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2020 Race Schedule

Race 5	March 7	SL	Heavenly Valley
Race 6	March 8	GS	Heavenly Valley
Optional	March 14		Mammoth *
* SO CA League Race, NOR CAL racers welcome *			
Championships, April 3-5 Mammoth Mtn			
Clinics	April 3SL & GS		
Races	April 4SL&GS		

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NEW: 2021 FWSA Alaska Cruise & Denali Tour

Sign-up and book a room by FEBRUARY 28 to get free premium beverage package, free Wi-Fi, and gratuities included. Dates and details found on pages 9 & 10 of this newsletter.



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President's Message

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



Greetings everyone! We had a great trip to Big Sky for the FWSA ski week. Thanks so much to our travel director Carlene Boutacoff and her merry band of volunteers. See her article elsewhere in this newsletter.

There's still room on the Big White mini trip March 29-April 3. Big White offers good later season skiing in a fun setting.

Thanks to Nan Carnal for a great job as our race director, as well as Mark Ostroff, our head gatekeeper and Bill Ramoni, our bib czar. Her article provides details on the race season so far.

I am sorry to report that the Capital Ski and Sports Club in Sacramento has disbanded. However, they made a generous donation of \$1,200 to our Frank App Memorial Scholarship Fund for promising junior racers in the Tahoe area. Thank you so much!

It's not too early to start thinking about the FWSA convention in Portland, May 28-31. Check out the flyer.

Don't miss the flyer on the FWSA 2021 Alaska cruise. Sign-ups by February 28 get a FREE Premium Beverage Package, FREE WIFI and FREE Gratuities--an approximate value of \$900 depending on the room type selected. A \$250 deposit is required to sign up, and it is refundable until March 1, 2021.

See you on the slopes! Jo

Member Clubs and Contacts

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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

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

Racers have completed 3 season races: 2 GS races at Alpine in January and 1 SL race at Sugarbowl in February. Due to howling winds on February 9 and wind hold at Sugarbowl, the second of our SL races that weekend was canceled by the Sugarbowl race department.



At the moment, we are working to reserve a make-up date for the canceled race. Meanwhile, our next scheduled races are at Heavenly on March 7 (SL) and March 8 (GS). These races are currently scheduled on the Nevada side on Stagecoach run. Do your best snow dance moves! A couple of good snowfalls before early March would be more than welcome!

In the NEAR future...remember that the FWRA Championship races will be on the weekend of April 3-5 at Mammoth Mountain. Clinics are scheduled on Friday and all races (SL and GS) on Saturday. Thus, there is an opportunity for an early morning free ski day on Sunday before you head home. More information will be forwarded to you when FWRA sends details. Be sure to check your email. *Happy skiing, Nan*

FRANK APP SCHOLARSHIP - A J Hurt



A J won in GS at the recent NorAM races at Whiteface Mtn. The following is from the article on Ski Racing (<https://www.skiracing.com/premium/noram-whiteface-gs>) that focuses on A J. Refer to the link for the full article.

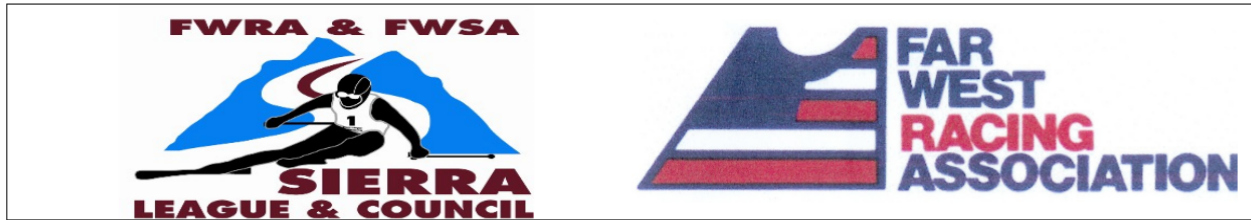
“Racer Ready? Beep...Beep...BEEP!” Kicking out of the start gates, athletes lit up two days of competitive NorAm giant slalom at Whiteface Mountain. The field shortened from the NorAm GS in Collingwood, and on both the men’s and women’s side, two U.S. Ski Team athletes ran the show, finding the fastest route to the finish line. AJ Hurt and Bridger Gile slayed the gold-medal positions.

The two days of GS took off with the women arcing panel-to-panel, trying to find the most speed on the flats. “Both runs of the GS were set very straight due to the soft snow and relatively flat hill,” AJ Hurt (USA) explained.

Although the trials of finding speed and letting the skis run remained prominent for this hill, AJ Hurt of the U.S. Ski team was able to overcome these challenges. She found crucial components of the hill that were necessary for her skis to run and for her to attack a straighter line. Wearing Bib 1, Hurt’s aggressive skiing kept her in that No. 1 position, with an overall time of 1:56.88. Just last week, Hurt was also able to reign in the gold medal at the NorAm GS in Georgian Peaks, Canada. Throughout both days of GS, Hurt demonstrated that she is making massive strides on her recovery from the crash in Lake Louise and painful bone bruising.

“I think I was in a pretty relaxed mindset, but also I was just really going for it and that helped me ski my best,” Hurt reflected on the day of racing...”

2019-2020 RACING SEASON REGISTRATION & RELEASE FORMS



If you do not fully accept the conditions below and on the reverse side of this form (waiver) – please **DO NOT** complete this form or in any way participate in any event.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

Name: _____		BIB # _____
Address: _____		
City, State, ZIP: _____		
Phone (Home): _____	Phone (Work): _____	
DOB: _____	E-mail: _____	

AGE:

SEX:

<input type="checkbox"/> Jr (0-17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr (18-49)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vet (50-64)	<input type="checkbox"/> Super Vet (65+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Legend (75+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Time Racer	<input type="checkbox"/> Skier	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Telemark Skier
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SKILL:

CLASS/HANDICAP:					
<input type="checkbox"/> S0 (0-18.99)	<input type="checkbox"/> S1 (19-25)	<input type="checkbox"/> S2 (26-32)	<input type="checkbox"/> S3 (33-39)	<input type="checkbox"/> S4 (40-49)	<input type="checkbox"/> S5 (50-59)
<input type="checkbox"/> S6 (60-69)	<input type="checkbox"/> S7 (70-79)	<input type="checkbox"/> S8 (80-89)	<input type="checkbox"/> S9 (90-104)	<input type="checkbox"/> S10 (105+)	

HOME LEAGUE	RACING FOR SIERRA LEAGUE CLUB
Sierra _____ Other _____ Each racer must choose a "Home" league. Although you may race for multiple leagues during the season, the "Home" league is the league that will have the first right to select "you" for their championship team. If you are selected by the league you checked above, you must race for them or be disqualified. If you are not selected by your "Home" league, you may race for any other league that invites you to race for them!	Capitol Ski & Sport __ Reno Ski & Recreation __ RU SKI Club __ Sequoia Ski Club __ Tahoe Donner Sr. Alpine Ski Club __ Tahoe Rat Pack __ Top Gun __ Sierra Direct (\$10 membership) __ Other: __

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ **PHONE #** _____

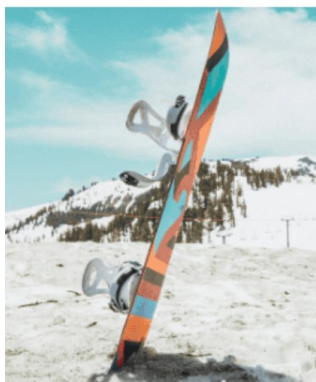
Please turn over and complete the waiver on the back side of this form

SAFETY: QUICK TIPS FOR SKIING IN WARMER TEMPERATURES

With the current warmer than normal winter weather, it is wise to keep things in mind while out skiing and/or riding. The following is from the "Adventure Sports Outpost" website. This and another safety articles are available from the website: asomammoth.com.

5 Effects of Warm Temperatures on Skiing & Snowboarding Safety

1



Get an early start

Start your day early, before the sun has had a chance to soften up the snow too much. If overnight temperatures are cold, be prepared for hard snow in the early morning.

2

Stay at the top of the mountain

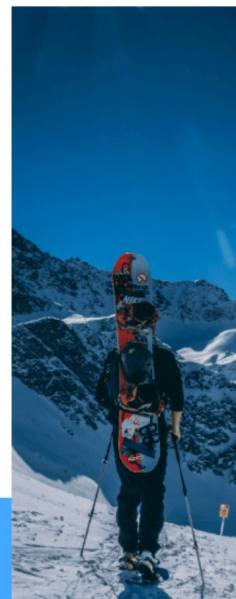
At the top of the mountain, snow will likely be colder, drier, and more consistent. Southern exposed runs will soften first. Northern exposed runs will have the best snow later in the day.



3

Be selective when venturing off of groomed runs

Early morning "off-piste" skiing can be treacherous, as soft snow and tracks from the day before can freeze overnight.



4 5

Stay on the lookout for obstacles

Rocks, dirt patches, logs, and other obstacles can become exposed as snow melts.

Reduce speed and stay light in the slush

Avoid big movements in slush at high speed, and be prepared for sudden changes in speed (e.g., between shaded and sunny sections of snow).



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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 a combined membership of over 50,000 skiers and snowboarders. As a member of a club that belongs to the SIERRA Council, you are automatically a member of FWSA and entitled to all benefits. You may join Far West as a Direct Member.



North American Travel

FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week 2021: Sun Valley, ID; January 30-February 6

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week 2020: Big White, Canada; March 29- April 3

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week 2021: Zermatt Resort & Spa, UT; March

FWSA Convention:

88th Convention 2020; Portland, OR; May 28-31

International Travel:

FWSA International Ski Adventure 2020 : Davos with Ext. to Portugal (2/28-3/13)*

*Limited Availability: Contact Debbie Stewart NOW!!!

FWSA International Ski Adventure 2021: Solden, Austria TBA

FWSA International Ski Adventure 2021: Chili, Summer , TBA

FWSA International Ski Adventure 2022: Madonna di Campiglio. TBA

Dive/Adventure/Cruises

Croatia Adventure 2020: September 3-13**

NOTE: Trip sold out at this time, wait list available

11th Annual Scuba Dive 2020: Cozumel, Mexico; October 3-10

Alaska Cruise 2021: June 23-30

Denali Tour 2021 (only or add-on to cruise): June 19-23

Africa; 2022 TBA

Galapagos Islands; 2024 TBA

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

FWSA travel website: <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/travel.html>

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FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION ALASKA CRUISE—CORAL PRINCESS

June 23—30, 2021 ANCHORAGE/WHITTIER PORT TO VANCOUVER, BC

Per Person Rates:

\$1,274.00 INSIDE ROOM (2)	Category IB (Decks 5, 10, 11, 12)	\$799 3rd or 4th Person
\$1,819.00 WINDOW ROOM (2)	Category OC (Decks 5, 6)	\$799 3rd or 4th Person
\$2,329.00 BALCONY ROOM (2)	Category BB (Decks 11, 12)	\$999 3rd or 4th Person
\$2,599.00 MINI SUITE (2)	Category MB (Decks 9, 12)	\$999 3rd or 4th Person

\$260.00 PORT FEES & TAXES PER PERSON

INCLUDES:

- Welcome Cocktail Party
- \$25 per cabin credit (\$12.50/person)

www.princess.com to view staterooms

SPECIAL

Sign up and book room before Feb. 28, 2020 and get the following

FREE (approximate value up to \$900.00)

- >Premium Beverage Package
- >Wi-Fi
- >Gratuities

SHIP DEPOSITS: \$250 PER PERSON TO BOOK ROOM NUMBER

Check payable to "FWSA"

Send check to: Nancy Ellis, P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162

NO PENALTY TO CANCEL PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2021

CANCELTION PENALTIES BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2021

Trip information: Contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

FWSA CST #2036983-40

ALASKA CRUISE CONTINUED

PORTS:

Day 1: Hubbard Glacier (scenic cruising)

Day 2: Glacier Bay National Park
(scenic cruising)

Day 3: Skagway 7:00 am—8:30 pm

Day 4: Juneau 6:30 am—4 pm

Day 5: Ketchikan 10:00 am—6:00 pm

Day 6: Fun Day at Sea

Day 7: Vancouver Docks 7:30 am

Additional Costs:

- Air to Anchorage (Cruise only people)
- Ship airport transfers to Whittier: \$88 (Cruise only people)
- Ship Transfers to Vancouver Airport after Cruise: \$ 34
- Air from Vancouver, BC end of cruise
- Capt. Cook Anchorage Hotel & 2 bus transfers \$285/person (2) Cruise only if you stay in Anchorage prior to boarding ship. Can fly in same day you board.

DENALI TOUR ONLY OR ADD DENALI TOUR TO CRUISE

June 19—23, 2021 FAIRBANKS TO DENALI TO ANCHORAGE (TOUR ONLY)

June 19—30, 2021 FAIRBANKS TO DENALI TO WHITTIER PORT TO VANCOUVER, BC (DENALI & CRUISE)

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

Per Person Double Occupancy: \$1,660

Includes:

- Saturday & Sunday: Fairbanks River's Edge Resort 2 nights with Breakfast
- Sunday: Riverboat Ferry Discovery Cruise Fairbanks
- Monday: Alaska Railroad DOME train Fairbanks to Denali with full Breakfast & Drinks
- Monday & Tuesday: Denali Park Village Hotel River View Rooms
- Tuesday: Kantishna Wilderness Trail Tour (full day park tour)
- Wednesday: Private bus Denali to Anchorage (Denali Tour Only) or to Whittier to cruise ship (Denali/Alaska Cruise). Departs Whittier Wednesday June 23, 2021
- No host lunch stop in Anchorage

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

**CONTACT: Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, for more information:
fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261. SIGN UP BEFORE FEB. 28,
2020 FOR CRUISE SPECIAL. \$250 DEPOSIT TO BOOK ROOM**

**Sierra League & Council
2019-2020 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) _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues: \$10

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

**Nancy Ellis, Membership
P.O. Box 9681
Truckee, CA 96162**

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Travel Updates from Carlene Boutacoff, VP of Travel

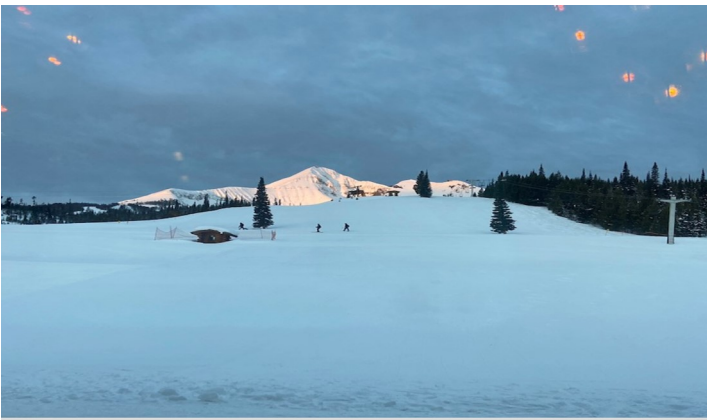
Where can you get up every morning to a wonderful buffet breakfast with your ski club buddies and then head out to schuss 6 inches of fresh powder on over 5000 skiable acres under blue skies?? That describes our wonderful ski week in Big Sky Montana.

Over 40 members of the Sierra League and Council joined the Far West Ski Association festivities this year that included après ski gatherings, dinners, dancing, picnicking, racing and even a day trip to Yellowstone National Park. We had a great group of travelers from near and far.

For the second year in a row, Sierra came in first place in the fun Council Costume Challenge Race. A big "Thank You!" to Debi Phelps for managing the council challenge teams, including outfitting the winning costume team, and to Barbara and Dick Mauldin for hosting an informal happy hour in their condo. Many thanks to all the travelers who pitched in to help with tasks big and small to make our Sierra events successful.

Do not miss out on the fun next year. Save the date for 2021 Ski Week in Sun Valley, Idaho, January 30-February 6, 2021.

Below are several pictures of Big Sky AND the trip to Yellow Stone. Enjoy.



Travel Updates from Carlene Boutacoff (cont.)

Sierra travelers, thank you so much for contributing to an amazing 2020 Ski Week. I especially want to thank the many participants who were willing to take time off from their ski daze to help assist with our events.



A very special thanks to those that provided support, comfort and assistance to our injured. Our "super heroes" include Dick and Barbara Mauldin, Bill Ramoni and Steve Tullis. I would also like to wish a speedy recovery to our trip participants who met with unfortunate injuries.

Yes, the Sierra Council did win the costume challenge race for the 2nd year in a row!! Debi Phelps, thank you for organizing Sierra's race teams and providing our winning costumes. Sierra spectators, keep ringing those cowbells and have them ready for Sun Valley.

Bob and Nancy and the rest of FWSA staff, thank you for all your hard work. The Far West Racing Association medals were amazing. I am going to melt my down and build a Chrysler!

I hope you all have wonderful memories of Ski Week 2020. Jo and I would love to share your photos with the rest of the group and those unable to attend ski week.. Please feel free to send

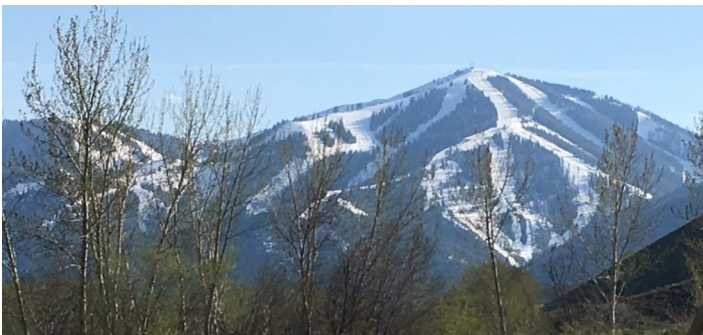
The 2021 FWSA Ski and Snowboard Week is to Sun Valley, Idaho the week of January 30-February 6. Below and on the following page(s) is an article from the *Ski Magazine* website regarding Sun Valley. To review online: <https://www.skimag.com/editors-choice/sun-valley-resort-guide>

"2020 Editors' Choice: Sun Valley

History, charm, authenticity, and over 2,000 acres of terrain to explore...this resort has it all. Inside our picks and tops on the best of the region

Ski Magazine Editors, Dec 16, 2019

There's magic in Sun Valley. It's one of those special places that just embodies winter. Bluebird skies, fluffy, dry powder, world-class slopes, and a rustic, authentic town that oozes charm.



Sun Valley is that postcard ski vacation that most of us crave. After all, it is home to the country's first destination ski resort and first chairlift.

Yeah, all that history might have something to do with it.

Travel Updates from Carlene Boutacoff (cont.)

A Mountain in the Sun

Sun Valley Resort's storied past sets it apart from other resorts, and is also what keeps it grounded today.



In the mid-1930s, Union Pacific Railroad chairman Averell Harriman was trying to drum up railroad business on his underused tracks that ran between Chicago and the West Coast. The problem, he realized, was that there weren't enough stops along the way to lure people to take the journey. That's when he got the golden idea: to create an "American St. Moritz," trying to emulate the success of the Swiss and Austrian trains that whizz skiers to and from glitzy resorts throughout the Alps. Harriman needed to find the perfect spot to build America's first ski resort.

Who better to send scouting than an Austrian skier? Count Felix Schläffgösch was dispatched to the Northern Rockies with one simple item on his agenda. Find the best mountain for ski slopes and base area to build a luxury hotel. Once he laid eyes on the Wood River Valley, he was sold, wiring the news back to boss Harriman that he'd found the perfect sun-drenched mountainside just outside the railroad depot in Ketchum, Idaho. The resort started spinning its first chairlift in 1936 and the Sun Valley Lodge opened later that year. The rest, as they say, is history.

Today Sun Valley is comprised of two mountain hubs: Dollar Mountain, site of that first lift, is the smaller area, geared toward beginners and young families. Covered almost entirely with green and blue runs, Dollar is served by six lifts—including two high-speed quads—and is a great place to get your ski legs under you in a safe and easygoing environment.

Bald Mountain, or Baldy, is the beating heart of the resort. Thirteen chairlifts serve 65 runs plus glades, bowls, and some of the most beautiful on-mountain lodges in ski country. The terrain variety is superb—whatever you're craving, Sun Valley has it in spades, including some rad new terrain that comes online next season.

It all rolls up into a ski vacation that checks all the boxes—especially for [Epic Pass](#) holders. (Sun Valley and sister resort [Snowbasin](#) both joined the Epic Pass for the 2019-20 season, with seven days at each resort.) We dispatched the entire SKI staff to Sun Valley and Ketchum last February and came back with all the intel, from where to ski and après to the backcountry and beyond. If Sun Valley is on your radar—and it should be—here's everything you need to know before you go.

Travel Updates from Carlene Boutacoff (cont.)

SUN VALLEY MINI TOUR — Bald Mountain has a bit of everything.

Warm-up: The Seattle Ridge pod. The whole thing is a green mecca. Ride the Seattle Ridge chair (pop into the day lodge at the top to ogle the beautiful architecture and sample a famous loaded baked potato), then lap Muffy's Medals, Christin's Silver, and Gretchen's Gold, all named after local Olympians, until you're good to go.

Groomers: Long, cruisy blues are abundant, so if this is your jam, you'll be in heaven. Our picks are Ridge to Upper/Lower Canyon, off the Christmas quad; and Greyhawk, on the other side of the mountain, at the Warm Springs base.

Glades: Dip into the trees that line Muffy's Medals and Gretchen's Gold for mellow, perfectly spaced glades that are a total hoot.

Steps: International, off the Challenger quad, is short but steep. Lengthen the journey by adding on Upper Greyhawk or Upper Hemingway.

Bumps: Exhibition is a long, bumpy ride with a 37-or-so-degree pitch.

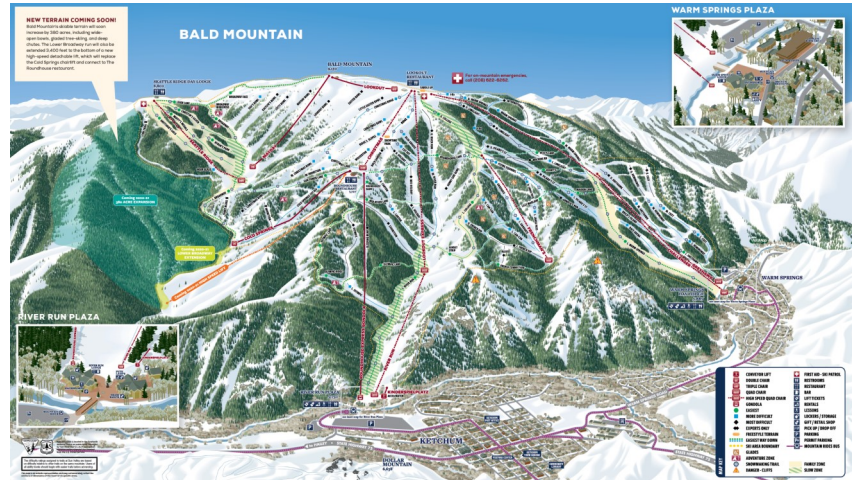
Powder Day: Hit the bowls: Take Mayday to Christmas Ridge, then drop in pretty much anywhere. Also, steep and narrow Fire Trail is often overlooked, as it's located off the Seattle Ridge chair.

BALD MOUNTAIN EXPANSION

Coming Winter 2020:

The long-awaited Cold Springs terrain expansion is well underway. When it's complete, skiers will get to enjoy 380 new acres of glades, chutes, and bowl skiing, plus a new high-speed quad that will replace the old Cold Springs double chair (the oldest lift on the mountain).

The new chair will have an uphill capacity of 2,400 people per hour, and drop skiers right at the Roundhouse. The new terrain itself is beautiful, featuring glades and challenging chutes. Until it's officially on the map next season (2020-21), eager-beaver guests can sign on for a tour of the expansion, led by [Sun Valley](#) ski patrol and guides. Reservations are required. “



FWSA 2020 Davos & Portugal

Basic Ski Week: Feb. 28 – Mar. 7, 2020



Optional Extension trip to Lisbon & Porto, Portugal

March 7 - 13, 2020

*The largest ski resort in Switzerland and
the highest city in Europe!*



*You will enjoy some of the best
skiing in the world, with 58
lifts, 300 km of ski slopes, 75
km of cross-country tracks and
much more.*



*Davos offers a wide range of
excellent shopping, numerous
boutiques, café/restaurants
and a lively nightlife!*

Davos-Klosters skiing areas feature 5 wonderful areas with terrain for all skier levels!

BASIC TRIP Land Package: The 5* SEEHOF Hotel (Not including Air Transp. or Lift Tickets)

- Approximate lodging package costs – starting at \$1759.00 per person based on double occupancy
- Pricing is based on exchange rate of 1.01USD vs. 1.00 CHF – subject to change
- Basic land package pricing is based on a min. of 86 people & the Extension pricing is based on a min. of 34 people – subject to change if requirements are not met. All local taxes are included
- Single Supplement and Upgraded rooms are available – quantities are limited.

Land Package Includes:

- All airport ground transfers with Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival
- 7 nights' accommodations with breakfast daily and Free Wi-Fi
- 5 Dinners – 2 nights **on your own** to dine at the local restaurants of your choice.
- Welcome/Orientation at the hotel with Tourist office, ski area and ski guide representatives
- Complimentary use of Wellness Center
- Local guide at the hotel each evening for 1 hour
- Optional Day Tour and mid-week Après ski party – details to be provided

Air Transportation Information - It is HIGHLY recommended to use FWSA air transportation!

- Group Air - SFO & LAX air transportation
- Stand Alone Trip Air – contact Debbie Stewart
- Alternate airport and/or post trip deviations are available – (they are limited)

*Air prices **DO include** estimated Fuel surcharges, Taxes and current Exchange Rate – subject to change.

*If you are arranging your **OWN** flights but wish to take the FWSA bus transfers, you **MUST** coordinate your flight schedule with the FWSA group air schedule. No special alternate pick-up or drop offs by the bus will be permitted.*

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Please reference “**FWSA 2020 Davos/Portugal Trip**” on each check.

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Extension trip Lisbon & Porto, Portugal – March 7 - 13, 2020

Approx. Land Package – Double Occ. = \$1349.00 & Single Supp. Rooms available

A Stand-Alone trip is available for experienced travelers!

Discuss the Stand-Alone trip details with Debbie Stewart, VP of Int'l Travel



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TO EXPLORE!



Enjoy Regional Cuisine



Portugal is one of Europe's hottest destinations—and for good reason! Beyond the stunning landscapes and bustling cities lies a rich culture just waiting to be explored!

Lisbon and Porto, Portugal Trip includes:

- Air transportation to Lisbon –1 Free checked bag - Airline details tbd.
- Pricing is based on exchange rate of 1.20USD vs. 1.00 Euro – subject to change
- 3 night's accommodations at the 4* Hotel VIP Executive Entrecampos (Or Similar**)
- Breakfast buffet daily in each city
- Full day city tour of Lisbon including lunch
- Transfer between Hotel and Porto airport via private coach with English speaking assistant.
- Full day city tour of Porto including wine tasting and lunch.
- 3 night's accommodations at the 4* Black Tulip Hotel (Or Similar**)
- Entrance fees for: Jeronimo's Monastery, St. Anthony Church of Lisbon, St. Francis Church of Porto and Oporto's Cathedral.
- Porterage at all hotels.
- All local taxes

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Mini SKI WEEK

March 29 - April 3, 2020

Trip Packages
 USD **from \$525*** per person
 Based on double occupancy. Includes:

5 Nights Accommodation | 5 Day Lift Ticket | Welcome & Farewell Parties & some Happy Hours

WANT TO STAY LONGER? WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AND CAN EXTENDED THESE SPECIAL RATES FOR THE LENGTH OF YOUR STAY.



The Inn at Big White is conveniently located in the heart of the village centre, providing excellent resort access. After a day on the slopes, relax and enjoy the spectacular Monashee Mountain views in the outdoor pool and hot tub. Adjacent to the lobby is the popular Blarney Stone Irish Tavern, serving their tasty home-cooked Irish and English fare for breakfast, lunch and dinner and with a pint of fine Irish Ale, or try their wide selection of Irish and Scottish Whiskies and a good dose of good ol' Irish hospitality! The hotel also features a games room, fitness center, 24-hour front desk, complimentary Wi-Fi, free heated underground parking and ski locker storage.

Each superior room has a gas fireplace, 40" HDTV and its own Galley Kitchen which includes an induction cooker, mini-refrigerator, microwave and sink. Dishes, cookware and utensils are included. Most units are 1 queen and 1 queen murphy bed.

TRIP LEADER
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All trip reservations will be made through FWSA. Airport Shuttle arrangements will be made by the FWSA Trip Leader.

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www.bigwhite.com/fwsa-mini-ski-week

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



88th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

May 28 - 31, 2020

at the



**Red Lion on the River
Jantzen Beach**
909 N Hayden Island Dr.
Portland, Oregon 97217



Hosted by the *Northwest Ski Club Council*

Red Lion on the River - Jantzen Beach

909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217

Reservations <https://www.redlion.com/red-lion-hotel/or/portland/red-lion-hotel-river-jantzen-beach>

or

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

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy —
\$149 per night

Room Registration Deadline May 1, 2020

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
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

• Thursday

- ° Snow Day on Mt. Hood
- ° Pub Crawl in Downtown Vancouver

• Friday

- ° 14th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
- ° Bike Ride
- ° Wine Tour
- ° Pool Party

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit TBA.

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FWSA 2020 CROATIA

Land & Boat/Yacht Adventure Trip

September 3-13, 2020



Estimated Group Air: LAX = \$1413.00pp

Air price **DOES** include estimated Fuel surcharges, Taxes and current Exchange Rate – subject to change.

It is highly recommended to use the FWSA Group Air Transportation.

Approximate Land Packages (not including air):

Starting at \$3340.00pp - Double Occupancy ~ \$5225.00pp - Single Supplement**

*Pricing is based on a minimum of 30 participants and an exchange rate of 1 USD to .87 Euros - subject to change.

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Gain unforgettable memories



Discover the **MAGIC** of
CROATIA...



Visit historic locations



Visit the "Must See" sites of Zagreb,
Plitvice National Park, Split, Trogir, Hvar,
Korcula, "The Pearl of the Adriatic" ...
Dubrovnik and much more!

Trip highlights include:

- Lodging in 4 Star hotels and "MS President" Yacht - 5 Star
(Incredible value – comparable trips can cost \$6500-\$10,000)
- Minimum number – 30 participants and maximum number - 40, so sign up early!
- Round trip group air transportation from LAX
- Ground transportation will be by airconditioned motor coach
- Welcome reception & dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Tentative meals: breakfast daily, 6 lunches & 4 dinners
- Tips included - drivers, guides & tour leader, welcome and farewell dinner, wine tastings & crew tips
- Explore Plitvice National Park – the most famous park in Croatia and a "wonder of nature"
- Guided walking tours visiting several UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Diocletian's Palace, Trogir, the highest peak of Croatia - Vidova Gora with breathtaking views of the Adriatic, visit the Museum of Olive Oil & enjoy tastings, visit the birthplace of Marco Polo – Korčula and so much more!
- The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik with its 16th century stone-walled old town, has gained popularity and bolstered to global recognition after serving as the filming location for *The Game of Thrones*.

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CROATIA 2020 Adventure Trip Tentative Details

Discover the true cultural treasures of Croatia on a comprehensive journey through this customized tour which traverses “old towns”, modern cities, picturesque and stunning views while enjoying a generous dose of culture, religion and spirituality, besides history, art, beautiful landscapes, people and adventurous experiences like never before.

You'll be staying 3 nights in beautiful 4 Star hotels and aboard the luxury 5 Star MS President yacht. The Deluxe MS President provides a perfect platform to explore the stunning coast and islands of Croatia and Dalmatia. Built in 2012, this yacht-like cruiser boasts sleek lines, and the modern facilities expected of a Croatian cruise vessel of this standard. All en suite cabins have been perfected to give you the space and comfort required during your cruise. Located on 2 decks, each feature either twin or double beds, air-conditioning, LCD TV, safe, hair dryer and much more. The MS President boasts a large indoor restaurant-salon, comfortable seating, bar and dining facilities with an outdoor terrace. Most of the leisure time on-board is spent on the huge sun deck with its plunge pool, sun-chairs and large shaded area. To make the most of every swimming opportunity there is a platform at the rear of the ship with a ladder for easy access to the water.

Here's what to expect:

- ✓ *A Welcome dinner / cocktail party in Zagreb – 3 course meal, ½ liter of wine per person, water, juices...*
- ✓ *1 night in Zagreb Hotel Panorama 4* or similar hotel, with breakfast*
- ✓ *2 nights in Dubrovnik Hotel Lero 4*, or similar hotel, with breakfast*
- ✓ *All ground transfers according to itinerary, with airconditioned bus*
- ✓ *Plitvice Lakes National Park entrance fee*
- ✓ *Guided tours of Split, Trogir, Hvar, Korčula and Dubrovnik with licenced english speaking guides*
- ✓ *Brač island tour with visit to Vidova Gora, Škrip, visit to Olive Oil museum, olive oil tasting, snacks*
- ✓ *Visit to Tomic winery in Jelsa village for exclusive VIP wine tasting (6 wines) and presentation*
- ✓ *Dinner at Rokis tavern in Vis – traditional „peka“ meal, with ½ liter wine per person*
- ✓ *Visit to winery in Lumbarda village on Korčula for exclusive wine presentation and tasting*
- ✓ *Mljet National Park entrance fee*
- ✓ *Cable car ride to Srđ mountain for great views of the old town*
- ✓ *Farewell dinner at Dubrovnik restaurant – three course meal, ½ liter wine, water, juices... per person*
- ✓ *Tour leader / travel coordinator / cruise manager – throughout the duration of the whole program*
- ✓ *FWSA Travel Team available throughout the entire trip*
- ✓ **FWSA DOES HIGHLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE.**

About Croatia

The Croatian national territory totals 21,851 square miles with 31,479 and 12,154 square miles of coastal waters for sailing, swimming and diving.

Croatia occupies the largest area of the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea which, as a part of the Mediterranean Sea, penetrates deep into the European continent. The narrow Dinara Mountain Range separates the country's Mediterranean region from its central European continental section, which spans from the easterly edges of the Alps in the north west to the shores of the Danube in the East, encompassing the southern part of the fertile Pannonian lowlands.

And if the beauty of such landscapes weren't enough, here's a refreshing piece of news: tap water is drinkable across all of Croatia.

Climate

Croatia enjoys three different climates: The coast has a pleasant Mediterranean climate with a high number of days of sunshine per year. Summers are hot and dry, and winters are mild and wet. Temperatures drop slightly as you move inland, where the climate is continental and moderate. Once you climb above 1,200 m, you'll be greeted with fresh mountain air and temperatures around 13 °C in the summer months.

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Currency

Currently the Kuna is their currency, but they anticipate joining in with the Euro. You can exchange money at any of the country's banks, Bureau de change, post offices and at almost all travel agents, hotels and campsites. Most establishments and ATMs will also accept credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard etc.

Travel Documents

Your trip to Croatia doesn't mean visa headaches either. In most cases, the only form of ID required is a valid passport. And if you're an EU citizen, you can also use your national ID card. Croatian customs regulations are almost entirely in harmony with EU standards.

MS President Ship Info

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Technical data:

- Launched: 2012
- Length: 47m
- Breadth: 9m
- Speed: 17km/h
- Crew: 8
- Cabins: 21
- Voltage: 220v

Ship specifications:

- Large Sun deck with deck chairs, sun beds and swimming pool
- Salon restaurant
- Bar
- Outdoor lounge terrace with tables and comfortable sofas
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabins
- Free Wi-Fi

Cabin specifications:

- *En-suite
- *Toiletries
- *Safe
- *Wardrobe
- *Lower deck: 8 twin / double cabins
- *Upper deck: 9 double cabins, 2 twin cabins
- *Air-conditioning
- *TV
- *Hair Dryer
- *Desk

A right balance; to blend rural and urban, heritage, culture, major sights with private and personal experiences; this itinerary offers you the overall colors with abundant opportunities to put your feet up and let it all soak in, this program will unravel new mysteries every day.....

Let's call it Magic!

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FWSA 11th Annual Scuba Dive Trip – Cozumel, Mexico

October 3-10, 2020

Iberostar Cozumel Resort



Diver Land Package = \$1378.00 Standard Bungalow - Double Occupancy
Non-Diver Land Package = \$899.00 Standard Bungalow - Double Occupancy
Single Supplement Standard Bungalow Add = \$297.00
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 not included)
- 5 X 2 tank morning dives and 2 Cenotes dives
- PADI CDC Center – Dressler Dive Center onsite
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Resort Amenities
- Welcome Party and Farewell Dinner



*Experience Mayan
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with Friends,
Old and New!*



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



Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



Contact: Randy Lew
FWSA Dive Trip Leader
829 SE 11th Place
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Cell: 530/304-0802

E-mail: FWSA13Randy@telis.org

*You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn.
affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!*

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FWSA COZUMEL SCUBA DIVE TRIP October 3 – 10, 2020

Basic Cost excluding air travel:

5 Day (2 tank boat dives) Dive Package	\$ 1,378
Non-Dive Package	\$ 899
Single Supplement	\$ 297

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
Roundtrip airport / resort transfers
Resort fees, taxes & non-dive gratuities.

In Addition, the Dive Package includes:

5 days of 2 tank boat dives, including 2 Cenotes dives with Dressel Divers
Complimentary Nitrox

Add-On Costs:

Superior Room	\$ 114 per person
Ocean View Room	\$ 282 per person
Ocean Front Room	\$ 340 per person

Payment Schedule:

Initial deposit	Immediately	\$ 500 per person
2 nd payment	June 1, 2020	\$ 200 - \$500 per person
Final payment	August 1, 2020	\$ balance

Cancellation Penalties:

Prior to June 18, 2020	\$ 0 per person
June 19, 2020 – July 3, 2020	\$ 100 per person
July 4, 2020 – August 2, 2020	\$ 450 - \$689 per person
August 3, 2020 – departure date	no refunds

Travel on this FWSA trip to Cozumel, Mexico requires a valid Passport. 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 <https://www.travelsafe.com/index.php?ref=ROAFL02>
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 Federation Newsbeat and FWSA Newsflash

Baby Boomers, Millennials and Gen Z Are All Changing The \$8 Trillion Travel Industry in the Same Way, Opening Up Major Opportunities for Entrepreneurs and Marketers. The global travel industry is significantly large at \$8 trillion through 2018. While it has undergone changes in the past ten years with companies like Airbnb, low cost airlines and experiential vacations, one trend that is rising among all travelers is solo travel. In a shift, baby boomers are beginning to travel solo. [More](#). *Inntopia*

Forest Service eases disclosure on ski area fees after complaint by Vail Resorts. Public oversight of the ski industry has become a casualty of the battle between Vail Resorts and Alterra Mountain Co. As the competition between the ski companies has heated up, the amount of information the US Forest Service will share about ski areas' use of public lands has diminished. The Forest Service administers permits and oversees ski resorts that use public lands for their operations. [More](#). *The Aspen Times*

Uphill Skiing: Subtract Crowds and Lift Lines, Add Cardio. The fastest growing trend in Alpine skiing is all about ditching the very thing that built the sport: mechanized lifts. Climbing up mountain slopes, once a niche activity practiced by a hard-core few to access the backcountry, is everywhere in snow country these days. [More](#). *The New York Times*

Australia's Selwyn Snow Resort Damaged, Others Threatened By Bushfires. Most of Australia's ski resorts are threatened by the unprecedented bushfires that continue to ravage much of the country's natural splendor. One historic ski hill—Selwyn Snow Resort located in the Snowy Mountain region of New South Wales—was directly in the path of the flames, with the resort reporting on Monday that its buildings were “severely damaged” by the passing firestorm, while the toll on lifts and snowmaking infrastructure was still being assessed. [More](#). SAM

Alterra Closes on Sugarbush Acquisition. Alterra Mountain Company closed on its acquisition of Sugarbush Resort, Vt., on January 14. The company now owns 15 year-round mountain destinations throughout North America. [More](#). SAM

Perfect North Buys Timberline Resort in West Virginia. Perfect North Slopes has purchased the land and assets of Timberline Four Seasons Resort in a bankruptcy court auction at the Philadelphia offices of Timberline's attorneys yesterday. The purchase price was \$2.2 million. Members of the Perfect North Slopes management team will be forming a new management group, with the intent to revitalize the Timberline Ski Area to its fullest potential and reopen the resort for the 2020-21 season. [More](#). SAM

Meier Family Becomes Sole Owner of Greek Peak and Toggenburg (NY). John and Christine Meier have become the sole owners of Greek Peak Mountain Resort and Toggenburg Mountain in central New York. They acquired business partner Marc Sterneman's 50 percent interest in the operations this November. The terms of the buyout have not been disclosed. [More](#). SAM

The Ride of a Lifetime — World's Longest Chairs. Lift rides: Some take forever, and some only seem that way. *This article lists the longest lift rides. See if a lift at one of your favorite resort is listed.* [GetSkiTickets.com/blog](#). *From the blog site, page down, select “Older Entries” and scroll to find this blog.*

Glossary of Ski Terms – A to Z. *A fun glossary of ski terms.* Same as above with regard to going to the “Blog” section of the website. However the terms are listed on the next page for fun review.

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (continued)

Glossary of Ski Terms – A to Z

Every sport has its jargon, and skiing and snowboarding are rife with it.

Many of these words are self-explanatory, but some have hidden — arcane, even cryptic — meanings.

The following is one person's take on some of these words' definitions.

Avalanche — When too much of a good thing can be really, really bad for you.

Bumps (a.k.a. Moguls) — Where orthopedic surgeons, mainly knee and back experts, get the money for lavish holidays.

Corn Snow — Sun-softened spring snow that is one of the most enjoyable riding surfaces around, but is very elusive and almost always turns to crud by the time you reach it.

Dirt Bag — A person who lives and breathes skiing and/or snowboarding with very little financial breathing room.

Ego Snow — Boot-top to knee-deep ultra-light fluff that gives you a false sense that you can actually ski powder.

Fleece — What many resorts do to you at their ticket window, on-mountain eateries and bars.

Gnarly — An archaic term (hopefully) for something that generally isn't as rad as you think it is.

Hking — A post-holing, air-sucking trudge up a steep ridge to get the highly-anticipated good stuff that, invariably, has been skied out.

Instructor — Reminds me of an old joke: How can you tell who's a ski instructor at a party? *He'll tell you.*

Jerry — A usually harmless doofus who does something outlandish or laughable, both quite by accident, on the slopes.

Kicker — An artificial slope that allows a rider to launch themselves into the air. Reminds me of another old joke: Want big air? Pull my finger.

Lifties — Chairlift attendants who are heart and soul of a snowsport resort. See also Dirt bag.

Mashed Potatoes — What corn snow degenerates to just before you reach it. Another money maker for orthopedic surgeons.

NMBY — A trustifarian who after just a month or two at a mountain town doesn't want anyone else to move there.

Open Bowl — A huge expanse of treeless terrain that is often the goal of hiking and is sometimes (paradoxically) closed because of unridable conditions.

Park Rats — Skiers and snowboarders who don't think twice about paying exorbitant lift-ticket prices to ride the same shortish chair. All. Day. Long.

Queasy — The feeling you get when you look at the prices of some resorts' F&B prices and/or lift ticket costs; a side effect of being fleeced.

Rain — Also known as clear snow, it's a boon for both manufacturers of Gore-Tex apparel and base lodge bartenders.

Snorkel — A breathing device that some resort marketers suggest you employ when cutting up their "bottomless Champagne powder". Yeah, right.

Trees — A very useful resource — they provide oxygen, enable you to see in flat light, help mitigate erosion and/or avalanche concerns, etc — that is often gotten rid of to allow more people on the slopes.

Ugh — See Avalanche. Mashed Potatoes. NMBY. Rain.

Vertical — The drop in feet from the top of a lift or resort to the bottom that can be very deceiving. The 2,000 vertical feet of GS

Bowl off Squaw Valley's KT22 is a different story than the 2,000 vertical of, say, Schoolmarm Run at Keystone.

Waist Deep — Snow depth that is fun to ski or snowboard down but a real pain to hike up.

X-ray — Something you can generally avoid having by being safety conscious on the hill.

Yo-yoing — Riding the same lift — or skiing/snowboarding the same run — over and over and over. See Park Rats.

Zen — Realizing the sheer joy of skiing or snowboarding no matter what the conditions.



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