



June 2008

2008 — 2009 EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location/Contact
June 14, 2008	Sierra League & Council Board Meeting—1:30 p.m.; Potluck Social follows meeting	Jo Simpson (775)787-7556 jo_simpson@sbcglobal.net
Oct. 21, 2008	Group Double Whammy Due	Barbara Bryant (530) 550- 9452 membership@fwsa.org
Nov. 7-9	UNR Ski Swap	Livestock Events Center
Dec. '08—Apr. '09	Sierra League Race Dates <i>Dates being set up with Ski Resorts—will be available soon</i>	John Manter (775) 831-6667 jmanski@aol.com
Dec. 10—13	4th Annual Keystone Nat'l, CO	Nancy Ellis Keystonenationals@sbcglobal.net
Jan. 24—31, 2009	Far West Ski Week—Big Sky	Debbie Stewart gwstewart@prodigy.com
Feb. 27 —Mar. 7	FWSA Ski Trip—Austrian Alps	Norm Azevedo (925)944-9816 fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net
Mar. TBD	Norcals	TBD
Apr. 3—5	Far West Championships	Northstar

Vail Resorts

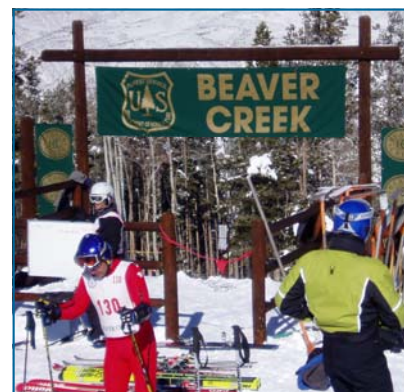
The Epic Season Pass New for the '08-'09 season

With this [ski pass](#) you will have **unrestricted** and **unlimited** access to Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, and Arapahoe Basin.

Unlimited (where you want, when you want)

Unrestricted (no black out dates)
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If you plan to ski in Colorado this next season, consider **The Epic Pass**. You can use it at Vail Resorts in Colorado and at local Heavenly Valley. Go to the Heavenly Resorts website: www.skiheavenly.com for more information about the pass and how to purchase one..



This is the last edition of the newsletter until October 2008. Please check the website www.sierraleague.com for current dates and times for events.



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President's Message

—By Jo Simpson, Sierra League & Council President



Welcome to summer, Sierra skiers. While most of us were competing in the finals and enjoying the last days of skiing before the Tahoe slopes closed, some of our members were working hard preparing for next season. John Manter and Pavel Bosin are working on next season's racing schedule, and Debbie Stewart has all the information about the Far West trip to Big Sky distributed and posted to the Sierra website. And the behind the scenes work continues in many areas.

The Sierra Board of Directors will hold our summer meeting June 14 at my house in Reno. The board is made up of elected and appointed officers, committee chairs, and the presidents or designated representatives and race chairs from each of the member clubs. Sierra has two major board of directors meetings to plan for the coming ski season, one in the summer and another in the fall. All council members are welcome to attend these meetings. If you plan to attend, please email me for an agenda and directions. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end with a potluck meal.

Sierra is pleased to welcome the Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club. We are looking forward to getting acquainted with them on the slopes and at the races.

Have a great summer, and stay in shape for skiing.

Sierra Board Meeting June 14th



The Board will meet **Saturday, June 14th, 1:30 p.m.** at Jo and Ken Simpson's home in northwest Reno. The address is 1691 Ashbury Lane, Reno, NV 89523. Sierra Board meetings are open to any council member who would like to attend. This will be a potluck business meeting. Jo and Ken will provide the barbeque, buns, and a pot of baked beans. Attendees please bring salads, desserts, chips, etc., and whatever you'd like to drink. Please let Jo know if you'll be attending so she can be prepared. You can contact her at (775)787-7556 (home); (775)722-6468 (cell); or email jo_simpson@sbcglobal.net. There's a lot of important information to cover, so be prepared to help Jo move through the agenda as expeditiously as possible, and then there'll be plenty of time to socialize over dinner.

Websites of Interest:

Far West Ski Assoc:
www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation:
www.skifederation.org

Far West Race Assoc:
www.fwra.com

US Ski Team:
www.uskiteam.com

Far West Masters:
www.farwestmasters.com

US Ski & Snowboard:
www.ussa.org

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Top Gun

Contact to be named

FWSA Hot Sheet

—Barbara Bryant, FWSA VP of Membership



FWSA sends a "FWSA Hot Sheet" once a month with short bullet points of information about FWSA with links to the web site for more information. The bullet points will also include the latest information on FWSA Travel. The easiest way to join is to email Barbara Bryant, FWSA VP of Membership at membership@fwsa.org with your name and email address. You can also go to www.fwsa.org and click on *FWSA News* to sign up for a yahoo newsgroup. Some of the benefits of creating a Yahoo account and joining the FWSA news group include the ability to review Messages online, download files that may be posted in the group Files folder, review Links, and participate in Polls.

You can unsubscribe at any time. To protect your privacy, your email address will not be visible to other members of this group and only two moderators will be allowed to post messages.

During the signup process, in the *Comment To Owner* section, please list your name, home zip code, snow sports club name and current club position(s). If applicable also list your council position(s) and council. If you are from the snow sports industry or media, please list your name, organization, title and work zip code.

To reduce the possibility of unwanted messages after you have created your Yahoo account, please be sure to click on *Account Info* link on the top of the page and then when the next page comes up click on *Edit Your Marketing Preferences* link in the middle of the page, and when the *Marketing Preferences* page loads, click on the *Clear All* in the middle of the page in the *Special Offers* section and finally click on the *Save Changes* button.

Convention Awards Competitions

The annual FWSA convention in Bellevue will be an important event for several Sierra Council and League members. Barbara Bryant and Debbie Stewart will be running for re-election to FWSA Board positions at the convention. Barbara is running for VP of Membership, a position that she currently holds, and Debbie is running for Secretary, a position she, too, currently holds. Good luck to both of you!



Sierra is also represented in the awards competition. Debbie and George Stewart are Sierra Council's entrant in the *Man and Woman of the Year* competition. They will be interviewed by a panel of judges and will be competing with other representatives from Ski Councils within the Far West Ski Association for the honor of being selected *FWSA Man and Woman of the Year*.

Donn Bryant, has been nominated for the Hans George Award. This award is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contributions to skiing. Donn has 61 years of contributions to skiing, and is a very worthy nominee for this honor.

Nancy Ellis has entered the Sierra Council and League newsletter in the Communications Award Competition. Five issues of the Newsletter have been submitted for judging.

It's great to have Sierra represented in the awards competitions at the 2008 FWSA Convention.

Make Your Reservations for Big Sky

Big Sky and Moonlight Basin offers "Everything" for the Skier and Snow Sports enthusiast including the largest skiable terrain in the US! It is located 45 miles south of Bozeman, and only 18 miles from the border of Yellowstone National Park. Over 5500 skiable acres, Base elevation is 7,500', Vertical Drop 4,350', Longest run is 6 miles. Families are welcome. Ask Debbie for more details. We proudly offer 76 spots for lodging at The Summit Condominium Hotel which is a luxury 4 Star, slopeside property with wonderful amenities.



Big Sky Resort Lodging for Sierra Council (availability subject to change):

The Summit Condominium 2 bd/3 bath Condo (4 per condo) \$1300.00* - 16 condos available

The Summit Studio w/ Boyne Wall bed (2 per studio) \$1088.00* - 4 studios available

The Summit Hotel Room (2 per room) \$1175.00* - 2 hotel rooms available

*Pricing does NOT include TRANSPORTATION. Single Supplements may be available.

Note: Children are invited to participate during the FWSA Ski Week 2009 with certain restrictions.

FWSA Lodging and Amenities Package includes: 7 nights lodging, Registration, Welcome Reception, Mountain Picnic, Après Ski Party, Racing, Farewell Awards Banquet and 5 day lift ticket (there are no senior rates).

SIGN UP TODAY by completing the sign up sheet included in this newsletter. Include your check and payment voucher (also included in this newsletter). Contact Debbie Stewart, VP of Travel, at gwstewart@prodigy.net

Man and Woman of Year



George and Debbie Stewart have been selected as Man and Woman of the Year for Sierra Council. Both are extremely active in their ski club, the Sierra League and Council, as well as in the Far West Ski Association. George is Webmaster and Newsletter Editor for the Sequoia Ski Club, and recently took on the position of Webmaster for FWSA. He started racing this last year, and raced in his first championships this year at Mammoth. Debbie is President and Trip Leader for Sequoia Ski Club, VP of Travel for Sierra Council and League, and Secretary of FWSA. As VP of Travel for the Council, she has organized our annual Holiday party and silent auction and raffle.

Debbie and George will represent Sierra Council at this year's FWSA Convention in Bellevue, WA in the Man and Woman of the Year competition. They will be honored at a special reception and will be recognized at the convention banquet on Saturday night. Congratulations for receiving this special honor, and good luck in the competition!

Hans George Nominee

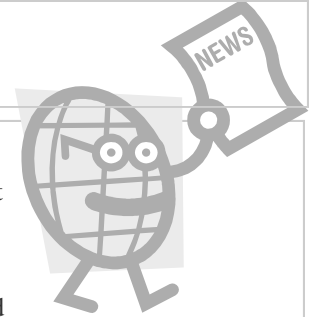
Current President of the Cabernet Ski & Race Club, Donn Bryant, has been nominated for the Hans George Award, Far West Ski Association's most prestigious award. It is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing. This award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution over the years.

Donn has contributed 61 years of involvement in all aspects of skiing. 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 USSA racing official for 24 years. Donn also supervised youngsters in the Nordic Ski Program at Bogus Basin, Idaho. He has served as an officer in many ski clubs including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chairman, and PNSA By-laws Committee Chairman and Representative.



FWSA NEWS

—Highlights from Barbara Bryant's Newsgroup on the FWSA website



Benefits to belonging to FWSA

Columbine Inn and Conference Center, Taos Ski Valley, NM. Get a 10% discount when you present your FWSA membership card. Call 888.884.5723, on-line www.columbineinntaos.com, or email psgeilen@taosnet.com.

Hampton Inn and Suites, Truckee, CA. Present your FWSA membership card and get special discounted rates at the [Hampton Inn and Suites](#). Call 530.587.1197 for reservations (mention FWSA).

Public Affairs

Revelstoke Mountain Resort (Revelstoke, BC Canada) opened for business in December 2007 with an 8 person gondola and a high speed quad chairlift servicing 4,735 vertical feet of lift serviced terrain; 1,500 acres of skiing and 27 ski runs. This brand new resort is expected to have North America's longest lift serviced vertical at 5,263 feet next winter. Ultimately, the mountain will have over 20 lifts and more than 100 runs. Check their website: www.revelstokemountainresort.com.

U.S. won a national record 5 World Cup titles (Bode Miller-overall, combined; Lindsey Vonn-overall, downhill; Ted Ligety-giant slalom) including both overall crowns which only has happened 9 times in 41 years. The last time U.S. won both overall titles in the same year was 1983 (Phil Mahre & Tamara McKinney) when U.S. won a total of 4 World Cup titles.

Overall dollar sales for the entire winter sports market (August 2007 to February 2008) increased 11% in dollars to \$2.75 billion with equipment sales of \$768 million, apparel sales of \$1.1 billion and accessories sales of \$895 million according to SIA (Snowsports Industries America). Specialty shops accounted for 63% (\$1.7 billion), chain stores 21% (\$574 million) and Internet 16% (\$453 million) of snow sport sales. In specialty shops unit sales of skis increased about 1.5% to 436,133 and snowboard unit sales decreased about 2% while in chain stores equipment unit sales declined 11% and in internet equipment unit sales increased by 60%.

Intermountain Ski Council (ISC)

The dates of Feb 26—Mar 1, 2009 have been chosen for the ISC trip to Steamboat Springs. The plan is to provide bus service from Pocatello and Salt Lake City, lodging at Steamboat, and three days of skiing. Watch for more details at the website: www.intermountainskicouncil.com.

Bogus Basin (Boise, ID) is going through the application process to join ISC. Several ISC members plan to attend the FWSA annual convention.



Club Officer Updates Now Due

—By Nancy Ellis, FWSA Information Services Director

This is the time of year when ski clubs and councils have elected their new officers for the coming year. Please remember to let the FWSA know who your new officers are so that these people will receive important information from FWSA. Complete the form even if your officers have stayed the same so that the FWSA database has the correct information about your officers and club. FWSA sends information periodically of interest to clubs and officers so it's important that the information is correct. You won't want to miss getting copies of *The Councilman*, FWSA trip flyers about ski weeks and international trips, Convention information, and other information items. Complete the form in this newsletter and mail or email it to Nancy Ellis using the contact information on the flyer.

Group Double Whammy Due Oct. 21



Sierra Council is putting together a **Northstar Group Double Whammy** as a fundraiser. The Council treasury will accrue funds because the Council will get one free pass for every 15 we purchase under the group rate. This is a savings for you of \$119 over the regular 7 day Double Whammy Pass. Your Double Whammy will be valid at *Northstar* Resort any day, except for Blackout Dates and at *Sierra* Resort any day, no restrictions.

2008 - 2009 Blackout Dates: November 28 - 29, 2008; December 26 - 31, 2008; January 17 - 18, 2009 ; February 14 - 15, 2009.

Your cost is \$459 and includes Vertical Plus, a \$99 value.

Deadline for payment and all forms: **October 21, 2008**. Sign-up and waiver forms located in this newsletter. Fill out the forms, sign them, and send them with your check made out to *Sierra Council* to: Barbara Bryant, 12741 Peregrine Dr., Truckee, CA 96161. For more information, contact Barbara Bryant, 530.550.9452 or e-mail her at membership@fwsa.org.

Snowsports Leadership Academy



The FWSA is launching a multi-year curriculum for club officers to support them in the ever more complex issues in club leadership and management. The curriculum is experience-based and will draw on speakers within the Association as well as experts brought in from industry. Registrants will receive a certificate for each of the 1-2 hour modules attended. The curriculum currently consists of eight modules and would take 4 years to complete in person. Attendees will receive takeaways for their journal and it is anticipated that the curriculum modules will be available online. The first two modules are scheduled for the 2008 Convention in Bellevue, Washington.

The eight modules include the following:

1. **"I'm Elected, Now What do I do?"** This introduces the curriculum and gives a nuts and bolts introduction to the components of a ski organization, resources available, record-keeping, financial management, and travel programs.
2. **Recruiting and Retention.** Assessing and sustaining interest; membership records and cards; communications are all-important, using print and electronic media; other resources available.
3. **"Tripping Out."** Creation and operation of a travel program; responsibilities of the travel chair and the trip leaders; codes of conduct; currency risks; controlling the flow of money and tracking it; financial risks; selection of providers; insurances; requirements by your home state.
4. **Ethical Responsibilities.** Skiers pledge; conflicts of interest and avoiding them; fiduciary responsibilities; product trade-outs and the rules for disposition of them; conduct as an officer representing your club; relations with travel providers and FAM trips; relations with resorts and manufacturers.
5. **Risk Management.** The liability and litigation landscape; use of multiple signatories; travel program exposure; trip leader awareness; summer programs; waivers; directors and officers coverage and limitations; bonding.
6. **"Taking Credit for Your Community Support Activity."** Getting involved in humanitarian and community support activity; fundraising for charities or the charity you develop; media exposure; shared use of logos; keeping records.
7. **"Those who came Before."** You are snowsports history; learn about those who preceded you and made snow sports what they are today; making your contribution to history; available resources.
8. **"Your Personal Equipment."** Get refreshed on essential equipment for snowsports and state of the art in these essentials; safety requirements; emergency situations; weather and the effects on the human body.

Travel

FWSA GREEK ISLE TRIP—October 1—17, 2008

Athens, Rhodes, Crete, Mykanos, and Santorini are highlighted on this trip. There's an optional extension to Turkey. Contact Norm Azevedo 925-944-9816, or email: fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net.

KEYSTONE NATIONALS, COLORADO—December 10—13, 2008

Keystone is the perfect setting for an early season racing experience. Even if you don't race, you'll enjoy wonderful snow and no crowds, along with parties and meeting skiers from all over the country. Visit the website, www.keystonenationals.com for information. Check out the flyers in this newsletter for information on lodging and the event. Contact Keystonenationals@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or need specific information.

FWSA 2009 SKI WEEK TO BIG SKY, MONTANA—January 24—31, 2009

This area boasts 3,812 acres of skiing including 10 gladed ski runs with over 4,350 vertical feet. Combined with Moonlight Basin, there's a total of 5,512 acres of skiable terrain. The resort is located 18 miles north of the Yellowstone Park border, making it possible to take a day trip to the park! See the flyer in this issue.

FWSA 2009 AUSTRIAN ALPS SKI TRIP TO BAD GASTEIN—February 27—March 7

You will stay at the Elizabethpark four star hotel, which is in the heart of Bad Gastein and an hour drive from Salzburg. This is an historic area with many activities to keep you busy! Which of the four ski areas will you ski? There is an optional post trip to Munich and Prague March 7—14th. Participation on this trip will be limited, so get your reservation deposit in early! See the flyer in this newsletter for more information and how you can sign up.

Les Trois Vallees, France

By Debbie Stewart, Sierra League & Council VP of Travel

In March, the FWSA International Ski Week was held in Les Trois Vallees, France. 159 enthusiastic skiers and non-skiers participated in a very exciting and enjoyable trip. Organized and very ably led by Norm and Mary Azevedo, with Harry and Karen Davis as assistant trip leaders, we flew from Seattle, San Francisco, or Los Angeles to Paris, then to Geneva. Our ski week home was La Tania, a village in the French Alps where we stayed at La Montana and the Chalets at the edge of the village, yet centrally located to the gondola for easy access to the slopes. Les Trois Vallees, meaning "The Three Valleys", truly was spectacular and enormous. The three ski resorts- Courchevel, Meribel, and Val Thorens together boast the largest ski area in the World, with over 181 lifts, not including the many T-bars. We had sunny, clear, overcast, and snowy conditions which were truly welcomed. Having not had snow in 6 weeks, the storms came in to greet us and provide fresh snow for our skiing pleasure.

For those who chose the day excursions, there were many options such as trips to Geneva, Turin (host of the 2006 Winter Olympics), Chamonix, Annecy, Aix-les-Bains where site seeing, wine tasting and touring was enjoyed by many. There were 2 pub crawls and one trip to the spectacular scenery at La Rosiere, where many skied from France to Italy for lunch. Mont Blanc was in full view there.

After a week of wonderful days and nights in the Alps, 109 people continued on the extension trip. We spent three nights in the charming, small (140,000) city of Aix-en-Provence and three nights in Paris. In Aix there were optional excursions to St. Tropez on the French Riviera, a medieval abbey (Senanque) and to the perched village of Gordes. In Paris, there were optional excursions to two different cabaret shows (Crazy Horse and Moulin Rouge), to Versailles, to the basilica Sacre Coeur and to the Seine for a cruise on the last evening. Our hotel was situated just a stone's throw from the Eiffel Tower and we all got around the city via the subway system, by a train line, by hop-on hop-off buses, or by taxi. Paris was a wonderful way to end a terrific trip, despite some logistical glitches. From Paris, with amazing energy, Norm and Mary took off to explore sites in Austria for next year's International Ski Week - 2009.





Far West Ski Association Ski Club Officer Update Form 2008-09

Please Print or Type Clearly

Ski Club Name		Effective Date:	
Ski Club Council		Race League:	
Club Mailing Address	Street/P.O. Box: City/State/Zip:		
Club Hotline	Phone:	Email: Web site:	
Meeting Location	Name: Street: City/State/Zip:		
Meeting Frequency	Day of week/month: Time:	Election month: Date Club Established:	
Club Publication Name	Club Dues: Single \$ _____ Couple \$ _____ Family \$ _____		
Number of Members	Active/Voting:	Non-voting:	Total:

PRESIDENT _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Res. Phone _____
 Wk. Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 ___ Please do not publish my name on behalf of FWSA

TRIP LEADER _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Res. Phone _____
 Wk. Phone _____
 E-mail _____
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WEBMASTER _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Res. Phone _____
 Wk. Phone _____
 E-mail _____
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This roster has been submitted by:
 Name _____
 Title _____
 E-mail _____

If you have any questions regarding the information to be provided on this form, you may contact the Database Coordinator, Nancy Ellis at 530.582.0566

NEWSLETTER _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Res. Phone _____
 Wk. Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 ___ Please do not publish my name on behalf of FWSA

After completing this form please return mail to:

FWSA DATABASE
 c/o Nancy Ellis
 P.O. Box 9681
 Truckee, CA 96162
 Or email to: nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net

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Name of Group Organizer _____

App. Received _____

Home Resort NST SAT **2008/2009 Double Whammy® Group Season Pass Application**

Please be sure to include email address in the information below for each group member that would like to receive information and special offers for season pass members only.

Member # _____ Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ Daytime Phone () _____

Are you a *Vertical Plus™* or season pass member? **Yes** **No**

Age as of 1/1/08 _____ Birth date (month/day/year) _____ / _____ / _____

Resort Autocharge? **Yes** **No**

Credit card # for Resort Autocharge option _____ Exp. Date _____

Applicant(s) using the *Vertical Plus* membership pass must be scanned each day of use. Violators will be prosecuted.

If applicant/credit card holder has signed up for the Resort Autocharge features by indicating "yes" in the appropriate column for any particular individual listed, applicant/credit card holder acknowledges and accepts full responsibility and guarantees payment for all amounts charged by any individual listed, whether or not such use is authorized by applicant/credit card holder. In the event of the expiration of applicant/credit card holder's credit card or any failure relating to payment by the issuer thereof, applicant/credit card holder agrees to make payment of all amounts charged to applicant/credit card holder's Season Pass and the Season Pass of each other person authorized hereby to Trimont Land Company, DBA *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort or *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort. Applicant agrees to contact *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort or *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort and report a lost or stolen credit card. Applicant agrees that *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort and *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort may pursue all avenues of collection, including the use of collection agencies and applicant authorizes *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort and *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort to prepare and submit charge slips using any of the charge cards listed on this application to recover all charges and other unpaid amounts due.

I authorize payment of charges through use of the Resort Autocharge feature as indicated above, for myself for as long as the Resort Autocharge option is maintained (regardless of any change in credit card or credit card number).

Signature of Credit Card Holder _____ Date _____

- Group pass price \$479 per pass.
- **All group members must complete and sign Application and Release of Liability and Agreement Document in order to process passes.** One form of payment only per group (see group organizer page for payment options). All passes are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- *Double Whammy* Group Season Passes are available to ages 23-69 only.
- Minimum purchase of 15 passes to qualify for group rate and to receive one free group organizer pass. Only one free pass per group.
- Each *Double Whammy* Group Season Pass includes a FREE *Vertical Plus™* membership.
- Resort Autocharge allows you to bypass the ticket lines on the days that your pass is blacked out and have the discounted ticket rate charged directly to your credit card.
- Resort Autocharge is a convenient way to purchase items at the mountain. It allows you to use your pass to charge at resort operated food and beverage outlets, ski and snowboard schools, rental shops and retail locations
- In the event that a season pass is lost or stolen, please report it to the *Northstar* Resort or *Sierra* Resort Season Pass Office immediately.
- Blackout dates at *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort: Nov. 28-29, 2008; Dec. 26-31, 2008; Jan. 17-18, 2009 and Feb. 14-15, 2009

Please advise group members of *Double Whammy* Group Season Pass blackout dates at *Northstar* Resort. As a passholder, they are entitled to purchase an all day lift ticket at *Northstar* Resort at the afternoon rate on these dates.

Name of Group Organizer _____

App. Received _____
Home Resort NST SAT

**Liability Release, Acknowledgement of Risks and Hazards and Agreement Not To Sue
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT.**

WARNING: Use of *Northstar-at-Tahoe*TM and/or *Sierra-at-Tahoe*[®] Resort facilities, equipment and premises, hereafter "facilities", including but not limited to: skiing, snowboarding, other recreational activities and the use of aerial and surface lifts, is HAZARDOUS. Falls and injuries are a common occurrence and you must keep deliberate and conscious control, both on the ground and in the air, of your physical body while properly using your equipment in variable weather and other conditions. Ski, ride and participate in these activities only within your own ability. Your safety and that of others is directly affected by your judgment in the severe elements of mountain terrain. Be alert to all risks, hazards and dangers at these resorts, including but not limited to: variations in terrain (including steepness and other variations, whether natural or as a result of slope or trail design), terrain parks, jumps, elements or features, surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions (whether natural or machine-made); bare spots; rocks, trees, stumps and other forms of forest growth or debris; lift towers and components thereof and other ski area components including lights, fences, posts and signs, (all of the foregoing whether above or below snow surface); pole lines and plainly marked or visible snowmaking equipment, other equipment, vehicles and machines including snowmobiles and snowcats; collisions with other participants or other persons (whether as a result of failure to ski, ride or participate in these activities within their own ability or otherwise) or collisions with any of the risks included in this paragraph (whether natural or man-made).

1. In consideration of being permitted to use the *Northstar-at-Tahoe* and/or *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort facilities, I agree to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS Trimont Land Company, DBA *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort and *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort, Inc. their parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, real and personal property owners, agents, officers, directors, contractors, volunteers, employees and insurers (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all claims I might bring as a result of physical injury, including death, or property damage sustained in connection with my use of the *Northstar-at-Tahoe* and/or *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort facilities INCLUDING CLAIMS BASED ON NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF WARRANTY. I am fully aware of and accept all risks, hazards and dangers associated with using the Releasees' facilities and I am fully responsible for any and all damage or injury of any kind that may result from my use of the Releasees facilities. I promise not to bring a claim against or sue the Releasees and agree that if anyone is physically injured or property is damaged while I am using the Releasees' facilities, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the Releasees. I also agree to indemnify and defend the Releasees for any and all claims, including subrogation and/or derivative claims, brought by any third party or insurer, for injury or damage I may cause.

2. Applicant(s) will be issued an Access Media Card (hereafter "the Pass") upon presentation of valid ID and proof of age. Applicant(s) agree to (a) visibly display the Pass when boarding lifts and/or accessing trails; (b) present the Pass to any *Northstar-at-Tahoe* and/or *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort authorized representative upon request; and (c) refrain from reckless skiing, riding or participating in conduct that is not consistent with safe and prudent skiing/snowboarding, violates "Your Responsibility Code" or the law, acknowledging that the Pass may thereafter be revoked without refund or for violation of the Eldorado/Placer County Skiers Responsibility Code, California Penal Code 602, or for inappropriate, disruptive or reckless behavior. Season passes remain the property of *Northstar at Tahoe* and/or *Sierra at Tahoe* and must be forfeited upon request by an authorized resort employee. This includes, but is not limited to, skiing/snowboarding in closed areas as well as beyond ski area boundaries. The Pass is not transferable and not refundable. In the event the Pass is lost, stolen, broken or unrecognizable, you must pay a non-refundable fee of \$25 for any replacement pass. In all cases, your Pass privileges expire at the close of operations for the 2008-2009 winter season. In some cases and depending on the type of Pass, the Pass has other restrictions including without limitation, "blackouts" on Saturdays, Sundays and/or other dates such as: 11/28-29/08; 12/26-31/08; 1/17-18/09 and 2/14-15/09, at which times the Pass is invalid. Such Applicants understand that the Pass is invalid at these times and a daily lift ticket will need to be purchased if the Applicant desires to ski/snowboard at such times (check with the resort ticket office for special passholder daily lift ticket rates that may be available on the "blackout" days).

3. I hereby grant permission to the Releasees to use my image(s), picture or other likeness(es), (collectively, "Image"), whether video, digital or print, for commercial purposes or otherwise, without restriction as to frequency, duration or medium.

4. *Vertical Plus* Applicant(s) must be scanned each day of usage. **NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE RESORT AND SIERRA-AT-TAHOE RESORT DO NOT GUARANTEE THAT VERTICAL PLUS MEMBER LINES WILL BE SHORTER THAN OTHER LIFT LINES.**

5. I authorize Releasees to administer first aid as they deem necessary. I authorize transportation to a medical facility, at my expense, if deemed necessary by Releasees. Further, in the case of serious illness or injury, if I cannot be reached, I give permission for treatment, including medical and/or surgical care necessary for the well-being of my child, at my expense. I agree that upon transporting myself, or my child, to any medical facility, clinic or hospital, the responsibility of the Releasees shall be totally fulfilled and the Releasees shall have no further responsibility. I understand that Releasees will, to the best of their ability, attempt to notify me as soon as possible in the event of an emergency.

6. This document is a legally binding contract and supersedes any other agreements or representations by or between the parties and is governed by the laws of the State of California. It shall be interpreted to provide as broad and inclusive a release of liability as is legally permissible, but it is not intended to assert any claims or defenses that are prohibited by law. I agree that exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any legal action against *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort shall be in Placer County, California courts and against *Sierra-at-Tahoe* Resort shall be in El Dorado County, South Lake Tahoe Division, California courts, and such courts have personal jurisdiction. If any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall still be given full force and effect. Season duration or frequency of use is NOT GUARANTEED due to WEATHER and SNOW CONDITIONS.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING LIABILITY RELEASE, I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND I AM AWARE THAT I AM RELEASING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS THAT I (OR THE MINOR CHILD) OTHERWISE MAY HAVE. I agree that this is a Liability Release and Agreement Not to Sue, which will legally prevent me, or any other person, from filing suit or making any other claims for damages in the event of personal injury, death or property damage. I freely and voluntarily enter into this agreement. I understand that permission to use the resorts, their facilities, premises and equipment is being given to the undersigned participant in exchange for the execution of this Liability Release and Agreement Not to Sue. I have made no misrepresentations to the Releasees regarding my name, age or any other information. This Liability Release and all its components shall survive and continue in force beyond the termination of the current season with respect to any liability, injury or damage occurring prior to such termination.

Signature

Date



FWSA Ski Week - BIG SKY, MONTANA JAN 24 - 31, 2009

Located 45 miles south of Bozeman, Montana and only 18 miles north of Yellowstone Park border

SIGN UP SHEET - ****please complete a form for each person****

Price includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and FWSA amenities package.

*Trip price does **NOT include Transportation!**

PROPER NAME: _____ Nickname: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ WORK PHONE: () _____

CELL PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ BIRTH DATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Skier/Boarder: _____ Non-skier: _____ MEMBER SKI CLUB: _____

Deposit Schedule: _____ \$50.00 Deposit to reserve your spot (MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Sierra League)
\$250.00 monthly payments - June 1, July 1, August 1 and September 1, 2008
Balance Due November 1, 2008 (subject to final lodging/transportation costs)

Cancellation Policy: _____ * \$50.00 non-refundable
* September 1 - October 31, 2008 = \$100.00 per person
* After November 1, 2008 = NO REFUNDS unless a compatible replacement is found.
There may also be a transfer fee up to \$250.00.

Send forms & payments to: _____ Debbie Stewart, VP of Travel
430 S. Church St.
Visalia, CA 93277
gwstewart@prodigy.net phone: 559/734-9294

Make 1st - 3rd Choices THE SUMMIT CONDOMINIUM HOTEL - LODGING AND ROOMMATE PREFERENCES:

Choice # _____ **The Summit 2 bed/3 bath Condo (4 per condo) - \$1300.00 pp**
Your Name: _____
Roommate name: _____
Roommate name: _____
Roommate name: _____

Choice # _____ **The Summit Studio w/ Boyne wall bed (2 per studio) - \$1088.00 pp**
Your Name: _____
Roommate name: _____

Choice # _____ **The Summit Hotel Room (2 per room) - \$1175.00 pp**
Your Name: _____
Roommate name: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

I have been informed of the cancellation penalties and agree to the terms of the cancellation policy. Any returned checks from your bank will have a \$25.00 penalty charge. **Travel Insurance is recommended.**

Must be a member of Sierra Council/League (NV Reg. #2007-0064) or a Direct Member of FWSA (CST #2036983-40)

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

FINAL PAYMENT

VOUCHER #6: Name _____ - DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Payment Amount - \$ _____ Phone # _____

VOUCHER #5: Name _____ - DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

\$250.00 Due Payment Amount - \$ _____ Phone # _____

VOUCHER #4: Name _____ - DUE DATE: AUGUST 1, 2008

\$250.00 Due Payment Amount - \$ _____ Phone # _____

VOUCHER #3: Name _____ - DUE DATE: JULY 1, 2008

\$250.00 Due Payment Amount - \$ _____ Phone # _____

VOUCHER #2: Name _____ - DUE DATE: JUNE 1, 2008

\$250.00 Due Payment Amount - \$ _____ Phone # _____

PLEASE COMPLETE A VOUCHER FOR EACH PERSON **DUE DATE: NOW!!!**

Non-Refundable Deposit - \$50.00 per person

VOUCHER #1: Name _____ - DUE DATE: NOW

\$50.00 Due Payment Amount - \$ _____ Phone # _____

4th Annual Keystone Nationals December 10-14, 2008

- Race with skiers of similar ability, sex and age
- Enjoy lively après ski parties and a fun filled awards banquet
- Any level skier or racer has an opportunity to win their class

For racing questions and registration, please email
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Keystone is the perfect setting for an early season racing experience. Enjoy 3 days of skiing and racing with other ski club racing enthusiasts. Bring yourself or a team from your Ski Council and compete for the Keystone Council Cup. This is a great opportunity for an early season warm up in preparation for the 08/09 winter while meeting other skiers and racers from all over the country.

- Lodging from \$190/person (4 nights/double occupancy)
- Discounted Air, Transfers & Lift Tickets

To book your trip contact:



Ryan Jerdll
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or call 866 665 1041

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Austrian Alps FWSA Ski Trip

February 27 to March 7, 2009
\$1690 per person*



You will stay at the Elisabethpark four star hotel, which is in the heart of Bad Gastein and an hour drive from Salzburg. The Gasteinertal mountains rise on three sides of the Gastein Valley. Bad Gastein is a charming historic village with a world famous spa. The town has many restaurants and shops for you to peruse. Winter snow blankets more than 125 miles of slopes, drawing all levels of skiers and boarders to the Gastein ski region which is one of Austria's largest.

The Elisabethpark Hotel has a spa, wellness treatment centre, health club, bar/lounge, and indoor swimming pool. They have a large dining room where you will enjoy a breakfast buffet in the morning and a five course dinner at night. Trip cost includes hotel, meals as described, ground transportation to and from hotels and airports, and flights from/to LAX or SFO. Day trips will be announced later.

Upgrade to Deluxe Room : \$100 extra Single Room Supplement: \$235 extra

* Estimated US departure taxes, customs, immigration and fuel charge: \$275

Munich and Prague Extension

\$855 per person* March 7 - March 14, 2009
(Must be taken in conjunction with Basic Ski Week)



Travel by private coach from Bad Gastein to Munich. Spend three nights in Munich at the Four Star Holiday Inn City Centre. Includes half day Munich guided tour. Travel by private coach between Munich and Prague with English speaking guide. Enjoy four nights accommodations in Prague at the Four Star Ametyst Hotel. Includes a half day Prague guided tour. Hospitality desk with English speaking Guide and Breakfast are included at all hotels.

Single Supplement \$475 extra * Estimated fuel charge for extension: \$30

\$200 per participant deposit required to hold a place on the Basic Ski Week and \$200 for the Post Extension. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for all cancellations. Deposits are refundable until November 1, 2008. Make checks out to Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Please include the following with your check: (1) your legal name and address, (2) phone number, and (3) email address. Send to: FWSA International Travel, 901 Sousa Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2922.

For information contact Norm Azevedo at 925-944-9816, or email: fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net FWSA
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