



The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of skiing, and in particular, ski clubs in the Los Angeles area. LAC is a member of the Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation.

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**ELECTIONS, SKIING, & CONVENTION THIS SPRING**

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



April 1st will be our officer nomination meeting for our new year starting in May. There is a lot going on, but it is pretty well handled by that time, so LAC really would appreciate your taking a position on the Board. May 6th, we will do our officer installation meeting to announce our new officers. All by Zoom, which solves the partying, drinking and driving home issue.

Deadline to submit for any awards is March 18th. In this newsletter you will find a synopsis of each award. Your club's newsletters, websites, Facebook pages are all eligible for awards. Honor your editors, webmasters and contributors by putting your club's communications and social media presentations up for an award. Clubs, ski schools, ski patrols that are over 50 years continuous operation can apply for the ski history award. Your club could be honored.

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**FWSA Convention – Reno, NV  
(June 6-9, 2024) Atlantis Resort**

It is NOW time to register for convention and make your hotel reservations for the upcoming convention in Reno as registration packets should have gone out to you via email in mid to late February. This convention will be similar to many others in the past: Pub Crawl, a Tahoe adventure (at this writing in early March, I hope Tahoe has a bit less snow than it does right now); an 18 hole golf tournament, auto museum tour, on Friday – the silent auction with travel expo. This year's Sports Leadership Academy choices are shaping up to be very informative and not to be missed. The eye opener on Sunday morning, then the FWSA annual meeting. And, of course, all the awards to be presented!!

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**SUN VALLEY SKI WEEK**  
**ERIC HARTMAN, LONG BEACH SKI CLUB**

Admittedly, I was not terribly excited about our trip to Sun Valley Idaho on January 21 due to the low amount of snow they had. I was hopeful that conditions would improve as it was snowing lightly when we arrived and the forecast looked promising for more snow. We had a great welcoming party hosted by the Sun Valley Inn. We got to meet some of the other clubs there for the week and munch on free appetizers and have a free drink. The accommodations at Sun Valley Inn were very good.

The next morning, we discovered that while weather forecast for Mammoth is fairly reliable, Sun Valley's forecast was wanting. We woke up with most of the mountain in a cloud. On familiar Mountains, this is not a problem. But on a totally unfamiliar place, it was a bit disorienting and made it difficult to navigate around.

Monday evening, we had a happy hour in one of the condos with many of the members that could make it.

Tuesday was a beautiful day. Some members were treated to a mountain tour provided by the Sun Valley hosts. They gave us the history of the mountain and insights to how the mountain operated.

The next couple of days we got together for lunch in small groups in the many lodges on the mountain. In the evenings, there were small organized dinners in various locations in town.

The week culminated on Friday evening with a pizza party at the Village Station restaurant. Saturday, several went ice skating at the open air rink next to the lodge.

Overall, it was a very successful week. My deepest thanks to several of you that helped make this trip a success.



**FWSA TRIPS**

**FWSA Africa Adventure Trip**  
 Tanzania & Zanzibar  
 September 28-October 7, 2024

**FWSA Dive Trip 2024**  
 Philippines  
 October 19-November 2, 2024

**FWSA Annual Ski Week 2025**  
 Banff, Alberta, Canada  
 January 25-February 1, 2025

**FWSA Mini Ski Week 2025**  
 Big White, BC, Canada  
 Date TBD

**International Ski & Snowboard Adventures**  
**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**  
 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' TRIPS

### Century City Ski Club

#### Mammoth trip (bus):

April 12-14

### Conejo Ski Club

#### Adventure Trips:

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:

April 12-14

May 10-12

May 24-26

Winter Park, Colorado - April 4-7, 2024

### Long Beach Ski Club:

#### Mammoth trip:

April 7-11

### On The Hill Gang Ski Club:

#### Mammoth trip:

April 7-12

### The Unrecables:

#### Mammoth trips (drive up):

April 19-21

May 10-12

May 31-June 2 ☺



## THE UNRECABLES SPRING SKI TRIPS

### Mammoth trips (drive up):

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**, gwcardona68@gmail.com.☺



### 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. ☺

## LAC GOOSE & BEAVER METAL SCULPTURES MISSING SANDY BLACKWELL

### REWARD OFFERED!!!

I need your help! It was brought to my attention that LAC is missing the Goose and the Beaver metal sculptures that were given to the Council many, many years ago by the Canadian Bureau of Tourism. Typically, these sculptures were given to the then current years' Man or Woman of the Year. A list of those recipients is here.

I know I had one or both for a year, **Kay Collins** did also. I know they were passed to the next winners of Man and Woman of the Year. But, at some point, they did not return to be passed on to the next winners. They have been missing for at least 6+ years. We do need to find them, they are part of the Council's heritage and the Council's property.

Here is what I am offering: To whoever finds them, or knows where they are, AND LAC recovers both of them – No Questions Asked – There is a \$100 gift card for that person (or \$50 each if it is two people).

My guess is that whoever has them may not even recall they have them, or they are tucked away in a closet or attic somewhere. We would like to have them back, so PLEASE, if you think or know you had them at one point - PLEASE PLEASE check to see if you still do have them somewhere.

My recollection is that the goose was in flight with the wings up a bit, while the beaver was sitting on a log munching on something, and they are very heavy. We would really like them back. Thank you for your help. ☺





## WAILERS' 2023 PRAY FOR SNOW PARTY



### WAILERS' VERTICAL CHALLENGE

The Wailer's Ski & Snowboard Club participated in their first-ever Vertical Challenge Ski-A-Thon in March. They raised almost \$11,000 for the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. Numerous participants skied in this event, raising funds individually, and by team, while chalking up vertical miles. Their newest Wailer, **Douglas Sciortino**, skied a whopping 24,134 miles. Way to go, Douglas, and kudos to all the Wailers who participated in this outstanding challenge. 🎉



The Editor apologizes for omitting these photos from the Winter newsletter.





## LET'S LINK UP SKI TRIPS & HIKES



Mammoth over the Night of Lights weekend  
in December with 60 members.



6-mile hike during the summer to Griffith Park.  
We had a couple detours, but we found the Hollywood sign!



Opening Weekend with 30 members  
on the mountain.

## Sandy Sayings

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### SKIING CONTINUES TO BE GREAT!

Our ski clubs have been doing their winter ski trips and are having a blast. 35 trips scheduled to Mammoth, 3 trips to Sun Valley, Id.; 1 trip to Europe and 1 trip to Japan. Wow. Almost all of these trips sold out early, so the clubs are doing something right. And, there are already a number of spring and summer adventure trips ready to go, so there is a bit more to life than only skiing!

### FWSA ANNUAL SKIER'S GUIDE

This is a great publication (now fully digitized) with loads of great articles and information and pictures. You should really take the time and enjoy all the work that went into making it a wonderfully delightful publication (and with digital, not heavy to carry the 100 pages around with you!)

#### Live Link:

<https://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2023-24/index.php>

#### Animated Icon:

<https://pages.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2023-24/assets/pagecurl.gif>

**Jane Wyckoff** (Skier's Guide Co-Editor) asks that you please take pictures of your club's on-the-slope, travel or social activities, so they can be included in next year's edition. You don't need to wait until next summer to submit them, but just send them to us at [skiersguide@fwsa.org](mailto:skiersguide@fwsa.org). Please provide the photo credit, full names and a caption. We are particularly looking for group pictures (individual names not required) or action pictures.

As our LAC clubs are starting the end of yet another great ski snowsports season, LAC asks that you send some of your pictures and a short article to **Gordon Cardona**, the Snowscene Editor at: [gwardona68@gmail.com](mailto:gwardona68@gmail.com). It helps keep our clubs in touch, our friends that have friends in other clubs in touch, and just brightens up the newsletter with fun pictures, great articles. It is your newsletter too – please help me keep it fresh and interesting. Thank you. ☺

### 2024 FWSA AFRICA ADVENTURE TRIP TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR September 28-October 7, 2024

#### Lodging Package:

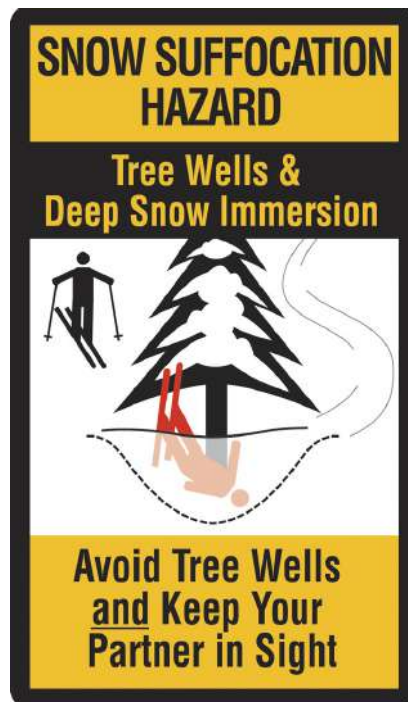
Double Occupancy \$5,865 per person, Single Supplement \$6,585 per person (limited availability).

### Galapagos Islands 2026

Details TBD  
stay tuned...

Contact: Debbie Stewart  
VP International Travel  
430 S. Church St., Visalia, CA 93277  
559-737-0882 (cell)

For more information:  
[FWSA.org](http://FWSA.org), international travel. ☺



## 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.
2. Click "Kroger Community Rewards" under Community Contribution.
3. Click Link your Shopper's Card.
4. 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**,  
[gwardona68@gmail.com](mailto:gwardona68@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.



"The Voice of the Western Skier"



91<sup>st</sup> Annual  
**Far West Ski Association  
Convention**  
June 6 - 9, 2024

at the

**Atlantis**  
CASINO RESORT SPA • RENO



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

## Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

Reservations <https://reservations.travelclick.com/98418?groupID=2016540>

or call 800-723-6500, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**

**Room Rates per night plus tax** single or double occupancy —  
**\$119** (Wed - Thurs) **\$179** (Fri & Sat) + \$17.50 daily resort fee

**Room Registration Deadline - May 16, 2024**

## Hotel Features

- World Class Casino
- Forbes 4-Star Spa Atlantis
- Indoor & Outdoor Pools & Outdoor Whirlpool Spa
- 8 Award Winning Restaurants; 10 Bars & Lounges
- Atlantis Family Entertainment Fun Center
- FREE Wi-Fi in guest rooms, FREE Parking
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention

## Transportation

- Air transportation is via Reno-Tahoe International Airport, located just 15 minutes from the Atlantis
- The Atlantis offers free airport shuttle service (4:30 am - 12:15 am)

## Convention Highlights

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

## Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
  - Bike Ride along Tahoe River
  - 27th Annual Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
  - 17th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  - Pool Party
  - Club Happy Hour

### Debbi Kor

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit "Achieve Tahoe".

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)



# 2023-24 Award & Recognition Programs

## A Guide for Club & Council Presidents

To: FWSA Councils, FWSA Ski Clubs, FWSA Board of Directors, FWSA Board of Trustees, FWSA Committee Chairs

From: Joe Harvis, VP Communications

Greetings:

The contents of this Updated Awards Package contains an overview of the FWSA Recognition Awards Programs followed by details of each program to encourage more grass root participation. Please encourage your members to participate to ensure that our sponsors continue to support these programs. Each description contains a link to the respective PDF application form that can be filled in electronically. Collectively these forms are available at [https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=623165&module\\_id=341944](https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=341944).

In volunteer organizations such as Far West Ski Association, your club or council, nothing happens without individuals contributing their time and talent. These dedicated people could never be compensated for the contribution they make to the association, their council, club and community. For volunteer organizations, recognition is the most valuable thank you that can be offered. There are many opportunities in Far West for aspiring individuals, clubs and councils to gain recognition.

The awards are presented at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention, June 6-9, 2024 at the Atlantis Casino Spa Resort, 3800 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502, 800-723-6500 or <https://atlantiscasino.com/>.

## Club & Council Recognition Awards at a Glance

Award	Due Date	Who Can Nominate	Contact
Club & Council Communications & Outstanding Club Awards	March 18, 2024	Ski Club & Council presidents, publication editor, webmaster	Bill King <a href="mailto:commawards@fwsa.org">commawards@fwsa.org</a> 614-371-4762 [c]
Club & Council Outstanding Social Media Award	March 18, 2024	Ski Club & Council presidents & webmaster	Todd Hood <a href="mailto:socialmedia@fwsa.org">socialmedia@fwsa.org</a> 203-570-5733
Councils' Volunteer of the Year	March 18, 2024	Council Presidents	Sheri Parshall <a href="mailto:voty@fwsa.org">voty@fwsa.org</a> 503-706-0522 [c]
Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year	March 18, 2024	Ski Club & Council. Nominee must be a FWSA member.	Monica Palmer <a href="mailto:safety@fwsa.org">safety@fwsa.org</a> 775-843-4303 [c]
Environment Award	March 18, 2024	Ski Club & Council. Nominee must be a FWSA member.	Janine Rands <a href="mailto:environment@fwsa.org">environment@fwsa.org</a> 805-704-0418 [c]
Western Ski Heritage Award	March 18, 2024	Ski Club, Council, Individual. Can be self-nominating. Does NOT need to be a FWSA member.	Jane Wyckoff <a href="mailto:history@fwsa.org">history@fwsa.org</a> 949-933-9607 [c]
Club & Council History Recognition	March 18, 2024	Ski Club & Council	Jane Wyckoff <a href="mailto:history@fwsa.org">history@fwsa.org</a> 949-933-9607 [c]
Historic Ski Club, Council, Ski School or Ski Patrol	March 18, 2024	Ski Club & Council	Jane Wyckoff <a href="mailto:history@fwsa.org">history@fwsa.org</a> 949-933-9607 [c]
Charities & Our Community Service Recognition	March 18, 2024	Ski Club & Council	Sigrid Noack <a href="mailto:charities@fwsa.org">charities@fwsa.org</a> 310-499-8181 [c]

### Award Application Submission

Far West is requiring that all submissions be submitted electronically. If for some reason you can't comply with this request, please contact the appropriate chair. All applications are downloadable from the Far West website in PDF format that can be filled out electronically. Links to the appropriate awards & recognition page can found at

[https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=623165&module\\_id=341944](https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=341944).

Please respond to me by e-mail ([vpcommunications@fwsa.org](mailto:vpcommunications@fwsa.org)) or phone (973-964-0834) with your comments, recommendations, changes, additions or deletions.



# ANNUAL SKI TRIP

## 2025 Far West Ski Association

### BANFF • LAKE LOUISE • SUNSHINE

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# FWSA ANNUAL SKI TRIP

Trip leader: **Laura Priess**

**We're going to Canada!! Sign up and relax, your club takes care of everything.**

**Price includes:**

- 7 nights lodging     Welcome reception     Council dinner
- GS race and Council challenge     Banquet dinner & dance
- Council apres events and much more

Please select your accommodations

**Caribou Lodge** \$1,380 (Hotel rooms - QQ or King on request) (single supplement \$750.00)  
Mini fridge, hot water pot, and coffee pot. Breakfast included. Complimentary internet. Ski storage, full spa, swimming pool and hot tub. Complimentary bus pass to Downtown and ski resorts are available in front of hotel. Coin laundry in garage, no charge for parking.

**Moose Lodge** \$2,030.00 (king or QQ, mini suite w/efficiency kitchen) (single supplement \$1,400)  
Mini fridge, hot water pot, and coffee pot, microwave, toaster and dishes. Breakfast included  
Complimentary internet. Ski storage, full spa available (not included in room rate), swimming pool and hot tub. No charge for parking.  
Complimentary bus to ski resorts is available in front of hotel.

**Trip insurance is highly recommended**

**Payment Schedule**

Make check payable to LA Council of Ski Clubs • Send to: PO Box 10266, Glendale, CA 91209  
Deposit at signup: \$700  
Second payment by Aug 1, 2024: Balance before air & ground payment  
Third payment Oct 1, 2024: Air and ground payment. FWSA will be arranging air into Calgary and ground transportation into Banff at an additional cost.

**Cancellation Policy:** Before August 26, 2024, participants may be refunded most of their trip purchases. Refunds not given for trip insurance fees, credit card fees, IKON pass purchase, or non-refundable deposits paid to travel vendors. After August 26, 2024, participants may receive most of their trip purchase if suitable replacement is found to fill canceled portion of the participant's trip. Refunds not given for trip insurance fees, IKON pass purchase, credit card fees or non-refundable payments or deposits paid to vendor. Air/ground transportation not transferable to replacement participant. Cancellation without replacement, participant responsible for single supplement fee plus any non-refundable fees.

**NOTICE**

Bring your passport - it **MUST** be valid for at least six (6) months after January 25, 2025\*

\*Under Canadian Law, if you have a felony or a criminal record, or DUI, you cannot legally enter Canada. We are not responsible for any costs incurred to you if you are not allowed to enter Canada or complete this trip for this reason. See [www.canadianembassy.org](http://www.canadianembassy.org) for more information.

**Lift Tickets**

5-day adult \$539    5-day Senior \$446  
6-day adult \$652    5-day senior \$527

\$50 Off trip package when buying your IKON pass from Skigroup.net. They will have a separate online site for IKON passes available in March

For more information: 📞 Laura Priess (818) 800-3166 e-mail: [buffyNzoom@aol.com](mailto:buffyNzoom@aol.com)

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for your badge \_\_\_\_\_

You must use the exact name that appears on your passport! FWSA/LAC is NOT responsible for discrepancies between the name on your I.D. and name on your airline ticket.

Name of your ski club or FWSA direct member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodging choice \_\_\_\_\_ QQ or King (not guaranteed)

Do you need lift tickets  yes  no • Single supplement  yes  no • Do you want FWSA ground and air  yes  no

## 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

SKI WITH PRIDE,  
LET IT RIDE,  
WATCH ALL SIDES.  
FIRST WITH SAFETY AWARENESS

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