



# Update

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## BIG skiing for spring

*Even though this ski season is coming to a close there is still a bit of skiing to be had. While it may be warming up here in Southern California, the mountains are still getting dumped on. It's truly been an epic winter.*

We have two ski and board trips on tap for this spring.

### **BIG SKY, March 24-29, 2011**

First up, we are headed to Big Sky, MT for 5 nights lodging and 4 days of skiing. We will be flying into Bozeman and staying

slope side at The Huntley. A daily hot buffet breakfast and nightly après ski parties are included for the low price of \$725 per person based on double occupancy. Round trip transportation from Bozeman is included but you are on your own to get air. Delta and Alaska have round trip air fares for around \$400 out of Los Angeles and San Diego.

### **BIG WHITE, April 3-10, 2011**

We will be closing out Big White's season in British Columbia, Canada. We will be flying into Kelowna and staying slope side at The Inn at Big White. Lodging, lift tickets, nightly après ski parties and transportation to/from Kelowna are included for the low price of \$699 per person based on double occupancy. You are on your own to get air. Air Canada and Alaska have round trip air fares for around \$500 out of Los Angeles and San Diego. West Jet is also available out of Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

### **2011 Water Ski**

We've been working with the Radar River Rats on our summer water ski trips. We have once again scheduled nine trips for June through October. We set camp up on our own beach on the Colorado River, 10 miles east of Needles. Equipment and instructions are available. Details, dates and cost can be found on page 2.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

*Biking around Mission Bay, San Diego.*

### **BIKING Fun**

I've been checking out some intermediate bike trails in the San Diego area and have a bunch of ideas for combining biking with picnics and other fun. For instance, we could ride around Mission Bay and end at The Pennant for 1/2 price beer and food. Interested? Just give me a call or drop me an email.

### **FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION**

Los Angeles Council is hosting the 2011 convention at Pacific Palms Hotel in Industry Hills on June 9-12, 2011. Even if you can't attend the whole weekend, it's worth it to make an appearance for the Silent Auction where you can bid on more than \$100,000 worth of lodging, lift tickets, golf and product. Plus there's dancing and catching up with friends and your favorite resorts. And it's fun. ♦

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## TRIPPING around

## SNOW TRIPS & ACTIVITIES on tap

Details and flyers can be found under **TRIPS** at [PacificRimAlliance.org](http://PacificRimAlliance.org)

### Pacific Rim Alliance

- **Big Sky, MT** March 24-29, 2011  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **Big White, BC, Canada** April 3-10, 2011  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **Water Ski Weekends** June - Oct, 2011  
*Patricia Ortiz / 323-651-0686*
- **Can Do Wine Maker Dinner for MS** Oct 1, 2011  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **BC Safari (Red, Whitewater, Big White +)** Feb 2012  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **Italy (or France) & Cinque Terre** March 2012  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **New Zealand & Tasmania** August 2012  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*

### Los Angeles Council

- **Winter Gala** November 2011

### San Diego Council

- **Danube Bike & Cruise** Sept 8-20 & Oct 25-Nov 9, 2011  
*Hobe Schneider / 858-551-9651*

### Far West Ski Association

- **Far West Races at Alpine Meadows** April 1-3, 2011  
*Bob Ellis / 530-414-4270*
- **Convention, Industry Hills, CA** June 9-12, 2011  
*Jane Wyckoff / 949-933-9607*
- **Roatan, Honduras Dive** Oct 22 - 29, 2011  
*Randy Lew / 530-304-0802*
- **New Zealand & Australia** Oct 25 - Nov 9, 2011  
*Norm Azevedo / 925-944-9816*
- **Jackson Hole, WY** January 2012  
*Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471*

**NEW DATES**



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

## 2011 Colorado River Schedule

**June 24-26**

**July 8-10**

**July 22-24**

**Aug 5-7**

**Aug 19-21**

**Sept 9-11**

**Sept 23-25**

**Oct 7-9**

**Oct 21-23**

### Trip Includes—

Two Days Water Skiing  
Equipment & Instruction  
Sandy Beaches & Camping  
Food & Beer & Wine & Soda

### Prices—

\$130 \*\* Skier / Boarder  
\$65 Non-Skier \*  
\$18 Child 12 and under \*  
Free Child 4 and under\*

### For information—

Visit [www.RadarRiverRats.org](http://www.RadarRiverRats.org)

Call Patricia at 323-651-0686 (before 9 PM)

**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**Friends • Family • Beginner • Expert**

\*\* Subject to fuel surcharge if gas is more than \$4/gal  
\* May not ride in the club boat.

good-bye  
**GOOD FRIENDS**

we will miss you

*Those we loved are never really lost to us.  
We feel them in so many special ways...  
Through friends they cared about and dreams they left behind.  
In the beauty and humor they added to our days.  
In their words of wisdom we still carry with us.  
In memories of times together that never will be gone...*

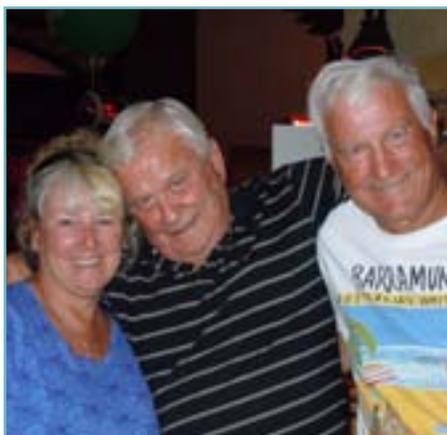


photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

*Bernie Stanton with Catherine & Gene.*

**Bernie Stanton**, 75, an insurance agency owner, of Las Vegas, passed away December 2, 2010. He was born July 8, 1935, and was a 44-year resident of Nevada.

Bernie grew up in Payson, Utah; and in 1962, came to Las Vegas to follow his dream of opening up an insurance agency. Throughout his life, Bernie was involved in many charitable and community organizations, such as the Jaycees, Toastmasters, Chamber of Commerce, Lake Mead Yacht Club and the Las Vegas Ski Club.

He was also an avid skier and has skied on slopes around the world. He was one of the founding members of Pac Rim. Boating was another passion of his and spent many hours on Lake Mead.

**John Alexander Davidson II**, 63, died at his home in Encino, California, on December 30, 2010, following a brief struggle with cancer.

He served several tours of duty in Southeast Asia as a Forward Air Control pilot, and his military honors include a Purple Heart, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, 14 Air Medals, and the Air Force Commendation Medal, and left the Air Force with the rank of Captain.

John was a member of The Ravens, a group of Forward Air Control pilots who flew covert missions in Southeast Asia requiring extreme bravery and skill.

A passionate skier, Davidson had been an active member and past president of Singles Ski Club and Century City Ski Club.



photo courtesy Michelle Hollister

*John & Tricia Davidson.*

happy **BIRTHDAY**

**March**

- 1 Jillie Bauer
- 6 Larry Davis
- 8 Arnie Andersen
- 12 Young Kang
- 15 R.C. Escamilla
- 16 Susan Weaver
- 17 Patricia Ortiz
- 23 Judy Steele
- 25 Paul Sindelar
- 26 Frank Van Zandt
- 26 Airline Moran
- 30 Knut Kongelbeck

**April**

- 1 Robert Nordquest
- 10 Heidi Meyer
- 14 Robert Doyle
- 14 Laurie Gerken
- 16 Kyoko Kraft
- 22 Randy Robinson
- 22 Jeanne Talbot
- 23 Nancy Friedman
- 23 Danielle Battut
- 25 Kitty Malinoski
- 26 Ann Meyers

**May**

- 2 Gloria Smith
- 6 Shirley Stretch-Stephenson
- 6 Marie Estocin
- 12 Enam Higa
- 12 Cinda Singer
- 20 Bruce Bivans
- 21 John Good
- 21 Linda Mueller
- 22 Carl Gerhart
- 28 Ciaran O'Donovan

## CAN DO MS fund raiser

# Pacific Rim raises \$2,000 for CAN DO MS

*Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Maker Fund Raiser Diner was held in San Diego, October 2, 2010  
in memory of our beloved friend **Jimmie Heuga***

Our tenth annual Wine Maker Dinner for Can Do MS raised more than \$2,000. Thanks everyone for your donations and support. We couldn't have done it without **Chef Mary Trimmins** and the eight fabulous wines and the special water that were donated.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

*All the wines lined up and waiting.*

The wine that has been donated this year is outstanding and each was perfectly paired with one course.

**Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve Champagne** donated by Rémy Cointreau USA.

**Valley of the Moon Unoaked Chardonnay** donated by Heck Estates.

**Kenwood Jack London Cabernet Sauvignon** donated by Heck Estates.

**Valley of the Moon Cuvée de la Luna** by Heck Estates.

**Montevina Terra d'Oro Deaver Ranch Zinfandel** (110+ year old vines) donated by Trincherro Family Estates.

**Montevina Terra d'Oro Sangiovese** donated by Trincherro Family Estates.

**Montevina Terra d'Oro Barbera** donated by Trincherro Family Estates.

**Benziger Sauvignon Blanc** donated by Benzinger Family Winery.

In addition, sparkling water was donated by **Solé Water**.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

*Gene explaining why and how the wine was matched to the food.*

**Gene Fulkerson** worked with Mary as her Sous Chef. **Robert Nordquest, George Kish** and **Rick Cole** served as their waiters and assistants. **Mark** and **Linda Mathis** stayed around to help with the clean up and the hand washing of more than 100 crystal glasses. These events just get better each year.

Thanks to everyone else who contributed and participated—**Claudia Nordquest, Barb & Stu Baily, Paul & Carmen Jackson, Agnes Johnson, Rebecca Crocker, Pam & Rob Fitting, Jane Wyckoff, Beth & Rick Cole, Michelle & Ed Langmaid, Jerry & Sandy Cordell, Barbara Betz** and **Michael Rammelburg**. ♦

mark your **CALENDAR**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2011, 5 PM**



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

*Mary & Gene planned, matched, prepared and cooked for our event.*



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exciting  
**CHANGES**  
for the Winter of 2011

Excerpted from *saminfo.com*

**Vail Resorts to Invest \$30 Million at Northstar**

Vail Resorts plans to invest \$30 million on capital improvement projects at Northstar-at-Tahoe.

Plans include the installation of a new backside high-speed chair that will serve expanded gladed terrain and additional ski trails, increasing the skiable terrain by 10 percent; construction of a 500-seat on-mountain restaurant, with an outdoor deck and 200 more seats; and the addition of Patagonia and Burton retail outlets, as well as a signature restaurant, to the Village at Northstar.

Vail intends to further extend service with more family-friendly terrain, more grooming and snowmaking, a best-in-class on-mountain dining experience, and a village experience that is far superior to any other destinations in the region.

**Ski Apache adds Slots**

The Elk Lodge at Ski Apache, New Mexico, became the nation's first winter resort to offer slopeside slot machines. The resort boasts 12 machines and operates Friday through Sunday, 10 AM to 6 PM. So far the slots have drawn skiers and non-skiers alike.

It took the National Indian Gaming Commission four months to approve the new gaming location on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Much of Ski Apache is leased from the Forest Service, but Elk Lodge is on the reservation.

**Attack at Russian Resort**

On February 19, 2011, masked gunmen shot and killed three tourists on their way to Mt. Elbrus ski resort in the



photo courtesy Mammoth Mtn.

*This winter Mammoth had more snow than any other resort in the WORLD.*

Caucasus region or Russia. In addition, a gondola at the resort was blown up.

According to published reports, last month President Dmitry Medvedev announced a \$15 billion plan to turn the Caucasus into a tourist destination, which did not sit well with Islamic rebels who have been demanding a separate Islamic state in the North Caucasus.

Russia is set to host the 2014 Winter Olympics in nearby Sochi.

**Eldora offers Free Skiing to other Areas' Ticket Holders**

Beginning February 21, 2011, Eldora Mountain Resort, Colorado, is offering a free day of skiing to anyone who has a lift ticket or a season pass from any other ski area. The offer is designed to introduce Eldora to skiers and riders.

The free skiing offer is not available on Saturdays, to avoid overcrowding at the area. The promotion will run for only a limited time; Eldora has not determined how long it will remain in effect. ♦

**SAGA** of operations at **TAMARACK**

**Judge Approves Ski Season**

December 6, 2010 Idaho bankruptcy court approved a ski and snowboard season at Tamarack Resort, even as bankruptcy proceedings continue and lender Credit Suisse seeks to turn the bankruptcy proceedings into a liquidation. The season opened December 20, 2010 and operates four days a week.

**BAC Repossesses Two Lifts**

Bank of America now owns a mile-long detachable quad that rises 1,650 vertical feet to a pod of intermediate and advanced runs, and a shorter access lift for the Whitewater neighborhood. Tamarack owes more than \$4 million on the lifts. BAC will most likely sell the lifts which have not been part of this year's operations at Tamarack.

**Back to State Court**

Tamarack Resort has been removed from federal Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and sent back to the state court. Credit Suisse is petitioning to convert the case into a Chapter 7 liquidation or be allowed to begin foreclosure proceedings. The resort's total debt is reportedly more than \$350 million, \$256 million of that to Credit Suisse and its investors. ♦



photo courtesy Tamarack Ski Resort

*Untracked powder at Tamarack— three days after the storm.*

## SAFETY & FITNESS tips

### Be Prepared

*Mentally  
Physically  
Equipment-wise.*

#### Ski Fitness

Skiing is a demanding sport. It subjects your body to repeated stresses and involves strenuous exertion at high altitude.

The fitter you are, the better and longer you will be able to ski each day, and the lower your risk of injury will be. Any fitness program should include coordination, balance and flexibility.

**Anaerobic Fitness.** Skiing calls for anaerobic fitness, the strength and ability to sustain short bursts of exertion. Skiing bumps, short radius turns and schussing all require power, as well as stamina.

**Aerobic Fitness.** Perhaps most importantly, you need to be aerobically fit in order to exercise in the thin mountain air. There's only one way to achieve this, and that's through some sort of program of exercise which raises your heart rate and keeps it there over a period of at least 15 minutes.

Finally, your ski fitness program should improve your coordination, balance and flexibility, allowing you a more dynamic range of movement.

#### Ski Safety Tips

**Wear a helmet.** One of the best ski safety tips is really a matter of personal choice — whether or not to wear a helmet while skiing. The NSP (National Ski Patrol), the NSAA (National Ski Areas Association) and the PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) encourage wearing a helmet, but, it isn't mandated for adults, yet. The most important safety tip regarding wearing a helmet would be to wear a certified helmet.



photo courtesy Clayoquot on Wikipedia

*Spring brings conditions that are often ideal for an avalanche. The weight of the melting snowpack becomes heavier until reaching the point where the underlying snow is no longer able to support it and lets loose.*

**Exercise in advance.** You will have much more fun on the slopes if you're in good shape. Work your way up to skiing by exercising year-round on a regular basis.

**Use proper ski equipment.** Don't borrow equipment. Rent from a ski shop or at the ski resort. Make sure your ski boots are fitted properly and your bindings are correctly adjusted.

**Prepare for the weather.** Wear layers of clothes and wear a helmet liner, a hat, or a headband. Wear gloves or mittens. Bring an extra pair in case the first pair gets wet.

**Get proper instruction.** Sign up for ski lessons. Even experienced skiers should polish up their skills with a lesson now and then.

**Wear goggles.** Wear ski goggles that fit properly around your helmet with at least a UV400 rating.

**Take a break.** If you're tired, take a break and rest for a while in the lodge. While you're resting, make sure you eat and drink enough. Know when to quit.

**Ski with a friend.** It's always safer to ski with a friend so he can watch out for you and vice versa. Prearrange a meeting place in case you get separated and use walkie-talkies or cell phones to stay in touch.

**Respect your limits.** Do not ski trails that are above your skill level. Trails will be clearly marked as to what level skier they are appropriate for. On a similar note, stay in control of your skis and focus on the trail skiing. Accidents happen more readily when we are distracted.

**Follow the rules.** Do not go off-trail. Obey posted trail closure and other warning signs. Remember that skiers who are in front of you, and below you, on the trail have the right-of-way. Don't come out of the trees without looking first. ♦



#### wanna RACE?

If you'd like to test your skills in a race course, as a member of Pac Rim you can race in League, Council and Far West sponsored races. More information is available at [fwra.com](http://fwra.com).

March 19, 2011 (Sat)

March 20, 2011 (Sun)

April 1, 2011 (Fri)

April 2, 2011 (Sat)

April 3, 2011 (Sat)

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FWRA Championships (SL)

FWRA Championships (GS)

## Airline tips

# Avoiding AIRLINE Fees

*Check the Airline web sites for the latest fees as they are in a constant state of flux.*

Is your bag overweight by 1 pound? Want a pillow for your nap? How about your favorite seat? Such small luxuries could cost you — unless you're prepared.

Airfare represents a mere fraction of the total cost to fly these days. From the time you walk into the terminal until the plane lands, your total fare will surpass the quote you received from your favorite travel site when you booked the flight.

It seems like every week, it's a different airline and a different fee. Blame it on high fuel costs and an economy in the tank, which have sparked billion-dollar losses industry wide.

Looking for ways to make up for those losses — without scaring off customers by raising fares — airlines have begun charging for the most basic amenities.

For consumers, the best defense is to factor in the fees each airline charges when comparing fares. Here are seven instances in which fees are assessed and how to avoid them.

### Booking

Except for **Southwest**, every major airline charges a fee to book a flight over the phone. The worst offenders are **Delta**, **Frontier** and **United**, which charge \$25 per ticket.

Third-party travel sites like **Expedia** and **Orbitz** charge around \$7 per ticket hidden in the cost of the ticket for online booking. To avoid these fees, book directly on an airline's Web site.

### Redeeming Frequent-Flier Miles

You now have to pay extra to use your frequent flyer miles. **US Airways** charges \$25 to \$50 for you to book a flight using frequent-flier miles. **American** charges \$5.

On October 1, 2011 airlines began charging new fees for rewards upgrades (\$50 to upgrade from coach to first class on a domestic flight, for instance) and higher mile requirements (a round-trip ticket to Europe costs 20,000 more miles). Worse, it's extremely tough for frequent fliers to redeem their miles now that airlines have cut back on flights.

### Choosing a Seat

Opt to stretch out in an exit row, and it'll cost you. **AirTran** charges a flat \$20 each way for those seats, while **United** charges anywhere from \$14 to \$109 per flight. Even if you aren't angling for extra legroom, you can get charged just for choosing a seat.

### Changing a Ticket

**Southwest** is the only airline that doesn't charge domestic ticket holders for altering an itinerary. Change a flight on any other airline, and you can expect to pay a fee ranging from \$75 (**Alaska** for online changes) to \$150 (**American**, **Continental**, **United** and **US Airways**).

The best defense against these fees is to solidify plans before you book. Paying a slightly higher fare usually costs less than getting hit with a change fee.



photo courtesy United Airlines

*The friendly skies aren't so friendly these days.*

### Curbside Baggage Check

Don't feel like rolling your suitcases inside the terminal? It'll cost you. **Northwest** and **US Airways** charge \$2 per bag for curbside check-in. Roll your luggage inside in order to avoid the first of many fees at the airport.

### Checking Bags

When it comes to checking luggage, it's now a virtual fee-for-all. **American**, **Continental**, **United**, **Delta**, **Virgin** and **US Airways** all charge \$25 for the first checked bag and even more for a second.

Think you can avoid the second-bag fee by stuffing everything into one case? That may end up costing even more. Going just 1 pound over the 50-pound limit triggers an overweight fee of \$50 to \$175 (**United**). Stick to carry-on bags although be prepared to fight for space.

### In-Flight Amenities

Forget about relaxing with a soft pillow and a cold drink. **US Airways**, for example, now charges \$2 for nonalcoholic drinks.

And be prepared to get hit in other ways. Want a pillow and blanket on your **JetBlue** flight? That'll be \$7. To avoid paying \$3 for a bag of chips, pack your own snacks. Buy your drinks in the terminal once you are past security. ♦

*This story was excerpted from Kelli B. Grant for SmartMoney.com.*



photo courtesy Doug Letterman

## GOOD STUFF for the kids & grandkids

Things to know **WHEN** you take the kids to the slopes

A rookie ski family heading to the slopes requires courage, stamina, a truckload of gear and a fun attitude. However, skiing brings families some precious moments together. To help make your child's first adventure on snow smooth, here are a few recommendations.

**Get professional help.** Trust the experts to introduce your child to skiing and riding properly. Typically, you can put your child in ski school at age 4 and snowboarding at 6. Many resorts have programs for the toddler that include playing on the snow.



photo courtesy Winter Park

Camp is a tried and true method for your little skier to be with the cool instructors and their peers. Here the kids play games that are cleverly disguised learning. It can be pricey, but encompasses expert technique, safety, and the bonus of them making new ski friends. It's well worth it.



photo courtesy Obermeyer

**Check with the resort in advance** to reserve ski camp or childcare, confirm the drop-off and pick-up hours, the price and exactly what is included. This research can begin on-line.

**Prepare your child for their first day.** Tell them they will be with other kids and a teacher for the day. Be enthusiastic as positive energy is contagious.

**Familiarize your child with the gear** prior to their big debut on snow. Pull them around the carpeted floor in their boots and skis the night before. This will improve their dexterity and heightened their enthusiasm.

**Bring along a change of clothes,** an extra pair of socks, head gear and mittens, all of which should be labeled.

**Drop your child off early.** Be prepared to fill out lengthy forms at check-in. If you plan to ski several days during the winter, look for multi-day coupon books.

**Do your child a favor by honestly describing their ability level.** Resist the urge to push them into an upper level.

**Say goodbye and go.** Hovering and checking up on your child is disruptive to the lesson. Your child is in capable care and the clock is ticking. Go ski.

At the end of the session, **ask the instructor for a ski report card** and find out what they recommend next. ♦

## CHASE SAPHIRE presents

Chase Sapphire is sponsoring a weekend Ski Getaway with **Picabo Street** at Squaw Valley from March 11-13, 2011.

Packages are \$750 per person, double occupancy, and includes

- Two nights at The Resort at Squaw Creek
- Welcome reception with Picabo Street
- Ski equipment fitting and rental services
- Lift ticket to Squaw Valley USA
- Ski clinics for all levels led by Picabo Street
- Saturday dinner with members of the 1960 U.S. Gold Medal Hockey Team
- Choice of spa treatment or winter sport experience for Sunday
- Fine cuisine and drink for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Complimentary transportation to and from Reno-Tahoe International Airport

**Call 800-854-0507 to book a reservation.**

## Pacific Rim spring trips



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

### Big Sky March 24-29, 2011\*\*

Basic Package \$725 per person dbl occ

- Five nights **Lodging** at The Huntley Hotel (dbl. occ.)
  - Ski to / Walk from, located in the Village Center.
  - Superior Room with 2 Queen Beds.
  - Daily Hot Buffet Breakfast.
  - Hot Tub & Fitness Room & Swimming Pool.
  - Includes 17% Bed Taxes.
- Four days **Lift Tickets** at Big Sky.
  - Moonlight Basin requires an additional fee.
- **Transfer** from/to Bozeman Airport.
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**.



\*\* Extend your stay in Big Sky for \$136 ppdo (Lodging & Lift Ticket).

### Big White April 3-10, 2011

Basic Package \$699 per person dbl occ \*

- Seven nights **Lodging** at The Inn at Big White (dbl. occ.)
  - Ski to / Walk from, located in the Village Center.
  - Superior Room with 1 Queen Bed and 1 Queen Murphy.
  - Rooms have Mini-fridge, Micro-wave & Fireplace.
  - On-site Carvers Bar & Grill open Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
  - Hot Tub & Fitness Room & Swimming Pool.
  - Includes 12% HST and 12% Bed Taxes.
- Seven days **Lift Tickets**.
  - Interchangeable at Silver Star.
- **Transfer** from/to Kelowna Airport.
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**.



photo courtesy Big White Ski Resort, Canada

\* Prices based on one-to-one Canadian Exchange rate subject to change.

#### NOT Included—

- Air** to/from the Resort
  - Delta, Alaska fly to Bozeman
  - Air Canada, West Jet, Alaska fly to Kelowna

#### Payment due NOW—

- Pacific Rim Alliance**
  - 10818 Viacha Dr.
  - San Diego, CA 92124
  - Cancellation policy will apply

#### For Information—

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  - 858-467-9469

# Far West **Convention**

*Making* History

**UPdate**  
www.PacificRimAlliance.org  
Spring | 2011



2011 FWSA CONVENTION  
Industry Hills, CA



Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



photo <http://www.jamesgordongallery.com/>

## June 9-12, 2011

*Pacific Palms Resort*  
One Industry Hills Pkwy., Industry Hills, CA 91744  
800-524-4557 or [PacificPalmsHotelUSA.com](http://PacificPalmsHotelUSA.com)

### Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction **FREE**
- Travel Expo
- Celebrity Speakers
- Saturday Awards Luncheon and Dinner
- Celebrity Multi Media Presentations
- Public Affairs Panel
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- Pub Crawl
- Michael German Memorial Golf
- Spa at Pacific Palms
- Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens
- Temecula Winery Tour
- Pool Party

### Pacific Palms Resort

- 292 Spacious Rooms & Suites with Balconies
  - Hilltop Oasis Pool & Sauna
  - Fitness Center
  - Luxury Lifestyle Spa
  - Live Entertainment
  - Three Restaurants
  - Two Championship Golf Courses
  - Wireless Internet
  - Rates per night available three days pre and three days post Convention
    - \$145 (Single / Double Occ.)
    - \$175 Executive Level Upgrade
  - No Resort Fees
  - **Complimentary Parking**
- [More Information](#)
- Visit [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)

## silent **AUCTION**

Loads of **FREE** stuff to do on Friday.

3:00 - 4:00 PM **POOL PARTY**

6:30 - 11:00 PM **SILENT AUCTION**

- Bid on Ski Vacations & Sports Gear
- More than \$100,000 in Packages
- Meet Olympic Medalists and Snowsports Celebrities
- Meet with representatives from Ski Areas around the world
- Meet representatives from your local/regional snowsports clubs
- Dance to the music by Victor Cannon of Can-Do Productions
- Welcome Party until 8 PM

## CONVENTION package

**Registration Fee \$149 before 5/9**

- **Saturday** Continental Breakfast, Travel Expo, Luncheon, Meetings, Multi-Media Presentation, Cocktail Party, Dinner
- **Sunday** Eye Opener, Buffet Brunch, Far West General Meeting and Elections

- Call 800-524-4557 use group discount "Far West Ski Association"
- Visit web [PacificPalmsResort.com/FWSAlogin.htm](http://PacificPalmsResort.com/FWSAlogin.htm)

Login: **fwsa**

Password: **2011**

# Membership Application

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

To join the Pacific Rim Alliance, fill out the following, Sign your release of liability and send with your check [payable to Pacific Rim Alliance] to:

**Pacific Rim Alliance**  
**10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124**

Name [1]: \_\_\_\_\_ Name [2]: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Addr: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Addr [1]: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Addr [2]: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell [1]: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell [2]: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work [1]: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday [1]: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday [2]: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Membership  
[Includes membership in FWSA, LA & San Diego Councils, NSAA]

- \$8 INDIVIDUAL Membership
- \$10 FAMILY Membership—Significant other, spouse, children, friends residing at same residence qualify.

Photographs of members participating in club activities are routinely included in a newsletter or on our web site or facebook which is distributed to the membership and other interested parties and is made available to the general public. Sign required below to agree to this and to the terms of the Release of Liability to the right.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature [1] Date

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Signature [2] Date

## Release Of Liability, Waiver Of Claims, Express Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement

WAIVER: I am aware that participation in the Pacific Rim Alliance events has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, snowboarding, alpine, Nordic, Heli & off-piste skiing, certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking ski lifts; changing weather conditions; exposed or hidden natural or man-made objects; avalanches; failure to ski or ride safely or within one's own ability; and negligence on the part of other skiers and boarders, the organization or their staff.

I freely accept and fully assume all such risks and danger and the possibility of personal injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.

I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS [releases Pacific Rim Alliance] WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

I hereby release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise.

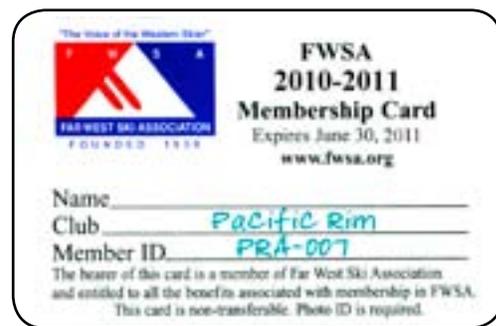
## MEMBERSHIP has its BENEFITS

The National Ski Council Federation has discount benefits for club members which include: Cellular Abroad, East West Resorts, Rentskis.com, Crazy Heads, Geardirect.com, Breeze Ski Rental, Mountain Chalet, and so much

more. They have a great pair of carbon ski poles for a mere \$30 with all their member association logos. Such a deal.

Check out [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org) for the complete list of benefits. Go to the "Members Only" area and input the following:

User Name: **skiclub**  
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The PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of skiing, snowboarding, sight-seeing, photography, travel, public affairs and civic awareness. The Alliance is further oriented to the building of international relations among skiers, snowboarders and sports organizations throughout the Pacific Rim.

Surplus moneys above requirements for deposits for future trips will be donated to non-profit organizations devoted

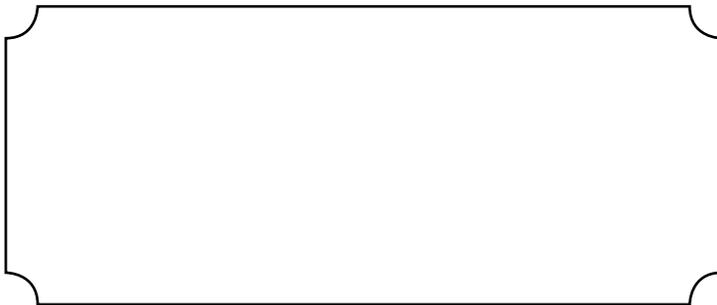
to charity, research & education. We are especially interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Jimmie Heuga Center for MS and Olympic & Junior Racers, Mammoth Ski Museum.

The Alliance is a member of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC), Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (LAC), Far West Ski Association (FWSA) and National Ski Council Federation (NSCF). Membership in Pac Rim allows you to participate in their events and programs. ♦



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