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RACE SCHEDULE

Racing is completed for the 2021-2022 season. Stay tuned in the coming months for information regarding the 2022-2023 season.

For race results for the just completed season, refer to the Sierra League website and click on "Results".

Still looking for more "last" runs? Check out:

<https://www.skicentral.com/openareasskiereport.html>

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Debi Phelps; Open League Director of Racing

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NOTE: The FWSA 2023 Ski Week to Jackson Hole is almost sold out. Contact VP of Travel, Carlene Boutacoff NOW to find if space still available.

Further information about the trip is located later in this newsletter. Email: (cboutacoff@gmail.com)

The Far West Skier's Guide has gone digital.

Access the Far West website (www.fwsa.org). From Member Corner dropdown menu, select Publications. From Publications screen, select Far West Skier's Guide. Link for guide will display on right. Access to the guide is also available on the Sierra League website at the bottom of home screen.



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President's Message

*By Jo Simpson,
Sierra League & Sierra Council
President*



Our almost normal ski season is winding down. It's been so great to be in the lodges and to enjoy social gatherings.

With the end of the ski season comes the Far West Ski Association annual convention. After a postponed 2021 convention in October in San Diego, we are returning to the usual June convention which this year is in Portland, OR June 9-12. I hope we have a good contingent from Sierra. Check out the schedule of activities listed in the flyer later in this newsletter.

Sierra League and Council is entirely run by volunteers. I want to especially thank Nan Carnal for running our racing program and Carlene Boutacoff for administering our travel program. Both of those programs require tremendous amounts of time. Corey Doolin oversees our direct members and Mark Ostroff recruits hill workers for our races. Beth Perryman edits our newsletter and Pavel Bosin takes care of our website. Pat Ostroff is our secretary.

Stay tuned for our annual end of season gathering announcement.

See you on the slopes!

Jo

Member Clubs and Contacts

Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club

Las Vegas, NV
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Ski Area Websites:

Alpine Meadows/Squaw Valley: www.palisadestahoe.com

Badger Pass: www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Bear Valley Ski: www.bearvalley.com

Boreal: www.rideboreal.com

Ski China Peak: www.skichinapeak.com

Diamond Peak: www.diamondpeak.com

Dodge Ridge: www.dodgeridge.com

Donner Ski Ranch: www.donnerskiranch.com

Granlibakken: www.granlibakken.com

Heavenly Valley: www.skiheavenly.com

Homewood: www.skihomewood.com

June Mountain: www.junemountain.com

Kirkwood: www.kirkwood.com

Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard resort: www.skilasvegas.com

Mammoth Mtn: www.mammothmountain.com

Mountain High Ski: www.mthigh.com

Mt. Baldy: www.skibaldy.com

Mt. Rose: www.skirose.com

Mt. Shasta Ski Park: www.skipark.com

Northstar: www.northstarcalifornia.com

Sierra At Tahoe: www.sierratahoe.com

Snow Summit: www.snowsummit.com

Snow Valley: www.snow-valley.com

Soda Springs: www.skisodasprings.com

Thank you to our sponsors:

Start Haus Ski & Bike Shop

<https://www.starthaus.com>

Tahoe Heartbeat Apparel

<https://tahoeheartbeat.com/>

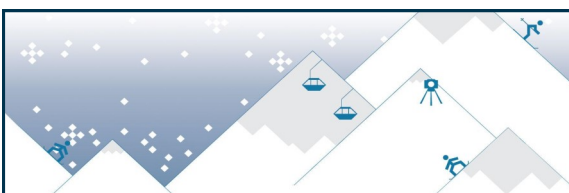
Sports Basement

<https://shop.sportsbasement.com/blogs/stores>

Habervision

<https://www.habervision.com/>

Habervision offers 50% off products



RACING NEWS, w/Nan Carnal, Sierra League Race Director

Season recap: It was so great to be able to return to league racing after the past two years of early resort closure (2020) and no racing (2021). Resorts are still grappling with the aftermath of COVID effects, loss of staff, etc. As a result, we suffered two race cancelations, but with help from Alpine Meadows, we were able to add an additional race there. In all, 5 races (of 6) were completed this season, including a long-awaited return to a GS at Northstar. We had excellent Sierra League racer participation in all events and it was so enjoyable to see all our old racing buddies and to welcome some new racers as well.



Sierra League junior racers show off their gold medals at the Far West Racing Association 2022 Championships. L-R: Luke Parkhurst, Laine Parkhurst, Alexandra Duckworth, and Avery Cronin.

Thanks to Debi Phelps, Open League race director for her leadership in putting the race season together. And thanks to all Sierra racers who volunteered on the hill to make our races happen. Special thanks to Mark Ostroff for onhill co-ordination and Bill Ramoni for Bib Management. Running these races is truly a team effort and everyone's input is definitely needed, appreciated and applauded!

Sierra Leagues' results at the FWRA Championships, April 9-10, at Mammoth Mountain, were outstanding! Twenty-Five Sierra League racers participated and earned the highest GS, SL and overall competition point totals. Our four junior racers were also awesome, taking first place in the junior division. So exciting! Great job to all and congratulations to all racers and especially those earning strikes and bumps. See all race results at: www.sierraleague.com.

Nan Carnal

FRANK APP SCHOLARSHIP - Recipient Update



Charles Zaretsky, a 15 year old ski racer from Reno attending Galena High School, is the 2021-2022 Frank App Memorial Scholarship winner.

Nevada High School State Ski Racing Championships were held at the end of February, 2022 at Mt Rose Ski Tahoe Area. Charles was the boys' overall winner at the state meet finishing first in both Slalom and GS.

In March, the Western US High School Championships were also held at Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe. Top young ski racers from across the western states competed in Slalom and GS, including top finishers from the Nevada State High School ski racing championships. Charles placed fifth in GS at this event.

The picture to the right is Charles winning the boys GS race at the Nevada State High School Racing Championships held at Mt Rose.



Updates from VP of Travel/Social—Carlene Boutacoff

Far West Ski Association Ski & Board Week 2023



Sierra travelers, *STAY WILD* and join your fellow council members for:

SKI WEEK 2023, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

January 21st-January 28th, 2023



Jackson Hole is an amazing ski resort with 2,500 acres of inbound terrain (133 named trails) on two mountains, Apres-Vous and Rendezvous.

The mountain offers a variety of terrain (50% expert, 40% intermediate and 10% beginner) including extreme leg burners, stash parks and rolling blue groomers. You can ski from 10,450 feet down to 6,311 feet in one run!

The ski resort will be on the **IKON** pass next season AND if you purchase your pass through our tour operator at <https://go.tripstorm.app/#!/22ikonfwsa>, you will receive a discount on your Ski Week package.

Our council lodging options are situated in the town of Jackson at the **Snow King Resort** (www.snowking.com) and **Elk Country Inn**. (<https://www.townsquareinns.com>).

The “mountain” and our rooms are well connected by a 15 minute bus ride on the public bus system and shuttles offered by our hotels.

The town of Jackson offers plenty of nightlife, shopping, and great restaurants.

All our lodging choices are a short walk from the action. Wooden sidewalks, hitching posts and western saloons, contribute to the “Wild West” atmosphere.

Have you heard of the *Million Dollar Cowboy Bar*??

Registration forms and additional information are located on the Sierra League & Council website at <http://www.sierraleague.com>; and in the following pages of this newsletter or contact your trip leader, Carlene Boutacoff for a packet at: cboutacoff@gmail.com.

Sign-up NOW as this trip is filling up quickly!



**Sierra League & Council,
Jackson Hole FWSA SKI WEEK Registration Form
January 21-January 28, 2023
PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT**

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Gender: _____ Skier _____ Boarder _____ Non-Skier _____

Member Ski Club: _____ Direct Member: _____

The Sierra Council Ski Week Package Includes:

7 nights lodging in Jackson, Welcome Party, Council Happy Hour Gatherings, Race Events, Sierra Council Dinner, Mountain Picnic, Dinner/Dance at Snow King Resort.

Note: Package does not include lift tickets, ground and air transportation.

Lodging Options: Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choices

Snow King Resort: (on site restaurant/bar/lounge, swimming pool, hot tub, shuttle to JH--\$6.00 rt)

_____ 2 Queen Hotel Room

_____ King Hotel Room (limited availability)

Package price is \$1295.00, double occupancy. (Single Supplement \$870.00)

Elk Country Inn Hotel: (free parking, complimentary shuttle, hot tub, swimming pool, hot buffet breakfast)

_____ 2 Queen Bed Hotel Rooms

Package price is \$995.00, double occupancy. (Single Supplement \$540.00)

Roommate Request Information:

Roommate's Name: _____

Condo mate's Names: _____

Would prefer a single supplement at _____

Would like assistance finding a roommate. *(If a roommate is needed, we will notify you if we have a sign up requesting the need of a roommate. If a roommate is not found, you will be subject to a single supplement payment).*

If you are traveling with children, please list and indicate their ages:

Transportation Options:

Note: FWSA Group Air requires 10 people flying on the same air itinerary to get group prices. REAL ID or passport required for all domestic air travel after October 2023. Ground Transportation will be included in the price for those participants that purchase FWSA Air transportation. Pricing and schedules will be provided at least 30 days before departure.

If you book your air on your own and would like to consider FWSA ground transportation, send your arrival and departure information (flight numbers and arrival/departures time) to Gloria Raminha: garski20122@gmail.com and Carlene Boutacoff: cboutacoff@gmail.com

Please mark the travel option you are considering:

_____ Fly from SFO with FWSA group transportation

_____ Fly from Las Vegas with FWSA group

_____ Making my own arrangements

_____ Making my own flight arrangements but would like to be included in FWSA ground transportation.

_____ Driving

Ski Passes and Lift Ticket Options: Please circle your choice

1. Lift Tix Tickets—Jackson Hole Resort

• Adult 4-day	\$503	Senior (65 yrs.)	4-day	\$430
• Adult 5-day	\$604	Senior (65 yrs.)	5-day	\$517
• Adult 6-day	\$719	Senior (65 yrs.)	6-day	\$615

2. Lift Tickets—Snow King Resort--\$77/day (Not an IKON or EPIC resort)

- **Note: IKON pass**—Our travel operator will have an online site for FWSA Jackson Hole Trip Participants to purchase the IKON pass for the 2023 year. If you purchase on this site (<https://go.tripstorm.app/#!/22ikonfwsa>) and sign up for the Jackson Hole trip, you will get a \$50 credit on lodging. Participants purchasing the pass from other vendors or directly through IKON **will not receive the lodging credit.**

Cancellation Policy:

There are no cancellation penalties if canceling prior to October 1st. Fees charged after October 1st will be determined by the date of cancellation and the lodging type. Transfer Fees or Name Change Fees will only be charged if they are charged by the resort or airlines.

I have been informed of the FWSA Code of Conduct, Sierra Council Payment Schedule and Cancellation Policy and agree to the terms.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Note: Participants must be a club member of Sierra League & Council, FWSA Ski Club or Direct Member of FWSA or Sierra Direct (\$10.00)

(CST #2036983-40)

FWSA ANNUAL SKI WEEK REGISTRATION FORM

JACKSON HOLE, WY January 21—January 28, 2023

Please print clearly: *The information you provide is for the exclusive use of FWSA & will not be sold for solicitation.*

PRINT NAME: _____ Nickname _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____ PHONE: Home: (____) _____
Cell / Work: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Date of Birth
(M/D/Y): ____/____/19____ (We need your birth date for racing and lift tickets)
Male____ Female____ I am a Skier ____/Snowboarder ____/Non-Skier or Boarder ____
Ski Club: _____ FWSA Direct Member: _____

Council: Arizona, Bay Area, Central, Intermountain, LAC, NBS Western Orange, Northwest, San Diego, Sierra FWSA Direct

REQUIRED EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION—*Person not at ski week.*

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

OTHER INFORMATION--*OPTIONAL*

Spouse/Significant Other at Ski Week? Name: _____ Cell #: _____

List Food Allergies and/or drug allergies (*optional*): _____

Medical Conditions: (*optional*): _____

List Over the Counter/prescription drugs taken regularly (*optional*): _____

- *I have been advised that the FWSA trip package does not include travel insurance and I have the option to purchase my own Travel Insurance.*
- *I am aware that I am financially responsible for myself whether I purchase Travel Insurance.*
- *I am aware it is my responsibility to obtain all legal documents required for travel including passports and that my passport must be valid at least 6 months after trip. REAL ID driver's license or PASSPORT is required as ID for travel on air flights in the U.S. beginning October 1, 2022.*
- *I have received a copy of the FWSA Cancellation Policy in effect for this trip.*
- *I have received a copy of the FWSA Conduct Policy.*
- *I further certify that I'm a current FWSA Club or Direct member and that the information I have provided on this form is accurate.*
- *I am aware that FWSA may use pictures taken at Ski Week in the ski week presentation, on their website, and in any promo DVD's to market other FWSA trips. I have the option to sign a form to deny the use of my photo.*

X (*Required*) _____ Date _____
Ski Week Participant Signature OR Parent/Legal Guardian for Minor

Complete the Information below if you Plan to Race at Ski Week (including Council Challenge)

Age Group: Junior (0-17 Years Old) ____ Open (18--49) ____ Vet (50--64) ____ SVet (65 & up) ____

Legends Classes (No Skill Levels): (75 & up) ____

Skier Race Class: SO __S1__S2__S3__S4__S5__S6__S7__S8__S9__S10__

Snowboard Upper ____ Snowboard Lower ____ Club I'll race for: _____

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2023 FWSA JACKSON HOLE SKI WEEK

January 21—January 28, 2023

SPORT PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

PLEASE READ AND BE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SIGNING.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Sport, Venue Use and Related Activities.

I, _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with all activities of the **FWSA Jackson Hole Ski Week Trip** including but not limited to alpine skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and tobogganing, certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to boarding, riding, and disembarking ski lifts, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites in which I am about to engage. **Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:**

1. Risk of delays, inconveniences, theft, terrorism, crimes, personal losses, and mechanical problems.
2. "Acts of God" or other actions taken by governments or their civil authorities, or common carriers that would impede FWSA's delivering any or all the contracted services, may result in injury, inconvenience, travel deviations, or unexpected cancellations relating to such risks or events, and are not within FWSA's control.
3. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
4. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
5. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
6. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or others' equipment.
7. I agree that I will wear approved protective gear as decreed by the Governing Body of the sport/activity I am participating in. However, protective gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety.
8. Variation and/or steepness of terrain, variation or changes in surfaces including but not limited to, ice, bare spots, rocks, stumps, debris, cliffs, trees, fences, posts, trees, light poles, signs, buildings, roads, walkways, ramps, rails, stairs, padded and non-padded barriers, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.
9. Risk of injury from the activities of travel could be significant including the potential for broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that may result in permanent disability and death.
10. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision-making including misjudging terrain, weather, riding surfaces or other obstacles.
11. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result in frost nip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia, and dehydration.
12. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, hurricane, severe and or varied wind, temperature, and other weather conditions.
13. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
14. Impact or collision with other participants, spectators, facility, employees, pedestrians, motor vehicles, and cyclists.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above-described activity(ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge, and appreciate that:

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE, the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees: Far West Ski Association (FWSA) and their directors and officers, FWSA Ski Councils and their directors and officers, FWSA Ski Clubs and their directors and officers, Far West Race Association (FWRA) and their directors and officers, and their successors and assigns.**
2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.
4. This agreement shall apply to all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.
5. As a participant, I agree for myself, my heirs, executors, anyone entitled to act on my behalf, to release and discharge FWSA from any and all claims of injury or damage suffered by me as a result of my participation in or travelling to or from the tour.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

S/ _____

Signature of Adult Participant/Parent/Adult Legal Guardian if Minor Child

Print Name of Adult Participant or Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: *This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin*

. This form should be printed on 1 page.

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FWSA TRIP CONDUCT POLICY

This policy applies to all persons participating on a Far West Ski Association ski week or trip. It is intended to maximize the enjoyment for all trip participants and provide guidelines for the FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leaders, and assigned Trip Assistants. All trip participants are requested to observe common courtesy and generally accepted standards of social and moral behavior.

In accordance with Federal and State laws, the Far West Ski Association will enforce a "Zero Tolerance Policy" on illegal drug use at any FWSA sponsored event or trip. Failure to observe this policy will automatically remove you from participation in future FWSA events.

Participants shall adhere to the requirements of FWSA trip packages (e.g., lift tickets) and participants agree not to transfer, resell, or barter all or portions of that package. Only FWSA, or the issuing agency may compensate the participant for the unused portion or permit transfer. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from future FWSA events.

Alcohol and tobacco use is allowed in moderation and where permitted by law. FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leaders, or assigned Trip Assistants, will ask a participant to cease any loud, obnoxious, or offensive behavior. Participants who refuse to cooperate will be reported to local security or local police.

Far West Ski Association maintains a strict policy prohibiting sexual harassment and harassment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, age, or any other basis made unlawful by any applicable law or ordinance or regulation. Prohibited harassment in any form, including verbal, physical and visual conduct, threats, demands, and retaliation is unlawful and will not be tolerated. If, after a request to refrain from this behavior, the participant continues, FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leaders, and assigned Trip Assistants may contact local security or local police. Profanity and off-color humor is only permitted if it is not offensive to other participants. Please stop the offensive behavior if asked by another participant, FWSA Travel Staff, Council Trip Leader, or assigned Trip Assistant.

Parents/Legal Guardians of minor children under the age of 18 are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their children. Children under 12 years will be under the direct supervision of their parents/legal guardians at all FWSA events. Parents/Legal Guardians are responsible for providing supervision of their children under 12 years of age during the time that they are attending a FWSA function without their children (e.g., children under 12 will not be left alone in the lodging rooms).

FWSA Travel Staff, Trip Leaders, assigned Trip Assistants, and/or FWSA Board of Directors will attempt to resolve problems in a mutually beneficial manner. When resolution cannot be achieved, FWSA Travel Staff, Trip Leaders, and assigned Trip Assistants have the authority to call on-site security or local police to resolve the problem. Participants may be excluded from a trip at their own expense and without reimbursement of trip expenses.

2023 FWSA JACKSON HOLE SKI WEEK SCHEDULE—Tentative
January 21—January 28, 2023

1/21/2023 Saturday Arrivals and Check-in

Registration —3:00 pm—9:00 pm Location TBD

- Distribution of ski week packets and lift tickets to FWSA participants
- Sign up for GS race and sign 2 waivers

1/22/2023 Sunday WELCOME RECEPTIONSNOW KING RESORT 7pm—10pm

1/23/2023 Monday COUNCIL ACTIVITIES/DINNERS

1/24/2023 Tuesday

- **Giant Slalom Races—Snow King Mountain Resort --see racer schedule**
(Sponsored by North American Travel)
- **Picnic—The Lodge at Snow King Mtn. Resort—11am—2pm**
 - Councils will have assigned times to eat at the picnic-- TBD

1/25/2023 Wednesday OPEN DAY

1/26/2023 Thursday

- **Council Challenge Team Races—Jackson Hole Resort Starting at 10 AM**
- **Farewell Banquet/Dance—Snow King Resort 6:30—10pm**
 - Picture presentation from the week beginning at 6:30pm
 - 2024 Ski Week Presentation 7:30pm
 - Dancing 8—10pm
 - Racer Awards may be picked up

1/27/2023 Friday OPEN DAY

1/28/2023 Saturday CHECK OUT/DEPARTURES

******FWSA will not be planning additional group activities/tours. Participants will be provided with a list of activities/tours in the area that they can book on their own during the week. The list will be in the Pre-Trip booklet that will be emailed to all trip participants in early November.*

Sierra League and Council Membership Options

Club Membership

There are 8 ski clubs affiliated with Sierra League and Council. Please contact a club near you for membership information. Their contact information is listed at <https://www.sierraleague.com/contact.html>. Several of them have websites updated with activities and member benefits. Contact information is also available on page 3 of this newsletter.

Direct Membership

If you do not belong to an affiliated ski club, you may join Sierra League and Council as a direct member. To coincide with the [Far West Ski Association](#) our annual membership year begins May 1 and ends April 30.

The annual fee is only \$10 for each individual. This allows you all member privileges including:

- Sierra Council [Travel Program](#)
- Sierra League [Race Program](#)
- [Far West Ski Association Member Benefits](#), Services & Discounts
- The [Sierra League and Council Newsletter](#)
- Other events that might be temporarily suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. These include the annual Winter Holiday Party and summer barbecue.

Application, Dues and Information

[Application Forms](#) for individuals:

Print out form(s), fill in and sign application forms (and associated waiver) for each individual joining. The form and waiver are available at the league website under "about". The form and waiver are included in this newsletter on the following two pages.

How to submit by mail:

- Write check for \$10 made out to Sierra Ski Council
- Mail both completed form including waiver and check to:

Corey Doolin, membership
PO Box 394
Tahoe City, CA 96145

How to submit online:

- Pay Sierra Direct [Online Membership Dues through PayPal](#)
- Scan completed application and waiver form, attach as a .pdf file and email to: alpinesnow@att.net

Corey Doolin
FWSA Sierra League and Council VP Membership
alpinesnow@att.net

**Sierra League & Council
2021-2022 Membership
Application**

New Member

Renewing Member

Name:

Address:

Phone: (home)

(cell)

Email:

Mark all that you are interested in:

Racing

Travel Program

List Trips:

Emergency Contact Information:

Name:

Relationship:

Phone: (home)

(cell)

:

I have read and signed the Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Dues: \$10

Completed Application can be emailed to alpinesnow@att.net, and payment through PayPal on the Sierra League and Council website, or:

Mail completed application and waiver, along with personal check, cashier's check, or money order payable to "Sierra League & Council" to:

**Corey Doolin, Membership
P.O. Box 394
Tahoe City, CA 96145**

7/01/2021

**Sierra League & Council Waiver
2021-2022 Membership Year**

**SPORT PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.
Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing.**

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Sport, Venue Use and Related Activities.

I, _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with all activities of Sierra League & Council including but not limited to alpine skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and tobogganing, and certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to boarding, riding, and disembarking ski lifts, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites in which I am about to engage. **Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:**

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that may result in permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or others' equipment.
3. **I AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE GEAR AS DECREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SPORT I AM PARTICIPATING IN.** However, protective gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety. I further agree that no helmet can protect the wearer against all potential head injuries or prevent injury to the wearer's face, neck or spinal cord.
4. Variation and/or steepness of terrain, variation or changes in surfaces including but not limited to snow surfaces, ice, bare spots, rocks, stumps, debris, cliffs, trees, fences, posts, trees, light poles, signs, buildings, roads, walkways, ramps, rails, stairs, pyramids, manual pads, bowls, half-pipes, jumps, padded and non-padded barriers, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.
5. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision making including misjudging terrain, weather, riding surfaces or other obstacles.
6. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result in frost nip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia and dehydration.
7. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.
8. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
9. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
10. Impact or collision with other athletes, spectators, facility employees, pedestrians, motor vehicles, and cyclists.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above described activity(ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that:

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE,** the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees: **Sierra League & Council and their directors and officers, and their successors and assigns.**
2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.
4. This agreement shall apply to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature of Adult Participant

Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)

Date

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: *This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.*

Signature of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian if Participant is a Minor

Name of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian (Print Clearly)

Date

SKI & SOCIAL EVENTS WAIVER (does not include racing)

SAFETY - Spring Skiing Tips

The following article is from the skiutah.com website:

<https://www.skiutah.com/blog/authors/lexi/spring-break-beyond-safety-tips-for#:~:text=%20Spring%20Break%20%26%20Beyond%3A%20Safety%20Tips%20for,The%20combination%20of%20high%20altitude%20and...%20More%20>

“Spring Break & Beyond: Safety Tips for Skiers & Shredders
BY LOCAL LEXI \ MARCH 5 2019

The thrills of skiing and snowboarding in Utah’s sublime snow and terrain can be awfully distracting. So much so, that visitors and locals alike may often forget a few crucial safety tips in their anticipation of hitting the snow. The environments where ski resorts thrive tend to be quite extreme at times, and it’s important to take a few simple, yet vital steps to keep safe on the snow.

SUN SAFETY AND SKIN CARE FOR SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS

What you may not realize is that Utah is perfectly positioned to create a trifecta of factors that enhance and increase the risks of sun damage. The high elevation at ski areas, the sparkling snow, and the southerly latitude exacerbate the effects of overexposure to the sun. Snow can reflect up to 90% of sunlight and UV rays, increasing your exposure to damage. This is even true of cloudy days because sunlight can still filter through the cloud layers.

Lasting sun damage is a poignant risk for skiers and snowboarders, especially ski area employees or those who head to the mountain on a regular basis. Sunburn is initially painful and uncomfortable, but long term sun exposure at altitude can result in wrinkling, blotchiness, premature aging, and skin cancer.

Dr. Christopher Hull with the Dermatology Services at the University of Utah Health had many sobering facts to share about the incidence of skin cancer in local ski area employees. Thanks to the Huntsman Cancer Institute and a pilot program called Sun Safe on the Slopes, free skin care screenings were offered to resort employees at Snowbird, Deer Valley Resort, and Park City Mountain. Dr. Hull reported that the incidence of skin cancer in this population was far higher than average and their findings spurred the quest to educate more employees and ski area guests about the importance of sun safety in Utah and at high altitudes.

Dr. Hull confessed, “You don’t often think about sun exposure while skiing because your body is covered up and the temperature is cold.” He recommends, “Any exposed skin needs sunscreen of SPF 40 or higher”. For every 1,000 feet that you recreate above sea level, the UV exposure can increase by up to 6-10%. This means that at 11,000 feet, at the top of the tram at Snowbird, your UV exposure could be up to 50% greater than what you’d experience when sunning yourself at the beach! According to Dr. Hull, “The biggest and most important thing to remember is to reapply your sunscreen throughout the day.” He recommends a zinc-based sunscreen because it reflects the sunlight and provides the best protection.

- Don’t dare to bare! Resist the urge to don a headband; you’re better off with a helmet.
- Reapply OFTEN! It is recommended to reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours.

SAFETY, cont.— Spring Skiing Tips

- Choose a zinc or mineral-based sunscreen of SPF 40 or higher.
- Opt for a thin buff or neck gaiter made of lycra, spandex, or a fabric with a tight weave for added sun protection of the face and neck.
- For lips, avoid high-gloss lipsticks or balms and choose a product with SPF. Reapply every 1-2 hours to prevent dryness, chapping, and sunburn.
- If you do find yourself sunburned, try calamine lotion, aloe, or Vaseline to reduce pain and irritation.

PEEPER PROTECTION



Recall that up to 90% of the sun's ultraviolet rays can bounce off the brilliant white snow surface back into your eyes. This means skiers and snowboarders are at a greater risk for snow blindness, corneal sunburn, eye cancers and macular degeneration. Long-term overexposure to UV radiation has also been linked to an increase in the incidence of developing cataracts. UV rays can prematurely wrinkle and damage the delicate skin around the eyes. Prolonged exposure to snow reflection can cause lasting and permanent damage to your eyes, which is why it is critical to always wear sunglasses or goggles when skiing or snowboarding or hanging out at the mountain. The arid climate you'll encounter at ski areas can also cause dryness and discomfort for your eyes. Dr. Hull recommends using preservative-free eye drops to maintain comfort.

- Wear sunglasses that completely wrap around the face or tinted goggles to block glare and prevent permanent eye damage.
- Use lenses that are polarized with a UV400 rating, which filters out 99.9% harmful UVA and UVB rays.
- Polarized lenses will cut down on glare and enhance contrast on the reflective snow surface.
- Don't be fooled by cloudy days! Even on overcast days, UV rays penetrate through clouds and haze.
- Don't forget the après hour. If you remain outdoors, it's important to sport goggles or sunglasses once you finish up skiing or snowboarding.

FEEL THE FLOW - STAY HYDRATED

The combination of high altitude and Utah's notorious lack of humidity hard work to dehydrate skiers and snowboarders. Remember, Utah is basically a desert basin and that total lack of moisture is what makes the powder snow legendary and light. If you're working up a sweat, moisture loss can be exacerbated. Prolonged exposure to wind can also accelerate dehydration. All these factors point to the importance of hydrating while skiing or boarding. This is especially true if you are visiting from a lower elevation.

- Slip a small, flexible hydration bladder into your jacket pocket for hydration on the go.
- Polish off a glass of water at lunch or during a snack break.
- Each time you see a drinking fountain, grab a sip.
- If you must après, follow the golden rule and water yourself between drinks.
- Drink a glass of water or two before bed.

SAFETY, cont.— Spring Ski Tips

HELMETS ARE (STILL) COOL...

“You wouldn’t play football without wearing a helmet – same rule applies for skiing. Plus, helmets are way warmer than hats.” — Lindsey Vonn

The number of skiers and snowboarders sporting helmets these days has skyrocketed. The benefits of putting a lid on your dome are numerous and it shouldn’t even be a question when it comes to outfitting children with a properly fitting helmet. For more information, please see [Lids on Kids](#).

The most common head injuries in snow sports occur from falling and hitting snow or ice. For beginning skiers or snowboarders, this is a particularly common injury. A collision with another object such as a tree or signpost or another snow slider is the biggest risk factor. It is quite common for skiers or snowboarders to reach 25-40 mph on trails rated for intermediates. At these speeds, it is simply unwise to skip the helmet. While helmets cannot provide total protection, they can lessen the degree or severity of trauma to the head or brain. Be smart!

- Wearing a helmet does not give you permission to move recklessly about the mountain.
- Your best defense is to always ski in control, “Know the Code”, and be aware of your surroundings.
- Ensure you have a snug and properly fitted helmet. A helmet is only effective if it fits!
- Never use a bike or skateboarding helmet. Use a helmet specifically designed for snow sports.
- Don’t be the guy blazing down the hill with a flapping chin strap. Buckle up!
- Do not buy a helmet for a child to grow into. A helmet should always fit the user!

Skiing and snowboarding provide a sensation of freedom and a respite from the daily grind of life. Escaping to the mountains is a wonderful way to unplug and recharge. These few safety precautions can help you better enjoy your time on the snow. With a little effort and thought you can stay safer on the slopes.

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) is one of the largest associations of snowsport enthusiasts in the U.S. FWSA covers 12 states with 10 regional Councils with more than 150 Clubs and combined membership of over 50,000 skiers and snowboarders. As a member of a club that belongs to the SIERRA Council, you are a member of FWSA and entitled to all benefits. You may also join FWSA as a Direct Member.



North American Travel

FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week 2023: Jackson Hole, WY, January 21– 28

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week, March 2023, Destination TBD

FWSA Convention:

Annual Convention, June 9-12, 2022; , Holiday Inn, Portland, Oregon

FWSA International Travel:

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure February, 2023: Zermatt, Switzerland, TBD

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure Summer, 2023: Val Nevada, Chili,
w/Atacama Desert Extension, TBD

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure February, 2024: Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy TBD

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure February, 2025: Val d'Isere, FR w/extension TBD

Dive/Adventure/Cruises

FWSA Alaska Cruise & Denali Tour; June 25 - July 2, 2022; Rescheduled Dates

Croatia: Fall, 2022, Details TBD; Rescheduled dates due to COVID-19

2022 Cozumel, Mexico Scuba Dive Trip: October 8-15

Central/West Africa; 2024 TBD

Galapagos Islands, 2025, TBD

Please contact the trip leader and/or check the FWSA website for further information regarding travel/housing/schedules, registration forms, waivers, payment schedules, etc.

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Far West Ski Association Convention

June 9 - 12, 2022

at the

**Holiday Inn Portland
Columbia Riverfront**



Hosted by the *Northwest Ski Club Council*

Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront

909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217

Reservations:

Call **1-503-283-4466**, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**.

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy —

\$154 per night

Room Registration Deadline May 10, 2022

Hotel Features

- Located on the Columbia River
- Breathtaking views of Mt. Hood & Mt. St. Helens
- Outdoor Pool and jacuzzi
- Riverside deck for Friday Night Happy Hour
- Restaurant & Lounge • JB's Night Club
- Business Center
- Fitness Center

Transportation

- Fly into Portland International Airport
- 12 miles to Hotel via Uber, Cab, Red/Yellow Max Line

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
 - Mt. Hood Adventure
 - Pub Crawl in Downtown Vancouver
- **Friday**
 - 15th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - Wine Tour
 - Pool Party

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

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FWSA Alaska Cruise & Denali Tour

June 21 – 25, 2022: Denali Tour

June 25 – July 2, 2022: Alaska Cruise aboard the Majestic Princess

Select the Denali Tour only, Cruise only, OR add Denali tour to the Alaska Cruise



June 21 - 25, 2022: Fairbanks to Denali to Anchorage (Tour ONLY)

June 21 - July 2, 2022: Fairbanks to Denali to Whittier Port (Anchorage) to Vancouver, BC (Tour & Cruise)

June 25 - July 2, 2022: Whittier Port (Anchorage) to Vancouver, BC (Cruise Only)

CRUISE ITINERARY:

Day 1 Sun: Hubbard Glacier (Scenic Cruising)

Day 2 Mon: Glacier Bay National Park (Scenic Cruising)

Day 3 Tues: Skagway 7:00am – 8:30pm (see “Alaska Port Info” for Optional Tours for this Port)

Day 4 Wed: Juneau 6:30am – 5:00pm (see “Alaska Port Info” for Optional Tours for this Port)

Day 5 Thurs: Ketchikan 10:00am – 6:00pm (see “Alaska Port Info” for Optional Tours for this Port)

DAY 6 Fri: FUN DAY AT SEA

DAY 7 Sat: Vancouver Docks 7:30am (Transfer to airport to fly home)

PER PERSON RATES:

\$2,199.00 - Balcony Rooms/ Obstructed Views

\$2,299.00 - Balcony Rooms/ Unobstructed Views

\$2,599.00 - Junior Suites

\$234.00 per person port fees

***Inside rooms and suites also available and will get prices if interested. Room rates may vary from above rates based on location and availability.*

Above Rates Include:

- Welcome Party
- \$25 per cabin credit (\$12.50 per person)
- Tips - \$14.50 per day per person (\$101.50 wk.) charged to ship card daily
- Those who signed up for 2021 Coral Princess received the FREE premium beverage package; Free Wi-Fi; and FREE gratuities (approximate value \$900) and this carries over when you were rebooked for the 2022 Majestic Cruise
- 2022 **Majestic Princess** new signups will be informed of "Special Deals" at the time of booking.

FWSA Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise (cont.)

SHIP DEPOSITS: \$250 per person to book room number

Make check(s) payable to **FWSA**;

Send checks to: **Nancy Ellis**, P .0. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162

NO PENALTY TO CANCEL PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2022;
CANCELTION PENALTIES BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2022

WHITTIER, AK: BOARD SHIP BEFORE 8:30pm, SATURDAY, June 25

Those persons on the optional Denali Tour will be bused to the ship on Saturday, June 25, ~ 5 pm

Those persons on the **Cruise Only**:

Option 1: *Fly into Anchorage on Saturday, June 25, take ground transportation to the ship before 8:30pm, Transfer \$59*

Option 2: *Fly into Anchorage on Friday, June 24, stay at the Captain Cook Hotel overnight, take 2 transfers to the ship by 8:30pm, Saturday, \$264 per person double occupancy. Transfer \$59*

DENALI TOUR

June 21 - 25, 2022: FAIRBANKS TO DENALI TO ANCHORAGE (TOUR ONLY)

Special Denali Tour arranged by **Sandy Gaudette**,
Skigroup.net Tour Operator

Per Person Double Occupancy: \$1,480



Tour Includes:

- Tuesday & Wednesday: Fairbanks River's Edge Resort, 2 Nights with Breakfast
- Wednesday: Riverboat Ferry Discovery Cruise Fairbanks
- Thursday: Alaska Railroad Adventure Class Train ride, Fairbanks to Denali with full Breakfast
- Thursday & Friday: Denali Park Village Hotel River w/View Rooms
- Friday: Kantishna Wilderness Trail Tour with Lunch (13 Hour full park day)
- Saturday: Private Bus Denali to Whittier to catch ship.
- No Host Lunch stop in Anchorage (*those departing home will take taxi to the airport*)

SPECIAL NOTE ON ROOM REQUESTS: Any requests you make for a specific hotel room type or amenity (for example view, bedding, roll away) will be forwarded to the hotel. These are requests only, and we cannot guarantee room features other than as described in your itinerary below. Payment for incidentals, room upgrades, or extra services will be your responsibility.

Not included in trip: Air to Fairbanks, Air/Transfers; Anchorage home (Denali Only Tour), bus driver and tour guide tips.

FWSA 12th Annual Scuba Dive Trip – Cozumel, Mexico

October 8-15, 2022



5 Star Iberostar Cozumel Resort

Diver Land Package = \$1399.00 Standard Bungalow - Double Occupancy
Non-Diver Land Package = \$919.00 Standard Bungalow - Double Occupancy
Single Supplement Standard Bungalow Add = \$300.00
Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details
(Air transportation not included in above pricing)

Price Includes:

- 7 nights at Iberostar Cozumel Resort – Dbl. Occupancy with all meals daily
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Resort fees, taxes & gratuities (housekeeping tips, dive gratuities, Marine Park & ECO Room fees not included)
- 5 X 2 tank morning dives, 1 night dive, including 2 Cenotes dives
- PADI CDC Center – Dressler Dive Center onsite
- Complimentary Nitrox
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Resort Amenities
- Welcome Party and Farewell Dinner



*Experience Mayan
Culture & Entertainment*

*Create New Memories
with Friends,
Old and New!*



*Dive the Cenote, Kayak,
snorkel, spa services and
more...*



Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



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FWSA COZUMEL SCUBA DIVE TRIP
October 8 – 15, 2022

Basic Cost excluding air travel:

5 Day (2 tank boat dives) Dive Package	\$ 1,399
Non-Dive Package	\$ 919
Single Supplement	\$ 300

Price Includes Iberostar Resort

- 7 nights at Iberostar Cozumel Resort – based on 2 per room
- All meals daily
- All drinks daily including alcohol

- All non-motorized water sports and activities
- Unlimited Nitrox

Resort fees, taxes & staff gratuities (housekeeping & dive gratuities, Marine Park fees & Eco Room fees not included)

Add-On Costs:

Superior Room	\$ 115 per person
Ocean View Room	\$ 283 per person
Ocean Front Room	\$ 341 per person
Suite	\$ 784 per person

Payment Schedule:

Initial deposit	Immediately	\$ 500 per person
2 nd payment	June 1, 2022	\$ 500 per person
Final payment	July 15, 2022	\$ balance

Cancellation Penalties:

Prior to July 7, 2022	\$ 0 per person
July 8, 2022 – August 6, 2022	\$ 100 per person
August 7, 2022 – September 5, 2022	\$ 300 - \$ 400 per person
September 6, 2022 – departure date	no refunds

Cancellation Penalties are subject to additional supplier charges and processing/handling fees

Travel on this FWSA trip to Cozumel requires a valid Passport. Your Passport must be valid until April 15, 2023 (six months after your return). It is your responsibility to ensure your required travel documents are in order and with you.

DIVE and TRAVEL INSURANCE

FWSA highly recommends that you purchase travel insurance. Roatan Charters offers trip insurance on their website at [Trip Insurance – Roatan Charter](#) . Additional travel insurance vendors can be found on FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/insurance.html> . In addition, all scuba divers will be required to have diving accident insurance through Divers Alert Network (DAN), the premier dive insurance. You can get their insurance info at <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS

Ski industry news from the National Ski Club News, National Ski Council

IKON Pass Adds Partner Resorts, Pass Options for 2022-23. Alterra Mountain Company unveiled the details for its 2022-23 Ikon Pass, which includes new pass product options, new partner resorts, and changes to access for several destinations. New partner resorts include Sun Valley, Idaho, and Snowbasin, Utah—which are defecting from Vail Resorts' Epic Pass—and Chamonix Mont-Blanc Valley in France. SAM

Mountain Collective Shuffles Partners for 2022-23. The Mountain Collective will include 22 destinations for the 2022-23 season, as Snowbasin, Utah, and Sun Valley, Idaho, return to the group, and Mammoth and Palisades Tahoe, Calif., and Sugarbush, Vt., withdraw. SAM

Indy Pass Holds Prices for 2022-23, Introduces Mega Switch Pass. Pricing for 2022-23 Indy Pass products will not increase from 2021-22, but new this year is a \$20 discount incentive for mega pass holders to switch to Indy Pass. All 82 current resort partners are expected to return next season. A final resort roster with blackout dates will be released May 1. SAM

Epic Pass Adds Options for 2022-23, Nominal Price Increase. Vail Resorts (VR) has unveiled its 2022-23 Epic Pass lineup, increasing prices slightly over its significantly reduced 2021-22. New this year, the company also introduced a monthly payment plan and a cheaper tier of the Epic Day pass, with location-restricted access. SAM

Alterra Plans \$344 Million in Capital Improvements. Alterra Mountain Company plans to invest \$344 million in capital improvements for winter 2022-23, its biggest single year investment since the company was formed. SAM

New England Pass 2022-23 Adds Multi-Day Products. Boyne Resorts has unveiled pricing for the 2022-23 New England Pass products, which provide access to Sunday River and Sugarloaf, Maine, and Loon Mountain, N.H., and also introduced the new N.E. Day ticket pack products, available for two to five days of access to the three resorts. SAM

Vail Resorts to Acquire Majority Stake in Switzerland's Andermatt-Sedrun Resort. It will be the first European ski resort that VR will own and operate. The transaction is expected to close prior to the 2022-23 winter season, subject to certain third-party consents. SAM

Vail to Invest \$175 Million in Pay Increases, Housing, HR. Ahead of its second-quarter earnings call, Vail Resorts rolled out a new incremental annual \$175 million investment in its employees that includes a \$20 per hour starting wage, a commitment to "aggressively" expand affordable employee housing, and the hiring of more centralized HR staff, among other things. SAM

Timberline (OR) Pursues Plans to Further Integrate Summit Pass. A new master development plan from Timberline operators R.L.K. and Company outlines major capital investments to further integrate Summit Pass (formerly Summit Ski Area) with Timberline Ski Area. AM

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Crystal (WA) Redevelopment to Address Capacity Concerns. A recently unveiled \$100 million capital investment by parent company Alterra will address key capacity concerns at Crystal Mountain, Wash., according to resort president Frank DeBerry, through expanded parking, skier services, lift, and terrain. *SAM*

Big Sky Resort Announces New Tram, Gondola, Midmountain Sports Center. Big Sky Resort will add a new gondola from its base area, sports center, restaurant venues and a new tram to the top of 11,166-foot Lone Mountain as the final phase of its 10-year, \$150 million expansion plan *Billings Gazette* via *Inntopia | Destimetrics*

Snowbird to Get New Trams, First in the United States with Rooftop Balcony. Snowbird will upgrade its Aerial Tram with new Doppelmayr cabins this spring. The cabins, which will feature a summer rooftop balcony and glass floor panels, will be the first of their kind in the United States. *SAM*

Sunlight is First Colorado Resort to Join Indy Pass. Sunlight Mountain has become the first Colorado ski area to join the Indy Pass. For the remainder of winter 2021-22 and the entire 2022-2023 season, Indy Pass holders will get two days at Sunlight with no blackout dates.

Homewood (CA) Switches Gears. Struggling to remain a viable ski resort, Homewood will become semi-private. With passholders and skier visits in decline during the past 10 years, JMA Ventures, which bought Homewood in 2006, has had to pivot to a new financial and development model that is sustainable. *Moonshine Ink*

Alpine-X Proposes Second Indoor Ski Area for Texas. Alpine-X, a Virginia-based developer with plans to build 20 indoor snowsports resorts across North America, has signed a letter of intent to co-develop its second location in Texas. Its flagship indoor resort, projected to open in early 2025, is in its first phase of development in the Washington D.C. area. *SAM*

Black ski groups descend on Snowmass to promote camaraderie, inclusion in the ski industry. The skiing and snowboarding industry has historically been dominated by white and male participants, but industry leaders in Colorado are ramping up efforts to bring, especially, first-time skiers and snowboarders of color to their mountains. They said they want to make it more reflective and inclusive of all Americans. *Colorado Sun* via *Google Alerts*

National Brotherhood of Skiers Founders Enter Ski Hall of Fame. After a two-year delay, Ben Finley and Art Clay were officially inducted into the Hall of Fame last week at Sun Valley – the first African Americans to enter its ranks. *Boise State Public Radio* via *Google Alerts*

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

Bipartisan Caucus Aims to Support Ski Industry Threatened by Climate Change. Reestablished in 2014, the Ski and Snowboard Caucus brings awareness and creates bipartisan solutions to the social, economic and political issues of the ski and snowboarding industry, which is increasingly at risk of warming winters and fewer snow days. Columbia Climate School @ Columbia University via Google Alerts

Ski Utah Launches Discover Winter Program. Ski Utah and six partner resorts teamed up this season to launch the "Discover Winter" program aimed at increasing BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) community participation in winter sports. The program eliminates common barriers to entry by providing participants with four lessons, transportation to the resorts, rental equipment, and proper clothing, as well as a Ski Utah Yeti Pass, valid for one ticket at each of Utah's 15 ski resorts. SAM

States With the Most Ski Resorts. Looking at the number of resorts currently open for business, *Curated* used data compiled by the National Ski Areas Association, to rank states based on their number of alpine ski areas. Each state also includes the oldest and newest ski resort. If more than one state is tied for the number of ski areas, the states are ranked the same and the numbering continues. *Albany Herald* via Google Alerts. For the full article, refer to this website: https://www.albanyherald.com/multimedia/slideshows/states-with-the-most-ski-resorts/collection_21ddf243-d229-5e31-8e86-09ac589f9252.html#1

Is This the End of the Trail Map? At ski resorts around the country, the familiar paper map is disappearing, as mountains push skiers to use apps and other digital resources. But some skiers are pushing back. *The New York Times*

America's Birthplace of Organized Skiing is in Michigan. More than a century ago, local businessmen and skiing enthusiasts took steps to organize the National Skiing Association in Ishpeming, Michigan. As a result, the region is credited as the birthplace of organized skiing in America, and home to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. For more information about this museum: <https://skihall.com>.

Other US ski museums worth the trip (note, this list not all inclusive):

- The New England Ski Museum with locations at Franconia Notch State Park (New Hampshire) since 1982 and North Conway, NH since 2018. <http://newenglandskimuseum.org/>
- Colorado Snowsports Museum located in Vail, CO: <https://www.snowsportsmuseum.org>
- Mammoth Ski Museum featuring more than 500 years of the sport. It is located in Mammoth Lakes, CA; https://www.allmammoth.com/history_museums/mammoth_ski_museum.php
- **Alf Engen Ski Museum** located in Park City, UT dedicated to preserving the history of skiing in the intermountain region. <https://engenmuseum.org/>



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