wyckoff

Sigrid Noack has skied for over 40 years at many ski areas around the world. Her contributions to skiing have spanned 29 years of committed volunteer effort for her ski clubs, the Los Angeles Council, Rokka Racing League, Far West Ski Association, Disabled Sports USA and the United States Adaptive Recreation Center. Sigrid doesn't just get involved in activities as a participant. She jumps in whole-heartedly and takes a leading role. Her many leadership positions and committee involvements in a variety of ski related organizations are truly impressive.

Joining Single Ski Club in 1979, Sigrid attended her first FWSA Convention in 1980. She served in many SSC offices, including President, Trustee, Trip Chairperson, Fund Raising Director, Nordic Skiing Chairperson and innumerable committee chairmanships. She also chaired the 25 Year Club Anniversary Celebration in addition to being Editor of the 25th Anniversary Memory Book. Sigrid started racing in Rokka League when joining Single Ski Club, and has continued to race ever since. She also served as Vice President and Treasurer of the Rokka League.



2008HG-Sigrid Noack

Sigrid has been involved in Los Angeles Council for more than 25 years. She was a club representative and then VP of Programs organizing LAC Picnics and the annual Awards Dinner Dance. In 1996 Sigrid was elected Council President and was instrumental in rejuvenating the council. Under her leadership, ski clubs became active again, and LAC increased participation in FWSA. Particularly noteworthy was Sigrid's encouragement for her council to host the 1999 FWSA convention and she served as the FWSA Convention Host Council Chairperson. The epitome of organization, dedication and hard work, her LA Council team produced one of the most financially successful FWSA Conventions in recent history. The FWSA Convention Manual produced still serves as an excellent resource. After serving as FWSA Membership VP, she was elected to the FWSA Board of Trustees, providing knowledge and expertise to long-range planning efforts of the Association. For the past six years Sigrid has chaired the FWSA "Charities and Our Community" committee.

For the past six FWSA Conventions, Sigrid has been in charge of the actively attended Volunteerism Panel, inviting interesting special guests to stimulate charity and community involvement within the clubs and councils of the FWSA family. Last year, Sigrid introduced the highly successful FWSA Charity & Community Involvement Recognition program. She has conducted the Travel Expo program the past two years and was a Silent Auction Assistant last year, taking on those roles again for Convention 2008.

Sigrid has a very special commitment and dedication to programs for the mentally and physically challenged. Involved with people with disabilities for over 15 years, and after serving several previous terms, Sigrid agreed to serve again as President of the Unrecables (a Chapter of Disabled Sports USA) this year. A key fund raiser for the club's programs, Sigrid was also instrumental in the Unrecables joining the Rokka League and becoming involved with LAC and the FWSA. Sigrid also served six years as a Trustee for the United States Adaptive Recreation Center, starting the adaptive Ski School at Big Bear Mountain. She has also volunteered her services with Disabled Sports, USA chapters at Mammoth and Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows.

For anyone who has had the opportunity to observe Sigrid skiing with disabled skiers, you will notice her patience and use of techniques to assist blind skiers down the slopes. Because of dedicated individuals like Sigrid, club members have an interested able friend by their side, teaching them how to ski, or to snowboard, and participate in healthy, recreational, outdoor activities.

Through all her volunteer efforts in many levels of organized skiing over the years, and her inspiring work with the Disabled Sports USA, Sigrid Noack has made a decisive contribution to skiing. It would be appropriate to recognize Sigrid for her long-term contribution and significant achievements with the Hans Georg Award.

Elizabeth ‘Schatzi’ Wood Nomination

Mary Olhausen

Nominated by:
Steve Coxen
Randy Lew

Years of Service: 2006-2008.

Mary Olhausen is currently serving on the FWSA Board of Directors as the President of Northwest Ski Club Council. She was elected NWSCC President in June 2005. She has been involved with the Northwest Council beginning with the 1997 FWSA Convention in Portland.

In addition to her many duties as Council President, Mary coordinates the Annual Northwest Council Ski Fair which she revamped and resurrected in 2000. The Northwest Council Ski Fair is a one night ski show at an exhibit hall in Portland. It is open to the public and draws over 700 people each year. Mary coordinates booth exhibits by northwest ski resorts, ski related businesses, commercial members of the Council and member ski clubs. Mary also coordinates the Ski Fair silent auction where attendees bid on trips and ski products provided by commercial members. This event has succeeded in building strong relationships between the council, club members and ski industry partners.



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Mary is also the coordinator of the Northwest Council/FWSA booth at the Portland and Seattle ski shows. The Council booths at both of these annual shows are its most effective effort to reach out to the general public, encouraging skiers and snowboarders to join a club. Mary coordinates the volunteers to work the booths and she works directly with the each show’s promoter. She provides the annual Northwest Skiers’ Directory, Far West Skier’s Guides and displays of photos and posters of Council and Far West activities for distribution at the shows.

Mary has been a strong advocate for inclusion of Washington clubs in Council and Far West trips and activities. She has made numerous trips to the Seattle area to build a strong relationship with Washington club leaders. Mary has also built strong relationships with representatives of northwest ski resorts. She attends the Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association annual fall meeting as an advocate for Northwest skiers and Far West Ski Association.

Mary volunteered to co-chair the Travel Expo at the 2006 FWSA Convention in Arizona. Mary had been involved in the Convention at the host council level and decided to take this leap to the FWSA level. When Barbara Razo stepped down as FWSA Convention Silent Auction Coordinator after the 2006 Convention, Mary was quick to volunteer to take over the position. Barbara’s years of involvement in the FWSA Convention made for some very large shoes to fill. Mary did not miss a beat. She picked up where Barbara left off and the 2007 Silent Auction was a big success. She is working diligently to make the 2008 Silent Auction even better, all the time working as a volunteer.

As Mary steps down from her role as President of Northwest Ski Club Council she continues to demonstrate her commitment to FWSA by announcing her intention to run for VP of Council Services at the 2008 Convention. Mary has chaired the Council Presidents meeting on at least one occasion when Fran could not attend the FWSA board meeting. We are honored to nominate Mary for the Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award.

J. Stanley Mullin Nomination

Arleigh Meiners

Nominated by:
Gene Fulkerson
Catherine Ohl

Years of Service: 2006-2008.

Arleigh Meiners is one of the nicest, hardworking, dedicated skiers in the Far West organization. He will be taking on the Presidency of Arizona Council for 2008-09. We can't think of anyone better for the job.

For a quiet, lay back zonie, Arleigh has accomplished a lot in just the past two years. So don't let his unassuming manner fool you.

Arleigh served as the Chairman for the very successful 2006 Far West Convention in Scottsdale. This was no easy task. He had the daunting accomplishment of pulling off a "ski" convention in the middle of the freaking desert with 120 degree temperatures. He had a great mix of volunteers (from a very small council) that insured that everything went off without a hitch.

The convention prepared Arleigh for the next big task at hand— the 60th anniversary celebration of the Phoenix Ski Club which is being spearheaded by him. He has managed to get both old and new members involved in the year-long celebrations. The event kicked off late last year with a formal photo of past (as far back as the 1954 President) and present members with all their snow and summer toys. Other activities included a prize winning entry in the Prada del Sol Parade in Scottsdale, where the side effect has been an influx of new members. Next up for the celebration is a play re-enacting past club events, followed by a cruise to Mexico. The celebration ends in May capped off by a gala party.

For the past two years, Arleigh has served as VP of Arizona Council and VP of out-of-town trips for Phoenix Ski Club. He recently ran a trip to Schweitzer and Silver Mountains and another trip to North Lake Tahoe with the Scottsdale Ski Club. In his spare time he organizes and leads hikes and bike rides.

Arleigh continues to race, work the ski shows, attend Mountain Travel Symposium, and promote skiing, the Phoenix Ski Club, Arizona Council, and Far West.

Arleigh is a member of the Phoenix Ski Club' Black Diamond Drafters, a group of skiers who have participated in the MS Bike Ride in Phoenix for the past 22 years. Arleigh has ridden in 16 of those years and in 2008 he personally raised more than \$1,000 of the almost \$8,000 raised by the team.

Arleigh is definitely a force to be respected and is very deserving of the J. Stanley Mullin Award.

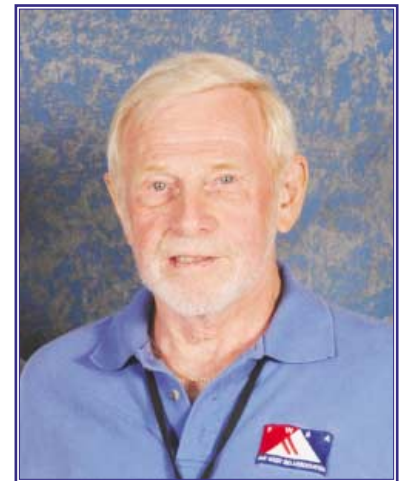


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J. Stanley Mullin Nomination

Dennis Heffley

Nominated by:
Mike Sanford
Steve Coxen

Years of Service: 2005-2007.

Dennis Heffley has served on the FWSA Board of Directors the last three years as the President of Bay Area Snow Sports Council. He was originally elected Council President in 2004. Dennis has been a strong participant on the FWSA BOD, providing strong leadership and appropriate discussion on all issues relating to the success of FWSA.

During his term and as Council President, Dennis has been involved in bringing the FWSA Convention back to the Bay Area. In 2001 BAC hosted the Convention in Reno and the last FWSA Convention in the Bay Area was in 1996. Dennis provided essential leadership in finding a suitable location for the Convention in Santa Clara in 2007 and in developing a consensus among the FWSA board to select a site from the several alternatives. Dennis put together a strong host committee of prior Convention veterans and new volunteers who did a wonderful job in managing a hugely successful convention and annual meeting. The Convention proved to be one of the best recent history.

In addition to duties as Council President, he continues in a long-time role as liaison/volunteer for Disabled Sports USA. He has promoted and participated during the past three years in the BAC Ski for All Benefit for DSUSA and the Annual DSUSA Ski Challenge Race. He arranges for DSUSA Ski School racers at Alpine Meadows to come to the BAC Singles and Open League races to occasionally fore run courses.

Dennis has been an active representative for FWSA and his Council at annual meetings of the National Ski Council Federation, the annual San Jose Ski Show, the Icer Air Show in San Francisco, and the annual Mountain Travel Symposium. He races for the BAC Singles League and participates in the Nor Cal and FWSA Championships. He volunteers as a starter at Singles League races and Nor Cal Championships. Dennis gathers donations from a variety of vendors and resorts for the BAC/Bay Area Singles Ski League Annual Snow Ball. In his spare time he has been trip leader for past Bay Area Council ski.

Dennis is committed to “doing the job right” without sacrificing the fun part of participation. His sense of humor provides much appreciated levity during periods of hard work. He is truly deserving of the J. Stanley Mullin Award.



photo courtesy Bunny Arms

Jimmie Heuga Nomination

Tom Peirce

Nominated by:
Mike Sanford

The **United States Adaptive Recreation Center** (USARC) was founded in 1983 (as California Handicapped Skiers) to ensure access to skiing is available to people with all types of disabilities. USARC believes people are empowered when they undertake and succeed at challenging outdoor recreation. Creating awareness throughout the community, USARC earned a national and international reputation as a model program in adaptive outdoor recreation.

Tom Peirce has been affiliated with USARC since the winter of 1988-1989, during which he served as one of numerous volunteers with the then-pilot program of the California Handicapped Skiers. He joined the program as a part-time instructor doing what most ski industry people do: doing something he loved. Over the next several winters Tom's perspective on what was important in life changed and he chose to pursue a course of study that had so intimately affected him. His Bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation Administration was then followed by his relocation to Big Bear Lake.



During Tom's nearly 20-year tenure with the USARC, he has seen the expansion of a fledgling test program serving approximately 25 students during eight winter days to a year-round program providing over 2,500 adaptive recreation lessons annually to 1,000 people with disabilities, be they cognitive or physical, including a new sector of participants, the "Wounded Warriors" from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. His roles evolved from volunteer to seasonal staff instructor, then to a year-round program director and ultimately, the role of Executive Director. His belief that people are a company's best asset is manifest in his pride in the relationships with volunteers he has cultivated over the years. Numerous program "graduates" have gone on to train with or join the U.S. Disabled Ski Team and/or become volunteers in the program. In collaboration with several colleagues Tom co-authored the first comprehensive instruction manual that became the standard for all adaptive ski programs. He added a downhill off-road wheelchair program, and he continues to ponder the possibility of adaptive windsurfing instruction. Tom has traveled locally, nationally and internationally to promote adaptive teaching and the significance of therapeutic recreation, as well as the USARC fundraising events like the Peak to Peak Pedal (Big Bear Lake to Mammoth) and ARCFest (for teams of skiers.)

Tom insists he simply has a unique job, his accomplishments should be regarded as the result of a collaboration between countless people and entities. Much like the skipper of an America's Cup boat who simply steers the wheel, he recognizes the indispensability of his navigators, tacticians, grinders, trimmers and countless sponsors back on shore, all critical to victory.

Jimmie Heuga Nomination

Will Niccolis & Ed Bronsdon

Nominated by:
Steve Coxen
Mary Olhausen

Enriching the Quality of Life for Children and Adults with Disabilities Through Outdoor Recreation – **The Outdoors for All Foundation** is a national leader and one of the largest non-profit organizations providing year-round instruction in outdoor recreation for people with physical, developmental, and sensory disabilities. Outdoors for All provides instruction and outdoor activities to over 2,000 individuals annually, including snow-based activities, cycling, hiking, in-line skating, river rafting, canoeing & kayaking, day camps, water skiing, rock-climbing, camping, and custom events.

Beginning in 1978 and originally called the Ski For All Foundation, a pilot program began at Snoqualmie Summit, teaching fifteen children with disabilities to downhill ski. After a successful first season, the program was incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization in 1979. In 2006 the name was changed to Outdoors For All to better reflect the year-round nature of its mission and programming.



Because of its history, Outdoors for All may best be known for winter season instruction in sports like snowboarding, snowshoeing, cross country and downhill skiing. It is a customer driven organization where each year more than 2,000 children and adults with disabilities exercise their abilities thanks to the training and support of more than 700 volunteers.

Outdoors for All firmly believes outdoor recreation in the Northwest is for everyone! Outdoors for All offers a variety of on-snow AND off-snow recreational activities for children and adults with disabilities. We encourage family & friends to join in the fun where appropriate. Outdoors for All programs are designed to include people with disabilities in typical Pacific Northwest outdoor activities and to promote education, independence, socializing, exposure to adaptive equipment and techniques, and, of course - to have a lot of fun! Annual fundraising events assist to keep our programs strong and viable: Spree At The Summit is an on-snow demo day; Mountainfilm On Tour is two evenings of films; a Golt Tournament; Snowball & White-Out Gala Auction where everyone is decked out in what else? White!!

The financial aid policy for Outdoors for All is to remove economical barriers that may prevent participants from accessing the outdoors. Financial aid is available for qualifying participants based upon need to the rates listed below:

Up to 70% New participants

Up to 60% Returning participants who have not previously requested financial aid

Up to 50% Returning participants who have previously received financial aid.

Here's a perfect example:

C. Bell, an Outdoors for All volunteer, writes:

"My student was angry, frustrated, and mad at the world. His T.B.I. (Traumatic Brain Injury) had left him learning to ski all over again. But he was determined to re-learn the skills he once had as a ski instructor. Placed with me, we would go out every week and work on skills. Every week he would get frustrated with himself and take it out on me. You would think that I would want to quit, but I believed in the power of patience. Every week he got a little better and better. We got closer and closer in our understanding of each other and became friends. As he learned to trust me he learned to trust himself and his skiing as well. His increasing skiing coordination began to show in other areas of his life. The last week of lessons he came to the hill all excited...He wanted to show me that he had a new Subaru! He was driving it! He and his father told me that the work we had been doing together had contributed to his confidence to take the driving test. The coordination skills paid off too! His SKIFORALL experience paid off - he came angry and frustrated but left that day happy, driving and talking about how he felt he could now ski alone with friends and family, thanks to SKIFORALL!"

Jordan-Reily Nomination

Rich Marriott

Nominated by:
Steve Coxen
Mike Sanford

Rich Marriott is co-founder of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center in Seattle, Washington. He is also the meteorologist for KING 5 Morning News, KING 5 Morning News on KONG, and KING 5 News at Noon. He joined KING 5 in 1987 as a meteorologist for KING 5 Weekend News and moved to his current position in 1990.

Prior to joining KING-TV, Marriott was a meteorologist for the U.S. Forest Service Northwest Mountain Weather and Avalanche Forecast Center. He provided detailed mountain weather and avalanche forecasts for Washington and Oregon to government and private agencies, as well as the public. Marriott also worked for the University of Washington during the summers as station manager for the Blue Glacier Research Project in the Olympic Mountains. He maintained a research facility at the 6800-foot level on Mt. Olympus and carried out research in glaciology, climatology, and meteorology. This position also occasionally involved helping with search and rescue and educational programs for Olympic National Park. He has also conducted research on the meteorology of the upper atmosphere. Marriott continues to work as a consultant in mountain meteorology, software design for weather instruments and data collection, and avalanche planning and education.



Marriott belongs to the American Geophysical Union, the National Physics Honorary, the American Avalanche Association, and the American Meteorological Society (AMS). Marriott is also Secretary of the Steering Committee for the International Snow Science Workshop, one of the leading conferences on Snow and Avalanche Technology and Mountain Weather. He has published numerous research papers in scientific journals, including Nature, Journal of Glaciology, Journal of Geoelectricity and Geomagnetism. He has served as Executive Secretary for the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW). He is an active participant in the American Lung Association's Climb for Clean Air, during which he climbed Mt. Rainier and did live broadcasts with the group in 2002. Marriott received his bachelor of science in physics and master of science in meteorology from UCLA.

Rich belongs to Sno Jokes Ski Club in Washington and enjoys the outdoors where his activities include snowboarding, downhill skiing, telemark skiing, hiking and backpacking. He also enjoys reading (especially in remote places), amateur astronomy, working on computers, gardening, and watching his children grow up. He volunteers his time in the community as a speaker, auctioneer, tour guide, and emcee.

Bill Mackey Nomination

Brandon Bang

Nominated by:
Gene Fulkerson
Catherine Ohl

Years of Service: 2006-2008.

Brandon Bang is the National Sales Manager for Big Sky, MT. He has been at Big Sky, off and on, for more than 15 years.

Brandon grew up in Northwestern Minnesota and graduated with a double major (Business & Hotel Management) from the University of North Dakota. With many relatives living in Montana, Brandon has been skiing Big Sky since he was three. So the initial move to Big Sky was an easy choice.

Brandon started his career at Big Sky working at the front desk of the Huntley Hotel. By the end of the season he was promoted to Front Desk Manager. He worked the Huntley for a number of years before moving to Vail to work at one of their hotels. The offer of Sales Manager drew him back to Big Sky, where he has been for the last 10 years.

From the start, Brandon has wanted Big Sky to host the Far West Ski Week. Nobody is more excited than Brandon that Big Sky has been awarded the 2009 Ski Week. Over the years Brandon and Big Sky have hosted many of the association's clubs and councils with group sizes ranging from 10 to 1,000 participants. He has been working with Far West and ski.com this past year to make sure that the Big Sky Ski Week in 2009 is one of the best. It's an awesome mountain with incredible amenities, and Brandon's love of it is contagious.

In 2007, Brandon accepted the Far West award given to Big Sky for 15 years of participation in the Travel Carousel and Travel Expo. Last year, Brandon saw that Big Sky hosted the wine for the Saturday Dinner Dance and this year he has another surprise sponsorship in store for Far West.

Skiing, golf, great friends, 'MC'ing the notorious Pond Skim, and all the other experiences in Big Sky keeps Brandon very happy to be a long time local.

Brandon's infectious love of Big Sky and enthusiasm and support for Far West, its clubs and councils, makes him worthy of the Bill Mackey Award.



photo courtesy Bunny Arms

Bill Mackey Nomination

Cyd Heatherly

Nominated by:
Mike Sanford
Steve Coxen

Years of Service: 2006-2008.

Cyd Heatherly is currently the Manager, Special Events & Group Sales at Snow Basin. She has been in the ski industry for over 7 years.

In 2000 Cyd moved to Snowbasin where she started as Ski School Administration Manager, then in 2003 Cyd became full time as Human Resources Specialist. In 2004, Cyd embarked on a career in Special Events and Group Sales for Snowbasin Resort, where she serves today.

She has become deeply involved in the organized recreational side of the ski industry through her efforts with all the major council and clubs in the U.S. and most importantly, FWSA.

Snowbasin began participation in the FWSA Silent Auction 1995 but as a vigorous supporter of the Association Cyd has expanded that support to include multi-year contracts to sponsor the annual convention golf tournament. Cyd was especially helpful in the transition of the tournament to a memorial event honoring the memory of Michael German, Vice President for Council Services. Under Cyd's marketing leadership Snowbasin has also been very active in recruiting Far West Councils and clubs to the post Olympic, eye opening makeover of the beautiful Snowbasin ski slopes and amenities.

She has also ensured the resort she has represented remained among the most generous in support of the FWSA Programs. She is a strong and vocal supporter of the Association and has enthusiastically embraced the concept of partnering with FWSA in support of mutual goals and has become a great supporter of its future. She truly enjoys getting out among skiers and talking personally about skiing and its benefits. At our events you won't find her standing behind a table, but out in the aisles, with her friendly smile and handshake. Cyd has also been generous in giving her time to share her knowledge about skiing.

We have a tremendous amount of admiration and respect for Cyd Heatherly. Like Bill Mackey, her love of the mountains and support of skiing is an inspiration to us all.



Tommi Tyndall Nomination

Mammoth Mountain, CA

Nominated by:
Gene Fulkerson

Ye be invited to a swashbuckling good time. Matey. Pirates, wenches, lads and lassies are invited Mammoth Mountain's Annual Ski Club appreciation day featuring a Pirate themed Dummy Downhill Race and Ski Club Appreciation Party. Those not in costume will be sent straight to Davy Jones Locker. Arrr!

We often forget, and sometimes take for granted, what a wonderful mountain we have in our own back yard. **Mammoth Mountain** doesn't forget about us. For more than ten years, Mammoth has hosted a "Skier's Appreciation Weekend" for all ski club members. This annual "thank you" event has evolved over the years with each year being a bit better and bigger than the last while still incorporating a free lunch, a happy hour, fun activities, contests, races, and discounted lift tickets.

The Far West ski clubs have a long standing relationship with Mammoth. and it's where L. A., Orange, San Diego, and Inland continue to hold their four to eight yearly league and council ski races. For the most part, the leagues have a good working relationship with the Mountain Race Department.

This winter, Mammoth once again hosted the Far West Championships in 2008. Mammoth used to always host the Far West Club Championships but in recent years there has been competition from other resorts to host the event. We were happy to see it back home this year.

Mammoth has participated in the Travel Carousel and Travel Expo for more than 20 years. Over the years, they have sponsored many Far West and council events. They jump on board for anything from club fund raisers, to prizes for council's Men and Woman of the Year, to Snow/Winter Galas, to the Far West Convention. Their donations and continued support go back more than 50 years.

In addition to Far West, Mammoth continually gives back to its local community. Mammoth set up a foundation to first raise the money for a High School, then for a college and recently for a ski museum.

3500 acres. 3100 vertical feet. 385 inches of snow. 300 days of sunshine.

These are just the averages at Mammoth. Now add incredible spring skiing, nearly endless winters and pure vibe and you've got California's favorite mountain resort. 11,053-foot Mammoth Mountain dominates the Eastern Sierra skyline and the minds and hearts of its die-hard fans and weekend warriors.

Mammoth's crest line location makes it a beacon for snowstorms, from late fall clear into springtime. Where else do "locals" complain that the mountain closed too early— in July? Major improvements over the last ten years have made the on-mountain experience unmatched, and trend-setting season pass deals have helped re-affirm Mammoth's status as a world-class mountain with something for everyone.

The view from the top of Cornice says it all.



photo courtesy Mammoth Mountain

Tommi Tyndall Nomination

Vail Resorts

Nominated by:
Jane Wyckoff
Debbi Kor-Lew

The Tommi Tyndall Award is presented to an industry member that has made a distinguished contribution to skiing this year or in prior years. We are honored to nominate **Vail Resorts** for this award, in recognition of its outstanding support of the skiing public, local community, the environment, skier safety and the Far West Ski Association.

Vail Resorts owns and operates Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Heavenly. Their mission is “Extraordinary Resorts, Exceptional Experiences”. Vail Resorts’ commitment to family and youth programs supports the future vitality and growth of the snowsports industries. The company dedicates nearly all annual corporate giving towards local communities in the areas of education, youth enrichment and the environment. The management company feels a special obligation to protect the environment, and their support in this endeavor is unparalleled in the industry. Colorado’s Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) has recognized Vail Mountain for several years as a “Gold Leader”, the most prestigious level of the state’s program.



photo courtesy Vail resorts

The EverVail Project will be the largest “Green” LEED certified resort town in North America. All of Vail Resorts properties and destinations are 100% powered by wind, and wind credits are purchased for 100% of the energy used in its mountain and hotel operations. This year Vail Resorts announced its Appetite for Life partnership with Coleman Natural and Horizon Organic. Meat served in Vail Resorts at mountain dining facilities is all natural, and all dairy products are organic. It also has a program to match donations made by guests to the National Forest Foundations.

Each spring Vail Resorts presents the largest annual highway and road clean up day in the state of Colorado, in conjunction with the Eagle River Watershed Council, a local non-profit conservation organization. It annually hosts clean up events of the Eagle and Blue Rivers, and supports the local chapters of organizations such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, that ensures the wetlands, forests and other wildlife areas are restored, managed and protected.

Active in skier safety programs, Vail Resorts maintains a Mountain Safety Staff that patrols the mountain for “speeders” and to promote safe skiing habits. The Staff also conducts a Skier Safety Week that teaches safe skiing habits. Breckenridge Resort uses avalanche dog demonstrations to promote safe skiing to youth. The NSAA has consistently recognized Vail for having one of the best overall safety programs in the United States.

Although Vail Resorts’ marketing leadership has changed over the years, support of the Far West Ski Association, councils and clubs has remained steadfast. Vail Resorts ranks at the top among our industry partners in their financial support of the Association’s industry programs. This year’s Convention will mark Vail’s 19th year of participation in our Annual Silent Auction. It is in support of FWSA’s sponsorship program that Vail Resorts especially sets an industry standard of excellence. Vail Resorts hosted our Convention Luncheon for many years, the wine with the Awards Banquet at our 75th Anniversary, and this year, refreshments for the Multi-Media presentation. Advertising revenue provided to the Far West Skier’s Guide helps to ensure that the Association will continue to produce this outstanding publication for our members and snowsports enthusiasts.

Vail Resorts was the host for the December, 2005 FWSA Board of Directors Meeting in Breckenridge. FWSA Board Members, Trustees, Council Presidents and Committee Chairmen were welcomed with “open arms,” and the organization of the event was outstanding. The generosity of the Vail Resorts lodging properties and its member resorts was truly appreciated. It enabled the Association to conduct its winter meeting at a substantially reduced cost, while also providing the opportunity for the host ski industry members to meet and greet the leaders of our organization and have a better understanding of our mission and goals.

For its outstanding support of the skiing public and the Far West Ski Association, councils and clubs, and its truly inspirational protection of our environment, Vail Resorts embodies the spirit of the Tommi Tyndall Award and is deserving of recognition as this year’s recipient.

Terry Smith Nomination

Craig Faitel

Nominated by:

Bob Ellis

I would like to nominate **Craig Faitel** for the 2008 Terry Smith Award. I have known Craig for 10 years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him on many races, fund raising projects and banquet events. Craig is a committed and effective leader in the Far West Ski Association and Far West Racing Association.

Craig grew up in Michigan, where skiing and outdoor sports are very popular, and learned to appreciate outdoor sports such as golf, wind surfing, sailing and of course skiing. After graduating with his Bachelor's Degree, he migrated to California after receiving a finance position with an automobile firm. Since coming to California, Craig has become a man for all seasons. In the winter, he is a competitive ski racer and in the summer he enjoys triathlons, swimming, water skiing, wake boarding, bike riding, scuba diving and cooking.

Since 1997, Craig has been a member of the Inskiers Ski Club in San Mateo, California, which is in Singles League and the Bay Area Council. Craig became very involved after a couple of years as an active member. From 1999 to 2003, Craig volunteered to be the Race Director of the Inskiers Ski Club and helped the club grow in size while other clubs were shrinking. As a Race Director, Craig was a good organizer and motivator of club members to participate in the race program and other fun club events. Craig volunteered to help many times when others were long gone. Craig was instrumental in organizing volunteers for races and league events, and in negotiating with sponsors for the league.

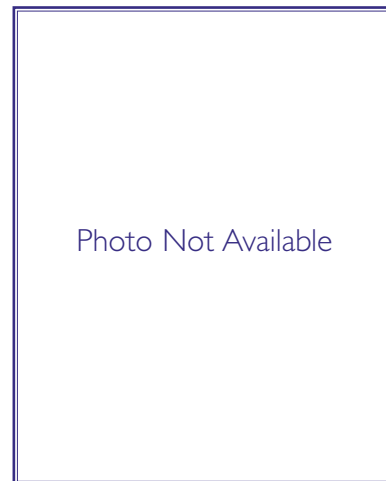
In 2004, Craig became the League Race Chairman for Singles League. Since becoming Chairman, Craig brought in many innovations into the organization of Singles League. He brought in on-line registration, improved the website, incorporated season pricing discounts for the races and banquet, improved cooperation with Singles League, and a confident organized form of leadership.

In 2006, despite heavy odds against his league and lower numbers, he was able to lead Singles League to the Far West Championship in both Total Points and the Roma McCoy Trophy (Most Points Per Racer).

Craig has also been very influential in the BAC winning the Keystone Cup two years in a row. Craig was effective in getting a large number of Inskiers to come to Keystone for the national race, and was also the national champion in GS and Slalom in 2007.

Craig Faitel puts in countless hours making phone calls and emails to ski areas, race directors and racers to keep the communication smooth and accurate. He has been creative in changing racing rules and in ways to promote racing and increasing participation.

I believe Craig Faitel should be this year's choice for the "Terry Smith Award", and I hope the voting members see the value and enthusiasm that Craig brings to our organization and recognize him for the exceptional performance he has accomplished for Far West Racing.



Terry Smith Nomination

Pavel Bosin

Nominated by:
Barbara Bryant
Jo Simpson

Pavel Bosin is president and race chair of the Sierra League and Council. He devotes countless hours to providing leadership to the council and to promoting racing within the Sierra League, as well as coordinating with the two Bay Area Council (CA) racing leagues, Singles and Open. He has provided outstanding leadership to the Sierra Council.

As president, he has worked tirelessly to increase the number of racers in the Sierra League races. He formed a communications committee that developed a detailed communications plan to promote racing in the Reno, Tahoe and Sacramento areas.

He worked with the Singles League to provide two joint races between the two leagues, which provided increased competition within the various classes and helped both leagues to put on more cost-effective races. He reached out to the Bay area leagues to participate in the Sierra Super G race. He contacted the Master's racers and invited them to race with Sierra on weekends when no Masters race was scheduled. To encourage young racers, Pavel invited all of the Northstar Junior Racers to participate in Sierra League's Northstar Races. They were offered a free first time race of two runs and a second race for just \$15. Under his direction, the Sierra Council has built an extensive email data base to keep members and racers informed about races and other council activities.

Pavel instituted The Sierra Team Challenge this year and invited other organizations, teams, schools, businesses and racers to compete in friendly competition. The format was a six person team with at least one woman or junior racer per team. Several local businesses donated items for the first and second place teams. The event proved to be lots of fun and will be continued and expanded next year.

He and other top Sierra racers have put on a successful race training clinic for the past four years. This year the clinic was expanded to two days over President's Day weekend at Boreal, and the BAC leagues were invited to participate. A number of BAC racers took advantage of the excellent, cost-effective training. The instructors donated their time and expertise, enabling the Sierra League to bring in needed income to improve the bottom line for the racing season.

Pavel used his computer programming skills to develop an online race registration process for the Sierra League, which has been well-received. Racers can sign up for races for the entire season or for each race, thus eliminating lengthy wait lines on race days. The process also benefits the statistician who can input data prior to the race day.

He has developed a revised system for placing racers in the appropriate class for racing that he has presented to the Far West Racing Association for consideration. Several benefits for his computerized system are listed here:

- Use more reasonable movements from class to class
- Eliminate subjectivity of adjustments in handicap calculations
- Improve reliability of handicaps
- Simplify participation of racers in other league races
- Provide single source of data – eliminate data duplication and inconsistency
- Provide online services (racer data self-updates, registration, results reporting, results calculations, etc.)

Pavel began with Sierra Council as the web master in 2003, and has continued to do the bulk of that function to this date. In fact, this year he has essentially done three jobs—president, race director and web master.

Pavel is a native of Russia, where he learned to ski as a child. He and his family immigrated to the United States in 1991. While serving as a professor at Northeastern Oklahoma University, he taught skiing at Red River Resort in New Mexico. He resides in California where he works for a computer technology start up company.

He formed the RU Ski Club to compete in the Sierra League. He recruited a fellow Russian to be the statistician for the Sierra League, and continues to foster interest in racing within his community. Pavel is an outstanding example of everything that is good about the skiing community.

He fosters good relations among the three NorCal racing leagues. He provides outstanding leadership to the Sierra Council and race league. He freely donates his considerable computer skills to create and maintain the Sierra website, and to streamline race registration through the online registration function.

