

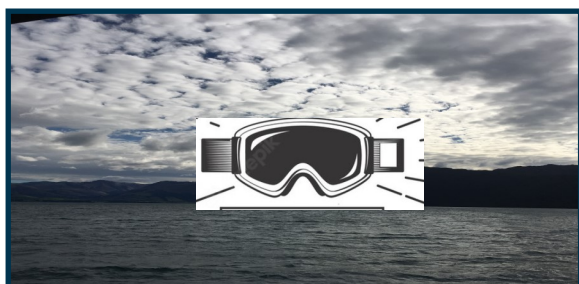


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RACE CHAIR MESSAGE

The race season unfortunately did not work out as we had planned and hoped. Races were canceled by venues in January and most recently, for safety reasons, we canceled the March 17-18 races at Alpine.

But, we were able to race at Alpine on February 11 and had a great day, great weather and great course at Northstar on February 12.

We will work to come back with a strong race program next year and I hope to see you all then.

Meanwhile, with the incredible amount of snow (and it is still snowing!) in the Tahoe area, Mammoth Mtn, etc. I'm sure we will all be skiing for another month or two.

Enjoy the rest of the ski season.

Nan, Sierra League Race Chair

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President's Message

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



Hello everyone!

I hope you have enjoyed the amazing amount of snow we have experienced this winter.

I want to commend Carlene Boutacoff for organizing our Sierra Council participation in the FWSA Ski Week to Jackson Hole. In addition to all the preliminary work to get participants registered and assigned to lodging, she organized two fun council social events. We had a pizza dinner at Hand Fire Pizza in Jackson and a chili and baked potato party at the Elk Lodge that she and her great volunteers prepared the food for.

Kudos also go to our race director Nan Carnal for dealing with a challenging race season. Thanks to our great crew of onsite volunteers, registration and execution of the races has gone smoothly.

Although we will be skiing well into spring, please consider attending the FWSA annual convention in Boise, ID June 15-18. There will be informative sessions and fun social events.

There is a flyer in this newsletter with basic information. Detailed information about the agenda, activities, lodging and convention registration is available on the Far West Ski Association website. From the FWSA website <http://www.fwsa.org>, select Conventions.

See you on the slopes!

Jo

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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

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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

Palisade Tahoe: www.palisadestahoe.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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Updates from VP of Travel/Social—Carlene Boutacoff

Sierra Travelers and Friends,

Can you believe we are now booking Ski Week '24? Plan to join us in Steamboat for a great week of celebrating winter in the Colorado Rockies.



Have you bought your IKON pass yet? Steamboat will be on the IKON pass and we will soon have a special offer posted through our tour operator Sports America Tours.

We have a great lodging location and amenity package at Eagle Ridge Condos for \$1770.00 per person so reserve now. See the flyer that follows in this email.

Ski Week '24 registration will be online and the site should be up and running in the next few weeks. In the meantime, do not miss out and send your \$200.00 refundable deposit. Space on this great trip will be limited, so do not miss out!

Make checks payable to Sierra League and send to:
Carlene Boutacoff. 110 Wildwood Way. Woodside, CA. 94062

Stay safe and enjoy this amazingly endless season. I look forward to seeing you at Steamboat for Ski Week '24.

IKON PASS

The IKON pass is now on sale. There is a special link for people to sign up for their passes AND if they also sign up for the 2024 Steamboat Ski Week, they will get a special "perk" from Sports America—a trip discount of \$50. The IKON pass site: <https://www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-fwsa>.

The full IKON pass will get unlimited access to Steamboat Resort. The IKON Base Pass will get 5 days access to Steamboat Resort.

Anyone who needs an IKON pass can also purchase their passes using the special link but they will NOT receive the special perk. Those purchasing on our special site receive the same pass benefits from IKON as they would get purchasing directly from IKON.

Our special site will be active for the duration of the IKON pass sales. Best rates for the IKON pass are during early sales. Rates will go up later on.

FWSA 2024 SKI WEEK

January 27th-February 3rd 2024

Announcing Details for Sierra Council Travelers to



TRIP OVERVIEW

We hope you save the date to join us for the **2024 Far West Ski Week trip to Steamboat, Colorado**. As a member of a Sierra League & Council, you are eligible for all the great discounts and benefits of this trip. Your days will be filled with activities both on and off the mountain.

What is the Cost? 💰

\$1,770.00 pp, double occupancy

The lodging and amenity package for Sierra travelers is \$1,770.00 per person. This price includes:

7 nights lodging at **Eagle Ridge, a resort style, luxury, condo complex**.

Welcome Party, Race Events, Mountain Tours, Après Events Including an Ice Skating Party and Banquet with Dancing,

Optional costs: discounted multi-day lift tickets, equipment rentals, air and ground transportation.

What is our lodging option? 🏠 🚗 ↔️

Eagle Ridge is an upscale 4-star complex of 2 bedroom/2 bath condos. Amenities include hot tubs, a swimming pool, workout facilities, internet access, on-call and loop shuttles, laundry facilities and free parking. This property is in a great location and within 200 yards of the gondola, restaurants, and shops.

What about lift tickets? 🎟️ 🧑🏻

We recommend that participants purchase the IKON pass for the best value on lift tickets. Details will be announced soon with an online link from our travel vendor **Sports America Tours**.

Adult/Senior lift ticket will also be available at group discounted prices.

How do we get to Steamboat? 🚗 ✈️

Group air and ground information will be posted as soon as information is available.

Driving is a popular option for Sierra Council participants, but if you plan to arrange your own transportation,

Denver International Airport is approximately 3.5 hours and **Yampa Valley/Hayden airport** is 30 minutes from the resort.

Are there activities for nonskiers? 🏠 🍷 🎮 🧑🏻 🧑🏻 🧑🏻 🧑🏻

Yes, yes, nonskiers are encouraged to join us in Steamboat. There are many local activities off the ski mountain that can be booked individually. Examples are Strawberry Park Hot Springs, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, Steamboat Springs Health & Recreation Center mineral pools. The town of Steamboat Springs is charming with many galleries and great eateries. We are sure there are skiers that would enjoy a day off the mountain and join you in these activities.

Full registration details, payment schedules and cancellation policies will be posted soon by Sports America Travel. The link will be provided through the Sierra League and Council website at <http://www.sierraleague.com>.

To reserve your space today send your \$200.00 deposit check, payable to Sierra League to:



. Carlene Boutacoff, Trip Leader. 110 Wildwood Way. Woodside, CA. 94062

Questions? Please feel free to contact me at cboutacoff@gmail.com phone: 650 208-4839

Steamboat—History Full of Western Lore, Pioneering Spirit

As the FWSA Annual Ski & Snowboard Week will be held January 27—February 3, 2024 at Steamboat Ski Resort, the following is an informative article regarding the history of the resort. The article is found on the National Ski Council Federation website: <https://skifederation.org/steamboat-history-full-of-western-lore-pioneering-spirit>

“As Steamboat Ski resort celebrates more than five decades of world class skiing and snowboarding, it’s the history behind the place known as Ski Town, U.S.A.® that gives the town its unique character.

Steamboat’s history goes back as early as the 14th century when it is believed that the nomadic Ute Indians spent summers in the Yampa Valley. The Utes roamed the vast lands alone until the 1800s, when early settlers ventured into the valley.

Three French fur trappers traveling down the Yampa River are said to have named Steamboat Springs in 1865. One man heard a chugging sound like that of a paddle wheel steamer. The men hurried toward the sound and found it to be a bubbling mineral spring. The numerous springs around Steamboat are still popular today as a source of relaxation and are rumored to have medicinal benefits.

Steamboat Springs’ first permanent settler was James Harvey Crawford, who discovered the Yampa Valley region while on a hunting trip along the Gore Trail in fall 1874. Crawford staked a homestead claim during this trip and moved to Steamboat Springs the following year with his family.

Stories about the beauty of the Yampa Valley spread, and other families relocated to the area. Among the early pioneers were prominent Missourians Perry A. Burgess and William H. Walton. Along with Crawford and a few others, they entered preemption laws for the town site known as Steamboat Springs. Each took 160 acres and registered a homestead, forming the first community.

The first major catalyst to growth came in summer 1883, when H. H. Suttle opened a sawmill. With the capacity to produce logs for homes and stores, further community development was assured. One of the first businesses to open was the Steamboat Pilot newspaper, which printed its first edition on July 31, 1885. By 1886, the town business district also included a general store, post office and hotel.

Origins of skiing in Steamboat: Communication with the outside world was difficult due to long winters and poor road conditions. On snowshoes and skis, mail carriers delivered letters and parcels. Faced with mountain passes and the prospect of settling where winter lasts six months and averages nearly 30 feet of snow, pioneers quickly learned to travel the same way.

In the early 1900s, the same hardy settlers who battled winters to survive began turning the hills of Routt County into a winter playground. The change accelerated with the help of Norwegian Carl Howelsen, who arrived in Steamboat Springs in 1912. Soon after his arrival, Howelsen was ski jumping off a wooden platform in Strawberry Park and teaching the sport to local youngsters.

In 1913, Howelsen organized the first Winter Carnival and jumping competitions. During the 1917 Winter Carnival, Steamboat Springs honored the man who transformed skiing from a means of transportation to a sport by naming the ski slope Howelsen Hill.

Steamboat—History Full of Western Lore (cont.)

As skiing grew more popular, adventurous downhillers sought new hills to test their abilities. When Rabbit Ears Pass opened to winter traffic in 1938, the Forest Service cut two runs down the back slopes of the pass to the Valley View Lodge. For the next few years, numerous Winter Carnival events took place on these hills.



A ski resort is born: In 1955, Jim Temple, son of a local ranching family, spearheaded the development of Steamboat Ski Area in response to the growing popularity of the sport, and the new hill opened in 1961 with one Poma lift, the Cub Claw, and \$2 lift tickets.

The ski area did not open for the 1961/62 season due to the inability of a lift manufacturer to complete an order for a double chairlift. Storm Mountain officially reopened January 12, 1963, with a double chairlift and an A-frame warming house.

The day's cash receipts were \$13.75, and the temperature hovered at -25 degrees F. The two years following were profitable for the ski area, which helped in gaining permits from the Forest Service to expand the area.

Steamboat lost its favorite son when hometown Olympic skier Buddy Werner was killed in an avalanche in Switzerland on April 12, 1964. Storm Mountain was renamed Mount Werner in his honor.

By the end of the decade, Mount Werner had five new chairlifts, a modern restaurant facility atop Thunderhead Peak, ski patrol buildings, a nursery and numerous maintenance and snow vehicles. This million-dollar building boom generated excitement and development, making tourism a prominent part of local economy.

The 1st International Winter Special Olympics were held on Headwall during February 1977. The event brought athletes from around the world together for four days of competition. Special guests included Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner, Colorado Governor Richard Lamm, Ethel Kennedy, Eunice Shriver and Steamboat Director of Skiing Billy Kidd. In addition, Kidd played host at Steamboat to the first Jimmie Heuga Express for MS in 1986, starting a tradition that has spread to resorts across the country.

Steamboat illuminated a new tradition when night skiing and riding premiered on December 20, 2014, utilizing Snow-Bright Lighting, a new technology developed by Ultra-Tech Lighting. Spread across 85 light towers with more than 375 full-color spectrum lights, the system employs a comprehensive line of magnetic induction lighting specifically tailored to address the complexities and unique requirements of illuminating snow in all its varieties while minimizing glare and reflected light.



Roughly 1,100 vertical feet of terrain off the Christie Peak Express chairlift is available on five trails including Sitz, See Me, Vogue, Stampede and Lil' Rodeo Terrain Park.

Steamboat—History Full of Western Lore (cont.)

Ownership of the ski resort changed several times in the 1970s and '80s. Previous resort owners include LTV Recreational Development, Inc. (1969-1979); Northwest Colorado Ski Corporation spearheaded by Martin Hart (1979-1989); and Kamori International (1989-1997). Steamboat was purchased by American Skiing Company during the 1997/98 season. In March 2007, Intrawest ULC (www.intrawest.com), a world leader in experiential destination resorts, acquired Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation. Including Steamboat, Intrawest has a network of resorts at North America's most popular mountain destinations including Blue Mountain, Snowshoe, Stratton, Tremblant, Winter Park and Canadian Mountain Holidays, the largest heli-skiing operation in the world.

Ski Town, U.S.A.[®]: Steamboat-Ski Town, U.S.A.[®] was founded by hardworking, friendly individuals and families that enjoyed making turns through the endless deep powder of Storm Mountain and the Yampa Valley. Members of the Werner, Fetcher, Temple, Crawford, Perry, Wren and Nash families as well as Billy Kidd, Moose Barrows, Nelson Carmichael and a plethora of other Steamboat Olympians can still be found enjoying all that Mount Werner has to offer, including its legendary Champagne Powder[®] snow.

Many things have changed throughout Steamboat's history, but one has remained steadfastly constant throughout the past five decades: its legendary Champagne Powder snow. It's always light, dry and plentiful! And, after more than 50 years, you still can't get Billy, Nelson, Moose or pioneering founders to tell you where their favorite powder stashes are located.

Since its humble start, Steamboat Ski Resort has grown into one of the premier resorts in the world offering 18 lifts, 165 trails and more than a dozen on-mountain restaurant facilities, all spread over 2,965 acres/1,200 hectares.

When Carl Howelsen introduced recreational skiing to Steamboat Springs in 1913, he could never have realized the tradition he was starting. Steamboat has produced more winter Olympians than any other town in North America — a record 88 and counting.

Perhaps the town's Olympic heritage is due to the fact the community not only allows the kids to get out of school for a race, they encourage it. Perhaps it's because of one of the largest winter sports clubs in the United States: the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club. Whatever the reason, Steamboat is sure to always remain Ski Town, U.S.A.^(R)



FWSA Ski Week 2023—Jackson Hole Revisted,

contributed by Carlene Boutecoff and Jo Simpson

Thank you, Jackson Hole 2023 Sierra Travelers for making the 2023 FWSA Ski Week such a wonderful and winning event. Sierra Council and Reno Ski & Recreation made a clean sweep of the race awards at the FWSA Ski Week at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Jan. 21-38.

Sierra Council won the Lake Louise Trophy for the council with the most race points and Reno Ski and Recreation Club racers won the Joe Ross Top Club award for the club with the most race points. AND our Sierra costume team won best costumes and also the match point race in the Council Challenge. A big thanks to Debi Phelps for organizing the teams and her assistants, including Bill Phelps, John Schultheis and Laura Lindsay.

The theme for the week was Hawaiian, so the costume team dressed appropriately. People also dressed in the Hawaiian theme for the banquet where the club photo was taken.

Besides the FWSA events, thank you to the many Sierra folks that helped with the Council hosted events. Potato scrubbers, drivers, chili makers, salad preppers, bartenders, line dancing leaders and musicians. You all made it happen! A special thanks to our trip hero this year, Elise Morgan, for helping, Rahnea V. get proper medical attention during her accident. By the way, Rahnea is doing fine, and her injury is quickly mending.



Council Challenge costume team L-R: Debi Phelps, Paul Vandervoort, Lisa Vandervoort, Kat Sevrin, Laura Lindsey, John Schultheis



Reno Ski & Recreation Club racers L-R: Bill Ramoni, Laura Greco, Jo Simpson, Larry Greco, Shayne Wallace, Paul Vandervoort, Lisa Vandervoort, Ken Simpson



Sierra Council and RSRC Ski Club awards

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 Council sponsored events, including the annual Winter Paraty and the Summer BBQ.

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

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**Sierra League & Council
2022-2023 Membership
Application**

New Member

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Name: _____

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Mark all that you are interested in:

Racing

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Name: _____

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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**

5/10/2022

SAFETY- A Powder Day Can Be Deadly; Even In-bounds. Here's How to Stay Safe.

This article originally appeared on [Outside](#), by Frederick Dreier January 25, 2023

www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/powder-day-deadly-even-bounds-191800224.html)

"On December 21, patrollers at Colorado's Steamboat Resort [erected warning signs](#) across the mountain for the throngs of skiers and snowboarders attracted by [historically deep powder](#). The fluffy snowdrifts had transformed every hole and depression on the mountain--specifically the moats surrounding trees--into deadly traps. The placards warned visitors that they could suffocate in one of these holes.

Just three weeks later, a 65-year-old man from Kentucky was skiing with his son near Steamboat's Morningside Park when he tumbled into a tree well. Patrollers found the man within a few minutes of the mishap and performed CPR, but it was too late.

At his home in Seattle, Paul Baugher read about the Steamboat incident and then logged the information into his records. Baugher, 68, is the global expert in a skiing death called [Snow Immersion Suffocation](#) (SIS). Two thirds of these cases involve skiers or snowboarders falling into tree wells and choking to death. Since 2001, Baugher has logged every publicized case of SIS in the United States. By his count, the Steamboat incident was the 90th in-bounds death at a U.S. ski resort of this nature since he started keeping track. That's an average of between 4 and 5 SIS deaths at resorts every year.

During the 2021-22 ski season, 57 people died at U.S. ski areas, [according to a report](#) from the National Ski Areas Association. This was up from the ten-year average of 40 deaths per year. The leading cause of death was high-speed impacts with trees. Three deaths occurred in 2021-22 from SIS. The previous season seven people died.

"It's more prevalent than people think," Baugher told *Outside*.

The fuzzy green branches of a pine tree often obscure the well created by the trunk, which can be several feet deep, depending on the height of the snowpack. Loose snow in the pit can act like quicksand for an unlucky person who falls in headfirst. Gravity simply pulls a person's body downward, until the loose snow covers his or her airways to the nose and mouth.

When Baugher was the head of ski patrol at Washington State's Crystal Mountain Resort--a position he held for 30 years--he performed an improvised experiment to study how people react when in an SIS situation. He had ten patrollers--five skiers and five snowboarders--volunteer to be dropped in tree wells filled with powder to see if they could save themselves. The subjects were placed at different inverted angles while wearing their ski or snowboard equipment. Each volunteer wore a safety harness, and could signal to the safety crew for a speedy removal.

The degree of inversion was the biggest factor in being able to save yourself," Baugher said. "The angle that was closest to horizontal--three out of ten could recover. If you were over 30 degrees, you weren't coming out on your own. Everybody else, no matter if they got their skis off, had to be yanked out."

Baugher said the test confirmed some of the assumptions that he and other patrollers had about how snow immersion kills people. Baugher said the test subjects who were able to get a hand in front of their mouths to create an air pocket lasted the longest before signaling for rescue. Those that moved around did more harm than good.

"Struggling made it worse and often compromised their airwaves quicker," Baugher said. "And you can't stay down there very long. A minute was about the longest anyone could last."

Safety Cont.

This winter, Baugher has been scanning the web for news of skier fatalities with a careful eye. In his opinion, the historic snow totals in [California](#), Utah, and parts of [Colorado](#) have created the deadly recipe for SIS, and he's been reaching out to resorts to remind officials to warn skiers. Baugher has seen patterns emerge in his research into SIS fatalities, and he believes skiers can avoid disaster by learning from his work.

Conditions are most dangerous when there is at least 24 inches of unconsolidated snow in and around trees. This often happens in the 48 hours after a major storm, Baugher says. Fatalities often happen in peak ski season, when temperatures are too cold for surface snow to melt in the sunshine.

Baugher also says the accidents tend to happen in the afternoon--when skiers have tracked out the new powder on cut trails and then head into steeper terrain and glades searching out fresh lines.

"People want to get into steeper and narrower stuff, and that brings you closer to the trees," Baugher says. "People's legs are tired but they still want to get the powder."

Typically, it's a forward-momentum fall that propels a skier into a tree well. Perhaps they bury a tip, or get snagged on a sapling, but their speed takes them toward a tree, and their body's momentum pushes more snow into the depression. And Baugher says a high number of the fatalities involved skiers who were in a group but got separated in the glades.

"Skiing with a partner doesn't work if you don't keep them in sight," he says.

So, what advice does Baugher have to stay safe?

- Know the risks. If it's a powder day and you want to ski the glades, understand the dangers that are present in-bounds.
- Always ski trees with a partner and stay in visual and auditory contact.



Warning placards created by Baugher's group Deep Snow Safety, alongside an image of a snowboarder who was removed from a tree well. (Photo: DeepSnowSafety.org)

- Agree to have regular regrouping points during the descent.

- If you fall toward a tree, grab at branches or the trunk to keep yourself from plummeting into the well

- If you fall in, don't struggle. Try to keep an air way clear and wait for your partner to help.

- Have a clear conversation with your skiing partner prior to the run about everyone's responsibilities. "The old saying 'there are no friends on a powder day' can be lethal," Baugher says.

For exclusive access to all of our fitness, gear, adventure, and travel stories, plus discounts on trips, events, and gear, sign up for [Outside+](#) today."

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 2024: Steamboat, CO, January 27 - February 3, 2024

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week, 2024: Big White, BC, CA

FWSA Convention:

Annual Convention, June 15-18, 2023: The Grove Hotel, Boise, ID

Hosted by Intermountain Ski Council

Annual Convention, June 6-9, 2024; Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa, Reno, NV

Hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council & Sierra League & Council

FWSA International Travel:

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

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

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure Summer, 2025: Val Nevada, Chili,

w/Atacama Desert Extension

Dive/Adventure/Cruises

FWSA 2023 Turks & Caicos Dive Trip, September 16-23, 2023

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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"The Voice of the Western Skier"



90th Annual
Far West Ski Association
Convention
June 15 - 18, 2023
at the
Boise Centre
850 S. Front Street, Boise ID
www.boisecentre.com

*Adventure Awaits in
Boise!*



FWSA Convention 2023

Hosted by the *Intermountain Ski Council & Bogus Basin Ski Club*

The Grove Hotel

245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702.

www.grovehotelboise.com

Reservations: Call 888-961-5000 or 208-489-2222 Option 1,
Group Name: **Far West Ski Association.**

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy **\$162**

Hotel Features

- The Grove Fitness Center and Spa
- Trillium Restaurant & The Bar
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention
- Walking distance to shops, restaurants, museums, theaters & more

Transportation

- Air Transportation is via Boise Airport (BOI), located 10 minutes from Boise Centre.
- The Grove Hotel offers free airport shuttle service.
Call 208-333-8000 when you arrive. Ask for the Front Desk for ground transportation.

Convention Highlights

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

Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
 - Rafting on Payette River
 - Bike Ride through Boise
 - Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
 - 16th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - A Day on the Mountain, Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit TBA.

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FWSA 12th Annual Scuba Dive Trip Turks & Caicos Islands

3RD Largest Barrier Reef System in the World!

September 16 - 23, 2023



Diver Land Package = \$2211.00 Standard Room - Double Occupancy

Non-Diver Land Package = \$1945.00 Standard Room - Double Occupancy

Single Supplement Standard Room Add = \$527.00

Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details

(Air transportation not included in above pricing)

Price Includes:

- 7 nights at East Bay Resort in South Caicos – Dbl. Occupancy with all meals daily
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Non-motorized water sports and activities
- Resort fees, taxes & staff gratuities. Dive gratuities NOT included.
- 6 days of 2 tank boat dives, 5 days of afternoon boat dives & complimentary use of dive computer
- PADI CDC Center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Resort Amenities
- Welcome Party and Farewell Dinner



*Enjoy the beautiful
wildlife*

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



*Dive and enjoy the
wildlife including turtles*



Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



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

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SKI INDUSTRY NEWS

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

March 2023

Vail Resorts to Launch Hands-Free Mobile Pass & Mobile Lift Ticket on New 'My Epic' App for the 2023/24 Winter Season. The new technology will allow guests to buy their pass or lift ticket online, activate and store it on their phone in the new My Epic app, put their phone in their pocket, and get scanned, hands-free, via Bluetooth® technology designed for low energy usage. Snowbrains

Vail Resorts Plans \$211M in Capital Investments for 2023. Vail Resorts is planning \$206 million to \$211 million in capital investments for 2023. Projects include lift installations, a new technology rollout, integration activities, and the first phase in a multi-year project at Andermatt-Sedrun. SAM

New National Guidelines to Regulate Drugs and Alcohol. A few months ago, the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) updated its 60-year-old ski code with two new rules: "Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs," and "If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee." Gear Junkie via Google Alerts

Indy Pass Gets New Owner, Maintains Independence. In a move intended to bolster the future of the five-year-old Indy Pass, the Pass is being acquired by Entabeni Systems, "the long-time trusted partner who runs the technology platform that Indy Pass has always been built on," according to Indy Pass founder Doug Fish. Fish will continue to lead Indy Pass as it continues to grow its independent resort roster. SAM

United States Ski and Snowboard Partner with Kappa and POW to Create Climate Changing Race Suit. United States Ski and Snowboard have collaborated with Kappa and Protect Our Winters (POW) to produce a climate changing-themed race suit to combat the threats caused by global warming. The suit is being used at the 2023 Alpine Ski World Championships, which began on February 6 and concluded on February 19 in Courchevel Méribel, France. Inside the Games

Race for FREE at Ikon Pass Resorts This Winter. Alterra is opening up the NASTAR courses at select resorts so you can take as many runs as you like (for free!). Race now at Deer Valley Resort, Palisades Tahoe, Solitude Mountain Resort, and Sugarbush Resort. Mikaela Shiffrin partners with Alterra Mountain Company and NASTAR to bring ski racing to more people this winter. Outside

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

Black Skiers Come Together in Vail for 50 Years of 'Soul on Snow.' Representation matters. And when it comes to people of color participating in and sharing predominately white spaces, there are few examples better than the 2023 National Brotherhood of Skiers' summit in which thousands of Black ski and snowboard enthusiasts, including professionals, ventured to the mountains of Vail to celebrate their love for winter sports. Rocky Mountain PBS

Ski Clubs Aren't as Hip as They Used to Be, But They are Key to Diversifying Colorado's Slopes. Ski clubs that anchor the National Brotherhood of Skiers are a popular way to attract more diverse skiers and snowboarders to mountains. *The Colorado Sun* via Google Alerts

MOU Between the U.S. Forest Service and the National Brotherhood of Skiers Cements Partnership to Improve Equitable Access to Winter Recreation. Associate Chief Angela Coleman and National Brotherhood of Skiers President Henri Rivers signed a new Memorandum of Understanding to cement a partnership and cooperation in developing new outreach strategies to address issues that affect equitable access to public lands. *Ed. Note: A guest column in USFS employee newsletter by Associate Chief Angela Coleman submitted by NSCF Treasurer Linda Walker.*

Killington Receives Key Approval for New Ski Village. Killington Mountain Resort will move ahead with plans to build a new ski village with 1,500 residences, including workforce housing, after Killington town voters approved phase one of the infrastructure and development project on Vermont's Town Meeting Day, March 7 SAM

California Operators Cry "Uncle!" on Historic Snowfall. "We love snow, and we tend to get a lot of it here, but I think we've reached the point where we are crying "uncle!" said Ski California president Michael Reitzell. SAM

Ontario's Mount St. Louis Moonstone Ski Resort Announces Canada's 1st High-Speed 8-Pack Chairlift Coming in 2023/24. The installation will have the highest design capacity in North America and can move 4,250 people per hour. The aAdventure8 D-Line direct drive 8-seater chairlift features heated seats, manual lock child-friendly safety bars with footrests, and a rise-able loading carpet for young skiers and riders. [SnowBrains](#)

How to Save Phone Battery Life in the Backcountry. Smartphones are an excellent alternative to conventional GPS devices because they are lightweight and compact, and their large screens are ideal for viewing detailed topographic maps while using an app like Gaia GPS. But, if you use a phone to navigate in the wild, you need to consider ways to conserve battery power so you don't end up with a dead phone halfway through your hike. [Outside](#)



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