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**SANDY'S SAYINGS  
SANDY BLACKWELL, PRESIDENT**



**LAC Meetings**

We had a great meeting on November 6th, with lots of clubs attending. They spoke about their upcoming Mammoth and other trips, Pray For Snow Parties and their Holiday Parties. It was lots of fun and I am so glad to see that the clubs are coming back to participate with us. Next Meeting will be February 5, 2024.

Also found out about a travel insurance club called Travel Asure, not sure if it is new but another option for you.

**STEAMBOAT 2024**

There may still be a few spots on the FWSA trip to Steamboat (Jan 27-Feb 3, 2024). If interested, please let me or Laura Priess (VP Travel) know.

**SKIING IS BACK AND GOING STRONG**

Check out the ski trips page in this issue. LAC clubs have 39 ski trips to Mammoth, and many great other ski resorts that we all know and love to ski at, and a few that most of us have never skied at. Century City Ski Club is also headed to a very different ski resort in Niseko, Japan, Conejo Ski Club is headed to Sun Valley, Idaho and Big Sky, Montana. Mammoth trips starting

in December or early January, week long trip to Banff with Santa Barbara Ski Club, and to Steamboat (Long Beach and Santa Barbara). We have a Snowmass trip with Beach Cities.

Also, a number of our LAC clubs offer "reciprocity," that is, if you are a member of an LAC club, you can go on some of the clubs' trips at their member price, at least for one trip. That is a great offer – if they have room, and the trip is for a date you are looking for to, say, Mammoth. Of course, as usual, you will have to sign their waiver for their trip.

For details regarding all of the Los Angeles clubs and activities, please visit us at [www.lacouncil.org](http://www.lacouncil.org). ☺

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**RECIPROCITY BETWEEN LAC SKI CLUBS**  
**SANDY BLACKWELL**

**Beach Cities Ski Club**

Beach Cities allows other ski club members to join our one-week ski trip. March 2-9, 2024 to Snowmass, Co.

Our annual Clambake camping weekend also allows other ski club members to attend, everyone gets the same price. We also print the club's name on the back of the t-shirt when there are 5 or more members attending that year.

Our local summer BBQ's and Pray For Snow Party have a member and non-member price, there is no limit to how many events a non-member can attend. Happy Hours are free to everyone.

**Century City Ski Club**

Yes we offer other club members the same price for Mammoth trips. One trip at the rate preferred.

For other trips, especially the out of state trips, we require them to join.

Mammoth trips (bus):

Jan. 5-7, 2024  
Feb. 2-4  
March 1-3  
April 12-14

Week long trips:

Jan. 20-27 to Niseko, Japan (sold out)  
Feb.10-17 to Sun Valley, ID  
March 5-12 to Jackson Hole (sold out)

**Over The Hill Gang of Los Angeles**

Non-members can go on one trip without joining. After that they need to join to attend any trip.

Mammoth trips:

Jan. 7-12, 2024  
Feb. 4-9  
March 3-8  
April 7-12

**Conejo Ski Club**

We offer reciprocity and the conditions. (No limit mentioned as to number of trips that you can attend before joining.)

Mammoth trips: (bus):

Jan. 18-21, 2024 (Thurs-Sun)  
Feb. 22-25 (Thurs-Sun)  
March 17-20 (Sun-Wed)

Week-long trips:

Feb. 3-10, 2024 to Sun Valley, Idaho  
March 2-9 to Big Sky, MT

Adventure Trips:

May 3-11, 2024 to Turks & Caicos  
July 9-20 to Scotland  
Sept. 26-Oct. 10 to Dalmatian Coast  
July 23-31 on Bordeaux River Cruise

**Kronenstadt Ski Club**

We welcome any member of another LA Council club to travel with us for one or all five, of our five day midweek trips for the \$25 returning member rate. Each trip only has 8 spots so they fill up. But if we don't have 8, we charge a little more and can go with 5 for a few dollars

more. (all drive-up trips.) As there is paperwork involved, they do require the above noted fee.

We charge \$40 for new members and \$25 for returning members. They should send me an email requesting a membership application and a trip application. Five days lodging in an 8 person 4 bedroom condo is only \$350. Includes one dinner and 5 breakfasts. We try to carpool up.

**Edelweiss Ski Club**

We welcome members of other ski clubs to come on our trips, regardless of whether they are members of other clubs. If they haven't paid our membership fee (\$55 for individual, \$75 for couple), they will have to pay non-member price for a trip. If you wish to attend more than one trip, it is better for you to pay the membership fee to get the member price for the trips. 2024 trip prices are: \$340 member, \$380 non-member.

Usually, we have extra room on our bus and we welcome timely referrals from other clubs.

Mammoth trips (bus):

Jan. 19-21, 2024  
Feb. 23-25  
March 15-17  
April 12-14

If other clubs would like their information here about club/council member trip reciprocity – please email me. ☺



## FWSA TRIPS

### FWSA Annual Ski Week 2024

Steamboat, CO  
January 27-February 3, 2024

### FWSA Mini Ski Week 2024

Big White, BC Canada  
March 17-22, 2024

**International Ski &  
Snowboard Adventures  
Madonna di Campiglio, Italy**  
Feb. 25-March 10, 2024  
**Val d'Isere, France with extension**  
February 2025

**Summer Ski Week 2025**  
**Val Nevado, Chile with extension  
to the Atacama Desert**  
Summer 2025

**FWSA Adventure Trips**  
East & Central Africa - 2024  
Galapagos Islands - 2026

*Check out details at [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org).*



*Thank You  
Mammoth Mountain  
for your support of our  
wonderful ski clubs in  
LA Council.*

## LAC CLUBS' SKI TRIPS

### Beach Cities Ski Club

Snowmass, CO  
March 2-9, 2024

### Century City Ski Club

Mammoth trips (bus):  
Jan. 5-7, 2024  
Feb. 2-4  
March 1-3  
April 12-14  
Week-long trips:  
Niseko, Japan (sold out)  
Jan. 20-27, 2024  
Sun Valley, ID  
Feb. 10-17  
Jackson Hole, WY (sold out)  
March 5-12

### Conejo Ski Club

Mammoth trips (bus):  
Jan. 18-21, 2024 (Thurs-Sun)  
Feb. 22-25 (Thurs-Sun)  
March 17-20 (Sun-Wed)  
Week-long trips:  
Sun Valley, ID  
Feb. 3-10, 2024  
Big Sky, MT  
March 2-9  
Adventure Trips:  
Morocco  
Oct. 22-Nov 5, 2023  
Turks & Caicos  
May 3-11, 2024  
Scotland  
July 9-20, 2024  
Dalmatian Coast  
Sept. 26-Oct. 10, 2024  
Bordeaux River Cruise  
July 23-31, 2024

### Let's Link Up Ski Club

Mammoth trips:  
Jan 5-7  
Jan 19-21  
March 1-3  
April 12-14  
May 10-12  
May 24-26

### Week-long trips:

Snowbird, Utah - Feb 8-11  
Zermatt & Tomorrowland - Mar 16-24  
Winter Park, Colorado - April 4-7

### Long Beach Ski Club:

Mammoth trips:  
Jan. 7-11, 2024  
Feb. 8-11  
March 14-17  
April 7-11  
Week-long trip:  
Sun Valley, ID  
Jan 21-28, 2024

### On The Hill Gang Ski Club:

Mammoth trips:  
Jan. 7-12, 2024  
Feb. 4-9  
March 3-8  
April 7-12  
Learn To Ski Week:  
Dec. 8-15, 2023

### Santa Barbara Ski & Sports Club

Mammoth trips (drive up):  
Jan. 7-10, 2024  
Feb. 11-14  
March 21-24  
Week-long trips:  
Steamboat, Co  
Jan. 20-27, 2024  
Banff, Canada  
March 9-16

### The Unrecables:

Mammoth trips (drive up):  
Jan 18-20, 2024  
Feb 23-25  
March 22-24  
April 19-21  
May 10-12  
May 31-June 2

### Wailers Ski Club

Mammoth trips (bus):  
Jan. 5-7, 2024  
Jan 26-28  
Feb. 23-25  
March 8-10  
March 22-24 🌀

**A GRINDELWALD CHRISTMAS**  
**SANDRA KNAPP**

December 7th was a memorable day this year--not just because it was Flag Day in memory of the Pearl Harbor attack, but because it was the date of Grindelwald Ski Club's Christmas Party!

It proved to be quite memorable in itself. With the dispersion of our members all over the state and even to other states, we were pleased to have 23 members gather at the marvelous Tam O'Shanter Restaurant in Glendale for a sumptuous lunch. Some came from La Mirada, Woodland Hills, Ventura and even Thousand Palms to see old friends and reminisce. We enjoyed sharing this wonderful time with several new members: Mimi McDonald and Joyce Jellison.

Luncheon choices included

ravioli, salmon, roasted turkey and of course, their fabulous beef prime rib! Even after the meatball and deviled egg appetizers, the wonderful main courses, there was still room for dessert.

We also took a moment to remember our friends who have passed away in the last year: Benno Rayhrer, our website manager, and Mary Costigan, a past president and driving force in the club in past years.

For this wonderful event we heartily thank Susan and Philip Grant, our "first family" for seven years! They did this while packing up their home to prepare for a move! Thank you both SO MUCH!

And, from Sandra and Norbert -- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. ☺



**Calling all Volunteers!**  
**LA Council is Seeking**  
**New Board Members**

The LA Council needs new Board members for 2024-25 year. President **Sandy Blackwell** will be stepping down in the Spring 2024 after many years of service. Other Board positions up for election are Secretary, Treasurer, VP Communications, VP Programs, and VP Travel.

Board Nominations will be held in early Spring with the General Elections in April. Please support your Council by stepping up. It's not a lot of work and the meetings are held quarterly in the comfort of your own home with your beverage of choice on Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact **Sandy Blackwell**. Thank you for your support. ☺

**Upgraded**  
**Resort Properties**

Margaritaville South Lake Tahoe opened on December 12th. The resort (formerly the South Lake Tahoe Ski Resort) is one of the newest properties to open in the South Lake Tahoe area that will be an all season resort. Skiing and boarding in winter, summer for boating, hiking, biking, fishing, and all the summer things you can do. And a casino? It is in the right place. This gives us another spot to enjoy so many of Jimmy Buffett's favorites – music and margaritas. Also, if you are so inclined, you can own a piece of this Margaritaville resort.

Outbound Mammoth is one of the newly upgraded hotel/restaurant properties in Mammoth. Formerly the Sierra Nevada Resort, this property now includes the Rafter's Restaurant and Bar, and is part of this newly minted resort in Mammoth. And well worth the stay. Give it a look online and book your stay. ☺

## 2023-24 FWSA Board

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Sherri Parshall, Tom Bundgard

## FWSA Membership Cards for 2023-24

We have received the new FWSA membership cards which do offer you a variety of discounts. To find all that you can get discounts on, go to the FWSA.org website, then click on member corner, then benefits, and then click on which ever item you are looking into.

### FWSA Member Discounts

Lodging, Adventure, Services,  
Equipment and Equipment and  
Services

If you or your club would like membership cards, please email **Sandy Blackwell** and let her know how many cards and where you would like them mailed to you. Thanks. ☺



## LET'S LINK UP CLUB SKI TRIPS

### Mammoth Trips:

Jan 5-7  
Jan 19-21  
March 1-3  
April 12-14  
May 10-12  
May 24-26

### Week-Long Trips:

Snowbird, Utah - Feb 8-11  
Zermatt & Tomorrowland - Mar 16-24  
Winter Park, Colorado - April 4-7

Michelle & Caden  
Co-Founders | Let's Link Up Club

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Email: [letslinkupclub@gmail.com](mailto:letslinkupclub@gmail.com) ☺

## THE UNRECABLES 2024 SKI TRIPS

### Mammoth trips (drive up):

Jan 18-20, 2024  
Feb 23-25  
March 22-24  
April 19-21  
May 10-12  
May 31-June 2

We are looking for volunteers to assist our skiers with disabilities on the mountain. In turn, volunteers can ski free all day Friday and Sunday afternoon. After the first trip, membership is required by the club.

For more information, email Gordon Cardona, [gcardona68@gmail.com](mailto:gcardona68@gmail.com). ☺



## SHOP & SUPPORT

### SUPPORT THE UNRECABLES AND SHOP RALPHS! RE-REGISTER YOUR RALPHS CARD

1. Go to [www.RALPHS.com](http://www.RALPHS.com)
2. Scroll to bottom of the Home page.
3. Click "Kroger Community Rewards" under Community Contribution.
4. Click Link your Shopper's Card.
5. Fill in your info (NPO # WY343).
5. Watch your grocery shopping save YOU \$\$ and at the same time earn \$\$ for The Unrecables.



Thank you for your support!  
Contact Sigrid Noack  
[sigski@gmail.com](mailto:sigski@gmail.com)

*The Unrecables  
thanks  
LA Council & clubs  
for your support.*

## Attention All Clubs

To get your club's trips, activities, & photos in the LA Council newsletter, please e-mail **Gordon Cardona**, [gcardona68@gmail.com](mailto:gcardona68@gmail.com)

## FWSA Publications

*Available on [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)*

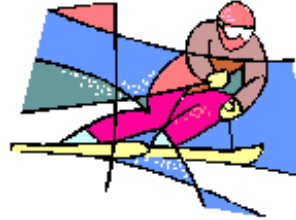
Click Member Corner > Publications  
> The Councilman > Fall 2023.

Click Member Corner > Publications  
> Far West Skier's Guide 2023-24

*Please spread the word  
to your clubs.*



**Rokka League's 2024 Ski and Board Camp**  
**February 27th-29th, 2024, Mammoth Mountain, CA**  
 Rokka camp is open to all racers, skiers, and snowboarders.



**REGISTRATION FEES: \$475 (Second SoCal Race is 3/1/24)**

Price includes three days of 5-hour lessons with top race coaches and ski and snowboard instructors (same instructor every day).

Small class size: 4-to-7 students per class.

Minimum of 4 students per class, or else a 3-hour lesson every day.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club or League Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON REQUEST**

Skiing Beginner

Snowboarding Beginner

Skiing Intermediate

Snowboarding Intermediate

Skiing Advanced

Snowboarding Advanced

**Payment Schedule:**

Initial deposit of \$200 by 12/18/23.

Full payment of \$275 by 2/12/24

**Cancellation Policy:** Since this is a bare-bones camp, \$400 refund if cancelled before 2/20/24.

Mail checks payable to "Rokka League" with this form filled out to:

**Laura Priess 13251 Woodcock Ave. Sylmar, CA 91342**

For more information, contact: me at: 818-800-3166 or [ROKKARACERS@aol.com](mailto:ROKKARACERS@aol.com)

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# Far West Ski Association's

## 2024 Mini Ski Trip

March 17—22, 2024

*Copper Mtn., CO*

**TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT**

**\$944**

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available  
Price does NOT include air, transfer, or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1<sup>st</sup> and you will get a discount on your trip price.  
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2023*

*Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs*

Gold Quality Condo Lodging is supreme level of accommodation strategically located throughout the Center Village allowing convenient access in all the Resort's exciting activities. Amenities include a fitness center, outdoor spa and heated pool, underground parking. Buildings are within 0-4 min. walk to closest chairlift. Gold lodging have one bed in each bedroom and a sofa sleeper in the living room.

The Cambria Hotel is the newest building at Copper Mtn. located on the Ten Mile Creek in Center Village. Sophisticated, modern finishes throughout and a short walk to the slopes, retail, and dining. Other amenities: lobby bar open every evening and breakfast available to purchase each morning, mini fridge, comp WIFI, two outdoor hot tubs overlooking the creek, exercise room and outdoor uncovered parking.

150 Runs—25% Beginner; 24% Intermediate; 34% Advanced; 17% Expert

Contact: Nancy Ellis – 530-414-8261 – [FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net)

Information & Online Signup: <http://fwsaminiCP.sat.tours>

FWSA CST #2036983-40

### Included:

Five night's lodging

- Cambria Hotel
- \*1bdm Condo (K/Q Bedding)
- \*2bdm Condo (K/Q Bedding)
- \* Gold Quality Condo Lodging

Welcome Reception

### Optional for Purchase:

3-day Adult Lift Ticket--\$273

4-day Adult Lift Ticket--\$346

Discounted Equipment Rental

Copper is on the IKON Pass (Resort Access w/out reservations; Unlimited Access without Blackout dates)

### Optional Activities:

- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Mountain Coaster
- NASTAR Racing
- Snowshoeing
- Sleigh Rides
- Free Mountain Tours
- Snow Maze

## LA Council Meetings

First Monday quarterly (February, May, August, & November) at 7:00pm on Zoom. Contact the LA Council President for details. All clubs are welcome to attend.

## FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION SAFETY SLOGAN

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LET IT RIDE,  
WATCH ALL SIDES.  
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