

2008 Far West Service Awards

Since I have been nominated for an award, I am turning the collection and processing of these ballots over to Mike Sanford and Steve Coxen.



Included in this package are the nominees for the 2008 Far West Ski Association Service Awards. The award will be presented at the Far West Convention to be held June 5-8, 2008 at the Meydenbauer Center and Westin in Bellevue, WA. You can make reservations and download forms for this annual event at www.fwsa.org.

A permanent record of the awards will be displayed at the Western America Ski Sport Museum in Boreal, California.

All citations have been reformatted so that they will appear similar. At most, only two nominators are listed for each nomination. Nominator credentials have been stripped.

Please remember this is not a popularity contest, but a vote for service and a job well done.

Instructions—

- Vote for one nominee for each award or you may select the "No Award" option.
- Unopposed candidates must receive 2/3 of the votes cast.
- There is a separate ballot for the Terry Smith award. To be eligible you must be a past Terry Smith recipient, a FWRA board member, or a FWRA League Chair.
- Your **user id** is your last name followed by your first initial, all in lower case without spaces.
- Your **password** is your 5-digit **Voter ID** which can be found on the upper right corner of your mailing label or at the end of your display name on your email notice. Voter ID begins with a capital letter followed by 4 numbers.

Voting—

- **SNAIL MAIL.** Send this ballot (or print a copy of the pdf ballot off the internet or from an email notification) to

Mike Sanford
11760 Caminito Prenticia, San Diego, CA 92131

Your voter id must appear on the paper ballot.

- **INTERNET.** You will need your user id and password (voter id) to log on (addr. & both ids are case sensitive)

www.acatmeowz.com/farwest/vote.htm

- **EMAIL.** List each award and your vote in your email. Your voter id must be included in your email.

bubasanfrd@acatmeowz.com
(email is directed to both Mike & Steve)

- **DEADLINE.** Completed ballots must be in their hands by

Friday, May 9, 2008.

Contact—

- *If you need paper copies of anything, contact me immediately.*
858-467-9469 or ohl@acatmeowz.com

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Terry Smith Award Ballot

This is a separate ballot for the Terry Smith award.

To be eligible to vote for this award you must be a past Terry Smith award recipient, a FWRA board member, or a FWRA League Chair.

Terry Smith Award

- Craig Faitel
- Pavel Bosin
- No Award

Email: _____

For Confirmation (optional)

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.

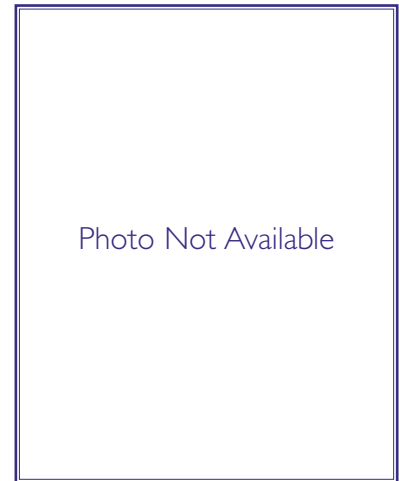
In 2004, Craig became the League Race Chairman for Singles League. Since becoming Chairman, Craig brought in many innovations into the organization of Singles League. He brought in on-line registration, improved the website, incorporated season pricing discounts for the races and banquet, improved cooperation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

