

2008 Snowball Gala

Saturday, November 8, 2008, 5 PM



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VAIL RESORTS



honoring
Clubs' Men & Women of the Year
Joe Harris Awardee

Evening Events

Marriott Courtyard Liberty Station, San Diego

5:00 PM

Reception for Clubs' Men & Women of Year

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
 - **Brian Flickinger**, Vail Resorts National Sales Manager
 - **Randy Lew**, FWSA President
 - **Steve Coxen**, FWSA Trustee Chair
 - **Jane Wyckoff**, FWSA Trustee
 - **Michael Sanford**, NCSF President
- Dinner
 - Mixed Greens
 - Chicken Breast or Salmon or Portobello Mushroom
 - Dessert

7:00 PM

Presentation by Vail Resorts

7:30 PM

Man & Woman of the Year Contest

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

Joe Harris Award Presented

8:30 PM

Dancing with North Star Band

10:00 PM

Announce Council's Man & Woman of the Year

11:30 PM

Good Night

Men & Women of the Year

Women of the Year

Carmen Jahns
Chris Houkom
Susan Shaffer
Rusty Etzel

Men of the Year

Gary Jahns
Rick Bonnett
Fred Blecksmith

Judges

Ken Hodge
Helen Harris
Ken Zuorro
Gene Fulkerson
Laura Meldrum

Prizes

San Diego Council Man & Woman of Year



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Joe Harris Award



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Helen Harris

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Action

Don Diego
North Island
Torrey Pines

Action

North Island
Torrey Pines

Action

Don Diego
North Island
Pacific Rim Alliance
Torrey Pines

\$50 Gift Certificate each

Goodie Package

Lift Tickets
Goodie Package

\$30 Gift Certificate each

Lift Tickets

"Snow Summit Story"
2 Lift Tickets

Goodie Package

Skiing Heritage Magazine
year subscription

2007 - 08

Man & Woman of Year

Carl Cobb & Debbie Schroeder



Gala Chair
Man & Woman of Year

2007 Man of Year
2007 Woman of Year
2007 Joe Harris Awardee

History & Research
Photos Courtesy

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2008 Snowball Gala Committee

Barbara Blaze
Debbie Schroeder

Honored Guests

Carl Cobb
Debbie Schroeder
Susie Vetter

Special Thanks

Helen Navoy Harris
Helen Navoy Harris, Debbie Schroeder,
Jonnie Johnson, Arnie Anderson, Janet Kangars,
Catherine Ohl, Action

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San Diego Council

Board of Directors

Eileen Sanford
Bob Morton
Chris Houkom
Rusty Etzel
Susan Shaffer
Barbara Blase
Laura Meldrum

Council Representatives

Ken Hodge
Michelle Langmaid
Helen Harris
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Tom Garcia
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Treasurer
Secretary
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BAE Systems
Don Diego
Get Off Your Rocker
North Island
Pacific Rim
San Diego
Solar
Torrey Pines
Alpine League

Snowball Gala Band
Man & Women of Year
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Women of the Year

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| 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

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Men of the Year

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| 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 |

* Was also Named FWSA Man of the Year

Joe Harris Award

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| Susie Vetter | North Island |
| Mike Sanford | North Island |
| Norm Cullen | Don Diego |
| Connie Smith | Don Diego |
| Jim Ortiz | Don Diego |

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History



San Diego @ Sun Valley
1980



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 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 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 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 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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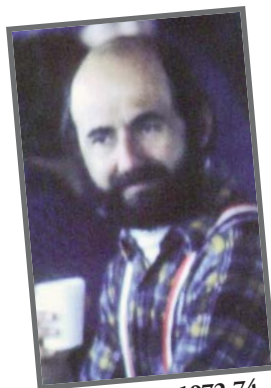
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| Mike Sanford | North Island |
| Dick Wood | North Island |
| Connie Smith | Don Diego |
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| Glenn Hayashi | Torrey Pines |
| Jim Ortiz | North Island |
| Tom Medvitz | Convair / Don Diego |
| Linda Walker | Torrey Pines |
| Don Stewart | Convair / Don Diego |
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| Kathie Leach | Torrey Pines |
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| Larry Schallock | Norski |
| Arnie Andersen | Torrey Pines |
| Robert A. Vogel | Convair / Don Diego |
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| 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 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. ■

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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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