



# Update

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## BIG White spring fest

*Even though this ski season is coming to a close there is still a bit of skiing to be had in the Spring. While the snow may have been delayed in hitting the western resorts, the snow has been falling steady since February. More is expected.*

### BIG WHITE, April 8–15, 2012

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, Phoenix and Los Angeles.



photo courtesy Big White

*Big White's amazing powder.*

As a bonus, Big White is approaching it's 50<sup>th</sup> year and will be celebrating in a BIG way. There will be a bunch of free and fun activities throughout the week. The week ends with the traditional Dummy Downhill on Sunday.

### FAR WEST Ski Association

Intermountain Council is hosting the Far West convention in Ogden on June 7-10, 2012. Catherine and I have been involved in setting up some of the optional activities. Specifically we will be running the Pub Crawl on Historic 25<sup>th</sup> Street on Thursday and the White Water Rafting Adventure on Friday.

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.

New this year is a Film Fest on Sunday where three ski films will be previewed. Feel free to join us. ♦



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### 2012 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 included. Details found on page 2.

### SNOWMASS 2013

Far West announced that next year's ski week will be in Aspen Snowmass, February 2-9, 2013. We hope to hook up with one of the ski councils and stay at a ski-in ski-out condo close to the main village. Please let us know if you are interested. Prices will be available soon.

## TRIPPING around

## snow TRIPS & ACTIVITIES on tap

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

### [Pacific Rim Alliance](http://PacificRimAlliance.org) [pacificrimalliance.org](http://pacificrimalliance.org)

- **Biking** First Friday of the Month, 10 AM  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **Big White, BC, Canada** April 8-15, 2012  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **Water Ski Weekends** June - Oct, 2012  
*Patricia Ortiz / 323-651-0686*
- **Wine Maker Dinner for Can Do MS** Sept 29, 2012  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **Snowmass, CO** February 2-9, 2013  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **Italy (or France) & Cinque Terre** March 2013  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*
- **New Zealand & Tasmania** August 2013  
*Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469*

### [Los Angeles Council](http://LosAngelesCouncil.org) [lacouncil.org](http://lacouncil.org)

- **Snow Gala** November 2012
- **Aspen/Snowmass, CO** February 2-9, 2013

### [San Diego Council](http://SanDiegoCouncil.org) [skisandiego.org](http://skisandiego.org)

- **Winter Gala** November 2012
- **Winter Trip** December 2012
- **Aspen/Snowmass, CO** February 2-9, 2013

### [Far West Ski Association](http://FarWestSkiAssociation.org) [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)

- **Big White, Canada** March 27 - April 1, 2012  
*Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471*
- **Far West Races at Mammoth, CA** April 6-8, 2012  
*Bob Ellis / 530-414-4270*
- **Convention, Ogden, UT** June 7-10, 2012  
*Jane Wyckoff / 949-933-9607*
- **Panama Canal Cruise** Sept. 28 - October 12, 2012  
*Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471*
- **Aspen/Snowmass, CO** February 2-9, 2013  
*Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471*
- **Garmisch + Innsbruck** March 2013  
*Norm Azevedo / 935-944-9816*



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

### 2012 Colorado River Schedule

June 22-24	July 27-29
July 13-15	Aug 24-26
Aug 10-12	Sept 21-23
Sept 7-9	Oct 19-21
Oct 5-7	

#### Trip Includes—

Two Days Water Skiing & Wake Boarding  
Equipment & Instruction  
Sandy Beaches & Camping  
Water Games  
5 Meals plus Happy Hour  
Beer, Wine & Soda

#### Prices—

\$145 **	Skier / Boarder
\$75	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 \$5/gal

\* May not ride in the club boat.

good-bye  
**GOOD FRIENDS**

two ski icons that will be greatly missed

**IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF SARAH BURKE**

Sep 3, 1982 - Jan 19, 2012

[www.giveforward.com/sarahburke](http://www.giveforward.com/sarahburke)



in loving memory of **JILL KINMONT**

Even before I learned to ski I had heard the story of **Jill Kinmont**. I remember watching "The Other Side of the Mountain" and was amazed at what Jill was able to accomplish. And of course when I moved to Mammoth, I learned more about this inspirational woman.

A Los Angeles native, Jill was born February 16, 1936, and in her early teens moved with her family to the Owens Valley, where her father ran a dude ranch in Bishop in the shadow of the Eastern Sierra. She learned to ski at nearby Mammoth Mountain.

Jill Kinmont Boothe was the national women's slalom champion and on the cover of Sports Illustrated when she set out to win a 1955 race that would help put her on the U.S. Olympic ski team.

As she sped down an Alta mountain slope, she lost control on an icy bump, struck a spectator, crashed and tumbled into a tree. Her neck broken and her promising career as a skier over at 18.

She had the use of her neck and shoulder muscles and learned to write, type and paint with the aid of a hand brace. She spent the rest of her life in a wheelchair.

After graduating from UCLA, she

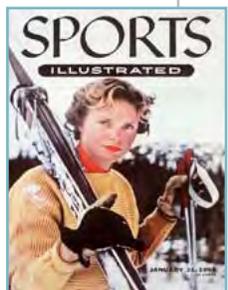
applied to the school of education and was rejected because of her disability. Undaunted, she moved north with her parents, earned a teaching certificate at the University of Washington and taught remedial reading in elementary schools.

Jill moved back to Bishop, got married and oversaw an education fund for Native American youth.

15 years after leaving full-time teaching, Jill devoted much of her time to her painting, mostly watercolors depicting backcountry and high desert landscapes.

She saw no reason to dwell on what might have been. Her life had been really been very full with lots of wonderful experiences.

She died February 9, 2012 at a hospital in Carson City, NV. She was 75. ♦



*Jill painting in her home studio in Bishop, CA in 2011. (Ricardo De-Aratanha, LA Times, May 13, 2011)*

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

it's a **WRAP**

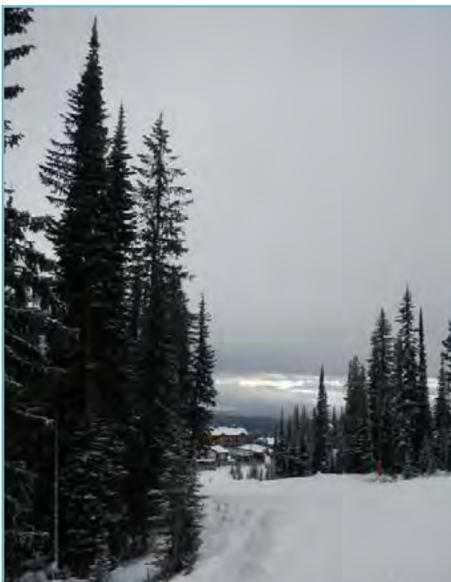
## BIG WHITE early season

*The opening didn't have the best snow we've seen in early season but still the skiing was better than most of the west.*

This is our seventh annual December trip to Big White in hopes of catching some of that early season powder. And while the snow wasn't the best we've seen in early December, it was the best the west had to offer.

The highlight of the trip was the Big Reds at Big White. This event just gets bigger and better every year. Wines were provided by the local wineries of the Okanagan region from Kelowna to Osoyoos. Food was provided by the local restaurants of Big White with a welcome return of the drunken shrimp from Santé Grill at the White Crystal Inn.

And while the whole Big White program hadn't yet kicked all the way in, there were a few of the activities offered. There was free hot chocolate at the skating rink at Happy Valley. There was also a night of free tubing with a big bonfire. This was so much fun that you must do it. My advise to anyone tubing, beside the obvious, is to wear your goggles. It's good to see where you've been. ♦



*Big White groomers are, as always, awesome and plentiful.*



*Robert and Claudia waiting for the Christmas Tree to be lit while enjoying free hot chocolate and chestnuts.*



*PJ, Michelle, Andy, Matt and Sandy at the Christmas Tree lighting in the Village Center.*



*Lots of fresh powder and awesome tree skiing at Big White.*



*Catherine, Gene, Claudia, Robert out for tapas and wine at the Globe Bar and Grill. Wonderful.*



*PJ, Sandy, Michelle, Michael J, Gene at Big Reds for Big White.*



*Katie and Catherine at Big Reds for Big White.*

exciting  
**CHANGES**  
for skiers in the west

Excerpted from saminfo.com

**Vail Resorts Buys Kirkwood**

Vail Resorts, Inc. announced on February 22, 2012 that it has entered into an agreement to acquire Kirkwood Mountain Resort at Lake Tahoe, CA.

Vail Resorts is purchasing the ski resort as well as the undeveloped sites at the center of the base area which are zoned for residential and commercial development for approximately \$18 million. The seller will retain a participation interest in the base area parcels and will continue to own the remainder of the real estate development sites.

Vail Resorts announced that effective immediately Heavenly and Northstar pass holders will have access to Kirkwood and Kirkwood pass holders will be able to ski and ride Heavenly and Northstar.

**Big Sky Tram Will Open this Summer**

For the first time, Big Sky will run the Lone Peak Tram to give guests access to the 11,166-foot peak and its 360-degree views, and will offer guided Lone Peak Expeditions starting in July 2012.

Expedition guests can choose one of four daily guided trips (\$75 per person), starting in Big Sky's Basecamp building in the Mountain Village. Guests ride up the Swift Current chairlift, where a guide takes them via safari vehicle to the tram base and a ride to the mountain summit.

There, guests can take in the vista, get snacks, and take short guided hikes. For the descent, they can choose to hike from the top or take the tram, vehicle, and lift back to the base area.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohi

January 27, 2012, Eagle Point was the last Utah ski resort to open this season.

**Low Snow Curbs Skier Visits in the West**

Recent shifts in storm systems that brought much-needed snow to many western resorts came too late to boost early season destination travel, with hotel occupancy declining 3.7 percent during the month of January. The booking pace for arrivals in January through June dropped more dramatically, down 23.8 percent compared to the same time last year. These numbers are based on the most recent data from the Mountain Travel Research Program (MTRiP).

**New Ski Area for Utah**

Cache County Planning Commission granted a conditional use permit for the proposed Cherry Creek ski area in northern Utah.

The proposal for the new ski area includes 203 acres of terrain, base area and mid-mountain facilities, four lifts, a terrain park, a zipline, three water storage reservoirs and a tubing hill. ◆

**SAGA** of lawsuits at  
**SNOW BOWL**

**Court Upholds Permit for Snowmaking**

Arizona Snowbowl and the U.S. Forest Service gained another court victory today as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District affirmed a district court decision upholding the Forest Service's 2005 Record of Decision regarding snowmaking at the Snowbowl, rejecting a suit brought by the Save the Peaks Coalition. The decision allows Snowbowl to continue with its snowmaking installation.

The Judge termed the plaintiff's case against the ski resort a gross abuse of the judicial process, as some the plaintiff's arguments were nearly identical to arguments previously made by the Navajo Nation in a suit rejected by the courts earlier.

The snowmaking system is phase 1 of the ski area's upgrade plan, which also includes new lifts, trails, and upgrades to the facilities. But all these improvements are dependent on snowmaking. A sustainable business model is the first priority, which requires snowmaking. ◆



After filing for bankruptcy two years ago, the assets of Moonlight Basin, MT, were sold last week to the estate of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

photo courtesy Moonlight Basin

## be **PREPARED**

mentally  
physically  
equipment-wise

*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.*

February 19, 2012 there was a fatal avalanche in the backcountry of Stevens Pass. All of the people in the group were experienced backcountry skiers, carrying avalanche rescue gear, and skiing the line in sections, one by one, in accordance with standard safety protocol. Four skiers were caught up in the slide. The only survivor, Elyse Saugstad, credits the ABS Airbag she was wearing for saving her life.

### The ABS Airbag

For more than 25 years ABS Peter Aschauer GmbH have been dedicated to the prevention of avalanche snow burial by developing airbags for skiers and snowboarders.



photo courtesy ABS Airbags

The ABS Airbag has rescued over 200 victims during 100 documented real-life scenarios from snow burial. In other words it works.

The most common cause of death in an avalanche is not the injury sustained when the skier or snowboarder is hit by an avalanche but the burial. 90% of cases of death are a result of suffocation and / or due to the enormous pressure of the snow.

Statistically chances of survival drop markedly after 15 minutes. 50% of avalanche victims who are buried are found dead despite the use of transceivers.

The average depth of burial in an avalanche without the ABS Airbag is just over 3 feet. To dig someone out from under 3 feet of snow, there is 71 cubic feet of dense snowpack to be moved, very hard to do within 10 minutes. Keep in mind that probing can alone take 15 minutes.

### ABS Activated

A deployed airbag can keep the victim of an avalanche close to or above the surface.



When a skier or boarder pulls the activation handle, this releases pressure that causes a pin to pierce each gas cartridge. The gas then fills the airbags, with suction and release valves taking in air from the surroundings to aid inflation.

It takes just two seconds to inflate both airbags to a total capacity of 170 liters (6 cubic feet). Used canisters can be refilled by ABS for a small charge.

### ABS Statistics

Since 1990, the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research (SLF) has documented Avalanche Accidents when an ABS airbag was used.

- Of 106 documented cases, 105 people survived.
- Of the 105 people that survived, 90% were not even buried or only partially buried.
- Of the 10% of those completely buried, they were buried so close to the surface that they were easy to locate.
- Statistical Analysis by the International Committee for Alpine Rescue (ICAR) has shown that survival in an avalanche will increase by 98% with the use of an airbag. ♦

North American Public Avalanche Danger Scale		Know Before You Go
Danger Level		
5 Extreme		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Does your group have the skills, knowledge and training to travel in avalanche terrain?</li> </ul>
4 High		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Are you carrying transceivers, shovels and probes?</li> <li>✓ Can you self-rescue? Do you have a plan?</li> </ul>
3 Considerable		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Do you know the emergency number?</li> </ul>
2 Moderate		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have you checked the current avalanche bulletin and weather forecast?</li> </ul>
1 Low		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have you checked out with someone?</li> <li>✓ Do you have any other route options?</li> </ul>
You control your own risk.		

## getting & staying **FIT**

# preparing for the **SLOPES**

*A couple of circuits of strength exercises, combined with a 15-20 minute aerobic workout two or three times a week and you'll be powering down the slope like never before.*

Spending a full day on the slopes can be tiring even for the fittest individual. Can't imagine how bad someone would feel if they weren't in shape.

To ensure total strength and fitness in your legs, a combination of **strength & endurance training** and **cardio exercises** is recommended.

The strength training should cover all the major muscles of the lower body, hamstrings (back of thighs), quads (front of thighs), glutes (butt muscles) and calves.

And for obvious reasons, any exercise that challenges your balance would be beneficial not only for strength but for keeping you on your feet on the slope!

### **STRENGTH & ENDURANCE** training

Either use the machines in the gym or do sit-ups and press-ups at home. For boarders who take a lot of hits strong shoulders are important. Here are some simple exercises to do at home.

#### Wall Squats

Start by standing 12"- 18" from a wall with feet shoulder-width apart, then lean back fully on to the wall, now slowly move your butt towards the floor until your knees are at right angles.

If your feet are closer to the wall than your knees, slowly move them so they are in-line. Maintain this position as long as you can. Time yourself, then add an extra 10 seconds each time you do it.

#### Lunges

Start with your feet together then take a large step forward with one leg and bend down so the front leg forms a right angle and the back knee almost touches the floor. Make sure you keep your back

straight the whole time.

Then go back up and switch legs. Lunges can be done for 20 repetitions followed by a rest. Repeat the procedure four times.



Core strength - stomach, back and sides - is also a key area, especially for beginners or snowboarders who fall over a lot and use this muscle group to get back up.

### **CARDIOVASCULAR** exercise

Any way you can improve your cardiovascular system will help to improve your skiing stamina.

- If you're not a gym junkie, even going for a fast walk will give you a fair cardiovascular work out.
- Walk upstairs instead of catching elevators. Walk up escalators instead of standing still.

- Try whenever possible to get yourself a little out of breath.
- Little and often is better than a long run once a week.
- Cycling, running, rowing or stepping for 20 minutes three times a week will provide a solid base.
- Hitting the treadmill pays huge benefits on the slopes.

### **STRETCHING**

Increased flexibility helps prevent injuries allowing your body to cope more easily with the strange twists which happen from time to time on skis. It also helps to prevent soreness and stiffness during and after skiing. Calf stretching is very important, particularly for beginners. Hamstrings stretches and quad stretches are also vital.

A little stretch every time you do some exercise will increase your flexibility, and you will be glad of it if you have a spectacular wipeout.

Ski technique needs to be learnt but you'll improve much quicker if you have good balance and coordination.

These assets can also help better skiers stay on their feet and recover from a potential wipeout at speed. ♦

## 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 24, 2011 (Sat)  
March 25, 2011(Sun)  
April 6, 2011 (Fri)  
April 7, 2011 (Sat)  
April 8, 2011 (Sat)

Rokka 4 & Ullr 4 (GS)  
Rokka 5 & Ullr 5 (SL)  
FWRA Championships (pacesetters)  
FWRA Championships (SL)  
FWRA Championships (GS)



## ski LEGACY

# BRECKENRIDGE turns 50

*The Peak 8 Ski Area, now known as Breckenridge, opened on December 16, 1961.*

*Visit <http://pacificrimalliance.org/history.html> for more ski history.*

Building a ski resort in Breckenridge began during the late 1950s when **Bill Rounds** of the Porter and Rounds Lumber Company became interested in bringing skiing to the valley. The effort was led by **Claude Martin** and **Bill Starks**.

In April of 1961 the U.S. Forest Service approved the development of terrain below timberline on Peak 8.

The Peak 8 Ski Area opened on December 16, 1961 with one Heron double chair and a midway unloading station and one short learners T-bar. Ticket prices were \$4 for an adult.

In 1962, a 375-foot Constam double chair was installed. In 1965, Chair 2 was installed. A base lodge was completed on Peak 8, but the structure was short lived. An explosion destroyed the building shortly after completion.

By 1967, **Harry Baum** from Arapahoe Basin purchased the resort. A poma lift was installed near the summit of Chair 2.

In 1970, **Aspen Skiing Company** purchased Breckenridge and Baum was retained as the manager. During the summer of 1971, two new double chairs were installed on Peak 9. In 1972, the popular C Chair was built. Ticket prices topped \$6 per day.

By 1978, Chairs A, 4, and D were all installed providing access on Peak 9. That same year, **Aspen Skiing Company was sold to Twentieth Century Fox**. Chair 6 was installed in 1979 for easy access to Breckenridge's bowls.

The season of 1980-81 marked a big drought for Breckenridge when only 86 inches of natural snow fell.

The following summer, Breckenridge heavily invested in snowmaking. The world's first high-speed quad was installed at the base of Peak 9.

By 1983, ticket prices reached \$19 per day. The E Chair was installed on Peak 9.

The following season, the infamous T-bar made its debut up the Horseshoe Bowl and the old poma lift was retired. In 1984, the **Crown family purchased Aspen Skiing Company** from Fox.

Peak 10 opens for the first time in 1985 with a new Poma quad chair. The chair was converted into a high-speed lift for the following ski season. Mountain manager Jim Gill named runs on this hill for WW II planes.

Peak 8 installs its first high-speed quad in 1986, replacing Chair 1.

### BRECKENRIDGE trivia

Breckenridge got its name when the town wanted a post office. To increase their odds, they named their town after the nation's Vice President, John Breckinridge. The idea worked and Breckinridge got its post office.

When the civil war broke out in 1864, John Breckinridge sided with the south and the pro-Union citizens of Breckinridge change an i to an e, and it's been Breckenridge ever since.

The Gold Pan Saloon, one of the first saloons in town, is still in operation today, making it the oldest continuously operating saloon west of the Mississippi.

### 1987 Breckenridge is sold to Victoria Ltd of Tokyo, Japan.

In 1990, the Mercury Super Chair was installed (now renamed the Beaver Run Chair). Lift tickets are now \$36.

### By 1993, Ralston Purina purchased the Breckenridge.

**Vail Resorts purchased Breckenridge** in 1996. The Poma Snowflake double chair is installed. The Quicksilver Quad is replaced with a double loading six-passenger chair by Poma. This remains the first and only double loading lift in America.

In 2002, the Peak 7 was finally developed and a six-passenger lift was installed.

In 2005, the Imperial Express was built. This is now the highest lift, at 12,840 feet, in North America, taking the crown from Loveland's Chair 9.

In 2006, Peak 8 gets a new Leitner-Poma gondola. This system eliminated transport buses from the downtown parking areas. The Independence Express on Peak 7 was lowered to the midway station. ♦



*US Post Office delivering mail during the late 1800s.*

## GOOD STUFF for the kids & grandkids

*A child's helmet should fit firmly and should not be brought to grow into.*

### Kids ski helmets

If you are thinking about taking your family skiing this winter and you have children, remember the importance of kids ski helmets. Ski helmets are one of the most important pieces of equipment needed for a skiing trip; they can help keep a fun vacation from turning tragic. Even if your child is on the beginner slopes and skis super slow, a helmet is a must. It is important when shopping for the helmet that you get a ski helmet, not a bike helmet or any other sporting helmet.

When choosing the helmet, go to a shop that can help you with sizing, they will know how it should fit and show you how to properly wear the helmet. You want to get one that fits just right and does not disrupt your child's vision or make it hard for him to hear what is going on around him. The helmet



photo courtesy Obermeyer

should be comfortable, lightweight and warm. The helmets come in many colors and styles so your child is sure to find something that will be cool enough for them to wear without complaining, or at least without too much complaining. Kids ski helmets will give you piece of mind so you can relax and enjoy the trip along with the kids.

Helmets should fit firmly; this is not an item that you want your kid to grow into.

### How to Fit a Kids Helmet

By now, most skiers and snowboarders are well aware of the safety benefits of wearing a ski helmet. Not only do they keep the head safe, on cold days they provide more warmth than even the warmest hat.

Just remember that an ill-fitting helmet is the equivalent of not wearing any helmet at all. Here are some important guidelines to follow when fitting a kid's ski helmet.

1. **Measure it.** Start by wrapping a measuring tape around your child's head. The helmet should overlap the tape.
2. **Try it On.** First, align the rim of the helmet with your child's eyebrows. While holding the straps on both sides, roll the helmet to the back of your kid's head.

3. **Watch the Gaps.** You will want to make sure that the pads of the helmet are flush against your child's cheeks and forehead. Make certain that the back of the helmet is not touching his or her neck.
4. **Give it a Roll.** Have your child roll his or her head as if they were trying to dislodge the helmet. The helmet should stay on if the fit is correct.
5. **Goggle test.** Make sure that your child's goggles fit with the helmet. There should be no gap between the top of the goggles and the rim of the helmet.
6. **Let it Breathe.** Many helmets now come with a ventilation system. This prevents overheating.

To make wearing a helmet fun, consider some of the helmet cover designed by Helmet Headz. ([www.headztrong.com/](http://www.headztrong.com/))

Helmet covers come in various styles, including animals and princesses, and have an added benefit that it's impossible to miss your kids if they are wearing one of these. ♦



photo courtesy Helmet Headz

*Covers by Helmet Headz are fun!*

## SKI TEAMS usa

### US WOMEN win big on the slopes

*Alpine skier Lindsey Vonn caps a banner year for American snow queens.*

#### Lindsey Vonn dominates World Cup skiing

**Lindsey Vonn** is well on her way to earning her fourth Alpine skiing World Cup overall season title. She will have won more than U.S. **Phil Mahre's** record of three and more than all but two skiers— Austria's **Annemarie Moser-Proell** (six) and Luxembourg's **Marc Girardelli** (five).

Her overall results this year are from the sport's five disciplines. Lindsey has won in four of them this season, 11 wins in all (4 downhill, 5 Super-G, 1 GS, 1 super-combined), matching her own U.S. record season total.

Since 2008, she has skied to an Olympic gold, two World Championship golds, four World Cup overall crystal globes, five straight World Cup season titles in downhill, three straight in combined. She should win a fourth straight Super-G title at the World Cup championships.

No athlete in any sport has been more consistently brilliant over the past several years than Lindsey. World Cup overall titles reward consistency over an entire season. Her 52 World Cup race victories — third on the all-time women's list — testify to stunning consistency over the eight years since she won the first.

Teammate **Julia Mancuso** is currently 5<sup>th</sup> overall with two 2012 World Cup wins.

#### Sarah Hendrickson sets ski jumping history

In the inaugural World Cup season for women's ski jumping, 17-year-old **Sarah Hendrickson** captured the overall title in stunning style. No matter that she wasn't even selected for the US Ski Team last year; she forged ahead with nine wins out of 13 competitions, capturing the crystal globe by a commanding 1,169 points over Austrian runner-



photo courtesy Women's Ski Jumping USA

*US Women's Ski Jumping Team ends inaugural season as the dominant top-ranked squad — Lindsey Van, Alissa Johnson, Abby Hughes (kneeling), Jessica Jerome, Sarah Hendrickson (overall winner), Executive Director Jenny Holden.*

up Daniela Iraschko, with 779 points. Teammate **Lindsey Van** placed fourth.

After a hard-fought battle, Sarah and other women ski jumpers have finally been given their own spot in the Olympic Games – meaning the team is well-placed to win medals in the first Olympic women's ski jumping competition in Sochi, Russia in 2014.

#### Hannah Kearney conquers the bumps

Meanwhile on the bumps, mogul skier **Hannah Kearney** recorded a 16-win streak beginning in January 2011 and only ending last month. That's a record not only for freestyle skiers, but also for skiers (both men and women) from all disciplines, from downhill to slalom to cross-country to jumping.

The 2010 Olympic champion sure showed her success was no fluke. Hannah still has nearly double the World Cup points of her nearest competitor.

#### Kikkan Randall blows the field away

In Nordic skiing, where for years a top-30 finish was cheered back home, Alaskan **Kikkan Randall** this week wrapped up the overall World Cup sprint title.

But the Kikkanimal, as she dubbed herself in high school, became the first American to win a World Cup title since Bill Koch in 1982 – the year she was born.

#### Susan Dunklee makes a statement with a gun

Biathlete **Susan Dunklee**, who only picked up shooting after graduating from Dartmouth in 2008, astonished many by nearly capturing a medal at the World Championships in Ruhpolding, Germany. She slipped to fifth in the final stages of the race, with slushy snow making for slow going, but her result is still the best ever for U.S. women. ♦

# SKI DEALS for spring

## DEEP SNOW lower prices

*Take advantage of the late snow fall and great spring deals.*

My **In Box** is full of offers for spring break deals, spring skiing vacation packages, discounted lift tickets, and a variety of other ways to save on skiing.

Despite an until now complete lack of cooperation from the weather this year, spring is officially upon us, and that means the skiing just got a little cheaper.

If you want to get the most out of the remaining ski season, check out spring skiing deals and discounts at your favorite resort or vacation spot.

### Colorado

Save 49% at **Loveland** with single day lift tickets starting at \$29.99.

Enjoy **Copper Mountain** with single day lift tickets starting at \$60.99, a savings of 41%.

The Beaver Creek Lodge in **Vail** has discounted rates to \$199 per night March 25 – April 14, 2012 including weekends. That's as much as \$190 off the peak season rates at this ski-in/ski-out resort.



photo courtesy Winter Park

In **Winter Park** book three nights and the 4th night is free. Prices from \$67 per person per night.

### California

Single day lift tickets at **Kirkwood** start at \$49.99 for a savings of 37%.

Enjoy **Sierra-at-Tahoe** with 38% off single day lift tickets, starting at \$45.99.

Book lift tickets and lodging at one of **Mammoth's** lodging properties and fly free!

### Idaho

Single day lift tickets at Idaho's **Sun Valley** start at \$69.99 for a 21% savings. Through March 31, 2012 you can stay in the Sun Valley Lodge or the Sun Valley Inn for only \$139 per person, double occupancy and each person receives one free lift ticket per night.



photo courtesy Whitefish

### Montana

At **Whitefish** you can buy three nights and get the fourth night for free from now through the end of the season on April 8, 2012. Rates start at \$120 per person per night double occupancy in a standard condominium.

### New Mexico

Ski or board at **Angel Fire Resort** in New Mexico with 50% off a two-day pass starting at \$63.99.

### Utah

Hit up **Snowbasin** with single day lift tickets starting at \$49.99, a 31% savings.

Take advantage of the **Canyons** Lift Ticket Screaming Deal with prices starting at \$73.99, that's 23% off single day tickets.

### Wyoming

Book three nights at **Grand Targhee** and your skiing is free if you have a season's pass from any ski area in North America.

**Mountain High**  
www.MTHigh.com

**8HR Adult Lift Tickets - (Regular)**  
Restricted Dates: (Dec 24-31; Jan 1, 14-16; Feb 18-20)  
Retail Price: \$59 **Our Price: \$39**

**8HR Adult Lift Tickets - (Holiday)**  
No Restricted Dates: (Good on sold out dates! - while supplies last)  
Retail Price: \$69 **Our Price: \$49**

**\*\*\* LIVE TICKETS! \*\*\* NO WAITING IN LONG LINES!!!  
FROM YOUR CAR, STRAIGHT TO THE LIFTS!!!**

For Inquiries, Please Contact:  
**(818)590-3614 /MTHighTickets@gmail.com**

Ski and Stay starting at \$115 per person, per night with **Jackson Hole Resort** Lodging. Package is based on 3 night's lodging in a 2 bedroom condominium in the Aspens and 3-day lift tickets based on quad occupancy.

### Canada

Hit up **Revelstoke** in British Columbia for 26% savings on single day lift tickets, starting at \$54.89.

Stay in scenic **Banff National Park** with a two-night getaway for two guests at The Juniper Hotel & Bistro. Guests receive a \$50 dining credit and a stay in an upgraded room while saving more than 40%.



photo courtesy Banff NP

Prices are based on availability at time of printing and may sell out. ♦

## ski LEGACY

### skiing HERITAGE week

Revisit the rich ski history of the Northwest throughout OR & WA, April 8-15, 2012.



During the week of April 8–15, 2012, the International Skiing History Association (ISHA) will visit one of the cradles of American skiing: the Pacific Northwest.

This once-in-a-lifetime gathering will see ISHA members and friends visit several mountain destinations whose names evoke some of skiing's grandest traditions: Timberline Lodge, Mount Hood Meadow, White Pass, Crystal Mountain, Mount Rainier, Stevens Pass and Snoqualmie.

In a perfect ending to this Northwest sojourn, the group will end up in Seattle for the annual Induction Ceremony of the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame, plus a special tribute to America's greatest ski & snowboard company, K2, as it celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Numerous milestones in the growth of skiing and snowboarding have come out of the Northwest, from international competition to innovations

in equipment, resort operations and publicity. There is no aspect of the sport we know today that can't, in some form, trace its heritage to the Northwest.

You have two options on how to participate:

1. Sign up for the whole week of activities on starting Sunday April 8, 2012 in Oregon, package includes lodging, transportation, most meals and all lift passes, for \$1,585 or \$1,795, depending on which Seattle hotel you choose.
2. Or join ISHA in Seattle, starting the evening of April 11, 2012, and purchase what you need – hotel, functions, skiing, etc. on an a la-carte basis.

For more information visit <http://www.skihall.com> and click on "Skiing Heritage Week 2012" found in the sidebar on the left. ◆

#### schedule of EVENTS

#### Sunday, April 8, 2012

Arrive in Portland Oregon  
Transfer to Timberline Lodge  
Welcome Reception

#### Monday, April 9, 2012

Ski Timberline on Mt. Hood  
Ski historic "Glade Trail" to Gov. Camp  
ISHA /Beekley Dinner  
- Kirby Gilbert & Mt. Hood Museum

#### Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Ski Mt. Hood Meadows  
ISHA Dinner Movers & Shakers of the NW  
- Nelson Bennett & the Mahre Brothers

#### Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Ski White Pass  
Check in to Seattle hotels (4 nights)  
Ishpeming International Film Fest  
- Awarding of the Jerry's

#### Thursday, April 12, 2012

Ski Stevens Pass - Kamp K2  
Reunion: 50 years of K2  
Ishpeming International Film Fest  
- Best of

#### Friday, April 13, 2012

Ski Crystal Mountain  
- 10th Mountain Founders Tribute  
ISHA Writers & Filmmakers Awards Banquet  
Ishpeming International Film Fest  
- Best of  
K2 50th Anniversary Public Party

#### Saturday, April 14, 2012

ISHA & Hall Board Meetings  
Ski the Summit at Snoqualmie  
- Ski with Hall Honorees & Legends  
Welcome to Seattle Reception & Party  
US Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



photo courtesy Oregon State University

*Timberline Lodge, 1943. Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the lodge in 1937 as a "testament to the workers on the rolls of the Works Progress Administration."*

## Pacific Rim spring trip



photo courtesy Big White Ski Resort, Canada

### Big White April 8-15, 2012

*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 HST and Bed Taxes.
- Six days **Lift Tickets**.
  - Interchangeable at Silver Star.
- **Transfer** from/to Kelowna Airport.
- Daily Après Ski **Parties**.



*Reunion Celebration* \$30 per person

Big White is approaching 50 years old and is throwing a big party while still in their forties! Calling all Big White past and present, skiers, riders, and guests all the way back to 1963 to come out for their first reunion before they hit the golden age.

To participate in the week of fun, registration is only \$30. Everyone gets a commemorative reunion t-shirt, a VIP card, and free entry into all the events of the week. Let's get out there and enjoy the best conditions of the season, spring skiing!

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

#### Big White **REUNION CELEBRATION**

*Monday, April 9, 2012*

Registration, après party with Jon Bos, and free wine tasting.

*Tuesday, April 10, 2012*

Lunch time BBQ with live music with free hot dogs!! Après party with Jon Bos and a free Okanagan Spring Beer Tasting.

*Wednesday, April 11, 2012*

Retro day. Dress up in an old ski suit for a time warp! Lunch time BBQ with live music. Best dressed awards. Après party & Trivia with Jon Bos. Enjoy Ron Butler's special video.

*Thursday, April 12, 2012*

Team Supreme Ski Cross returns with a millennium twist, doing it in the ski cross course. Live Valdy performance.

*Friday, April 13, 2012*

Lunch time BBQ with live music. Wine tasting with Big White photos & memorabilia on display.

*Saturday, April 14, 2012*

It's an all-day treasure hunt with clues scattered all over the mountain. Loads of prizes to be won!

#### 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—

- Gene Fulkerson**
  - gene@PacificRimAlliance.org
  - 858-467-9469

## Far West Convention

How the West is **ONE!** hosted by *Intermountain Ski Council*



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl



## June 7-10, 2012 Ogden Eccles Conference Center, Utah

### Convention Highlights

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

### Special Event Sunday 1-5 PM

- **Far West Film Fest** \$12 donation

### Optional Activities

- Historic 25<sup>th</sup> Street Pub Crawl
- Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
- White Water Rafting
- Salomon Center
- Hiking
- Pool Party

### Information

- **Jane Wyckoff** FWSA Convention Chair  
janewyckoff1@cox.net or 949-933-9607
- **Mary Olhausen**  
Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair  
omary52@comcast.net or 503-880-7383
- **Linda Scott** ISC Host Convention Chair  
louandlt@hotmail.com or 307-256-7535
- Visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

## CONVENTION lodging

### Hotels Feature

- Restaurants, Lounges, Pool/Hot Tub, Fitness Center, NO Resort Fees, Wireless Internet, FREE Parking, Close proximity to Historic 25<sup>th</sup> St.
- Rates available 3 days pre and post Convention
- Room block release date is May 15, 2012

### ◆ Hampton Inn & Suites Ogden

2401 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT 84401  
[www.hamptoninnogden.com](http://www.hamptoninnogden.com)

**Reservations** call 1-801-394-9400

**Group Name** Far West Ski Association

**Rates per night plus tax**

Single/Double Occupancy **\$106**

Junior Suite **\$149**

Executive Suite **\$169**

**Includes Complimentary Breakfast**

### ◆ Marriott Ogden

247 - 24th Street, Ogden, UT 84401

[www.marriott.com/slcoog](http://www.marriott.com/slcoog) **group code** farfara

**Reservations** call 1-801-627-1190 or 1-800-627-7468

**Group Name** Far West Ski Association

**Rates per night plus tax**

Single/Double Occupancy **\$94**

Junior Suite **\$124**

## Transportation

- 38 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport
- Ground Transportation from airport by Shuttle or Taxi
- Transfers available from Canyon Transportation at 800-255-1841  
- 20% discount if you mention FWSA1657



Far West Participants

# WANTED

for 2012 Convention **Optional Activities**

Details available at [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)

Just a TASTE of the adventures awaiting you in Ogden. Come to the Convention, stay the WEEK!



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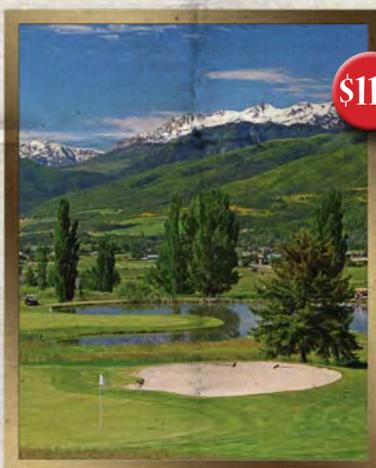
## Historic 25<sup>th</sup> Street Pub Crawl

Thursday, June 7, 2012, 5:30 PM

Includes: 3 Featured Drinks, Appetizers, Buffet Dinner, Dessert

Contact: Gene Fulkerson  
[gene@pacificrimalliance.org](mailto:gene@pacificrimalliance.org)

Sponsor:



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## Michael German Golf Classic

Friday, June 8, 2012, 6:00 AM

Includes: Continental Breakfast, Golf, Cart, Lunch, Awards, Transportation

Contact: Charles Hawker  
[hawkercd@aruplab.com](mailto:hawkercd@aruplab.com)

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## Weber River Rafting

Friday, June 8, 2012, 9:15 AM

Includes: Rafts, Guide, Lunch, Bus

Contact: Catherine Ohl  
[ohl@acatmeowz.com](mailto:ohl@acatmeowz.com)

## Pool Party

Marriott Ogden Hotel

Friday, June 8, 2012, 3-4 pm

- 1 Free Featured Adult Beverage.
- Fun Pool Events & Prizes

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## Silent Auction & Dance

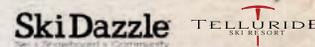
Ogden Eccles Conference Center

Friday, June 8, 2012, 6:30-11 pm

- 1 Free beer or wine until 8:00 PM
- Bid on more than \$100,000 in travel
- Meet with Ski Resorts & Celebrities

Contact: Mary Olhausen  
[omary52@comcast.net](mailto:omary52@comcast.net)

Sponsor:



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## Far West Film Fest

Peery's Egyptian Theater

Sunday, June 10, 2012, 1 - 5 PM

- Preview Three Exciting New Ski Movies

Sponsor: Ogden Eccles Conference Center  
revised 1/11/2012



\$30

## Hiking

Friday, June 8, 2012, 9:00 AM

Includes: Guide, Lunch, Water, Transportation

Contact: Michael Bouton  
[mbouton0559@msn.com](mailto:mbouton0559@msn.com)



\$65

## Salomon Center

Friday, June 8, 2012, 9:30 AM

Includes: iFly, Bumper Cars, Glow Miniature Golf, Lunch

Contact: Armando & Bonnie Melendez  
[woodskil@msn.com](mailto:woodskil@msn.com)



Far West Ski Convention 2012



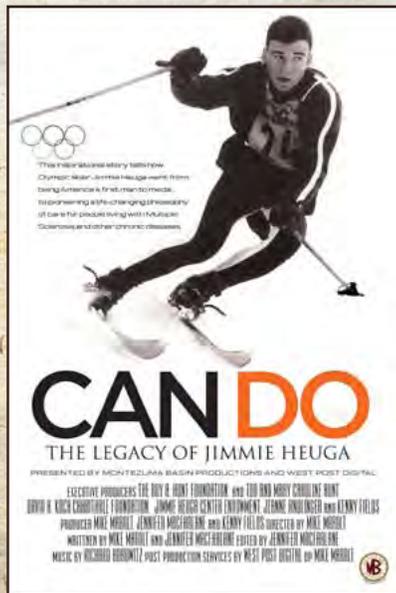
# FAR WEST FILM FEST

Sunday, June 10, 2012 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

sponsored by

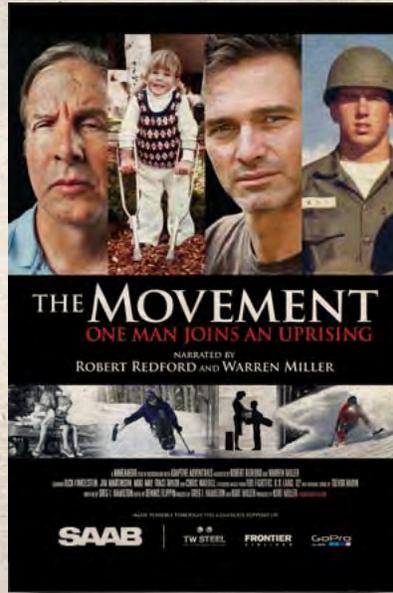


You are invited to preview these three exciting ski films at the very first Far West Film Fest at the spectacular **Peery's Egyptian Theater in Ogden, Utah**. You'll want to book a late flight home because you won't want to miss this great opportunity.



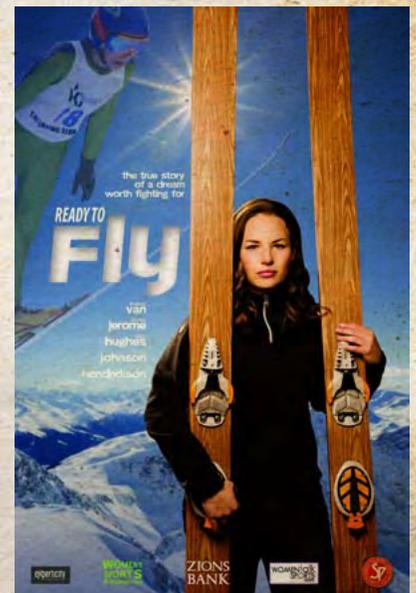
## CAN DO: The Legacy of Jimmie Heuga

The remarkable story of how Jimmie changed the lives of those living with MS.



## The Movement

A moving story about disabled athletes featuring Rick Finkelstein, narrated by Warren Miller and Robert Redford.



## Ready to Fly

The compelling story of the Women's Ski Jumping USA featuring Lindsey Van and Deedee Corradini.

**\$12**

**\$12 Donation**

- 100% of the proceeds will be donated to
  - Can Do MS
  - Women's Ski Jumping USA
  - Make A Hero

**• Reservations can be made**

- Delegate Registration Form
- Box Office at 801-395-3227
- on-line at [www.smithstix.com](http://www.smithstix.com)

# 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, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

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]:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthdate [1]:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate [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. Signature is required below to agree to this and to the terms of the Release of Liability to the right.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 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 it's 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**  
 Password: **member**

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 Expires June 30, 2012  
[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Pacific Rim  
 Member ID PRA-007

The bearer of this card is a member of Far West Ski Association and entitled to all the benefits associated with membership in FWSA. This card is non-transferable. Photo ID is required.

## COMMUNITY center giving BACK

*There are so many ways to get involved and it's so easy to do.*

### Can Do MS

For the past 12 years Pacific Rim has hosted a wine maker dinner for **Can Do**



**MS.** Each dinner typically raises around \$2,500. 100% of the proceeds go to the Center. We collect donations year round whether you attend the dinner or not.

**Can Do MS** [formerly Heuga Center for MS]  
IRS 501(c)(3) Number 74-2337853  
[www.mscondo.org](http://www.mscondo.org) • 970.926.1290

Our next dinner will be September 29, 2012. For more information contact

Gene Fulkerson, VP Travel  
gene@pacifcrimalliance.org  
858-467-9469

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Visit [http://www.wish.org/help/donate\\_airline\\_miles](http://www.wish.org/help/donate_airline_miles) to donate your miles.



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*Isn't it wonderful that people with disabilities can enjoy what we love about soaring down our mountains.*

### USARC

**United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC)** is committed to guiding people with disabilities toward the creation and affirmation of rewarding lifestyles. Located in Big Bear, CA, USARC runs an adaptive ski school in the winter. In the summer USARC takes to the fresh waters of Big Bear Lake for wet and wild adaptive water skiing, jet skiing, kayaking, sailing and fishing.

Volunteers are always needed. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old; intermediate skiers, water sports enthusiasts, or mountain bikers; able to complete the required training criteria, and available to teach midweek during winter or summer.

To volunteer contact **Sara Richter**, Outreach Coordinator, [sara@usarc.org](mailto:sara@usarc.org).

### Recycle Program



Pacific Rim recycles cans, bottles and glass at all our events. Each quarter we donate the proceeds to a charity.

This quarter's donation goes to **Susan G. Komen**.

To donate log on to [ww5.komen.org/donate/donate.html](http://ww5.komen.org/donate/donate.html).

### Support The Unrecables

[Re-] Register your Ralphs Card

**The Unrecables Ski Club** is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization,



servicing the recreational needs of people with disabilities. They promote adaptive sports, and encourage people with disabilities to participate in sports, recreational, and social activities in their communities. The club is a member of the LA Council of Ski Clubs.

[Re]registering your Ralphs Card is easy.

- Log in to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com).
- Click on **Community Contribution**.
- Click on **Participant**.
- Follow the easy steps to enroll. **Their NPO# is 80831**. Be sure to complete all information.
- Set back and watch your grocery shopping save you money and at the same time earn revenue for The Unrecables.

To volunteer visit [unrecables.org](http://unrecables.org) or email [info@unrecables.org](mailto:info@unrecables.org). ♦

**TRIPS** sign up  
 pacific rim **FORM**

[You must be a current member to sign up for this trip— include Dues and Membership Application if not a member]

Printed Name[s] \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit Due:**

- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, April 8-15, 2012
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, December 8-15, 2012
- \$200 per person **Snowmass**, CO, February 2-9, 2013
- \$300 per person **Italy / France**, March 2013 [tentative]
- \$200 per person **Big White**, Canada, April 9-14, 2013
- \$400 per person **New Zealand & Tasmania**, August 2013 [tentative]
- \$200 per person **Beaver Creek**, CO, February 2014 [tentative]

**CONTACT** Information

Gene Fulkerson, VP Travel  
 gene@pacifcrimalliance.org  
 858-467-9469

**Send this FORM with your Deposit made out to Pacific Rim Alliance to:**

Gene Fulkerson, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124

late breaking **NEWS**

*Utah Lawmakers support multi mountain interconnect*

*excerpted from saminfo.com*

The Utah legislature has passed a resolution supporting the long-dreamed-of Utah Interconnect, which would link Deer Valley, Park City, Canyons, Alta, Snowbird, Solitude and Brighton. The resolution passed the Utah State Senate on March 5, 2011 with a vote of 22 to 7, and the House of Representatives on March 6, 2011 with a vote of 58 to 16, largely along party lines. It currently awaits the signature of Utah Governor Gary Herbert.

In keeping with the current economic and political climate, SCR10, drafted by Senator Wayne Niederhauser (R-Sandy), contends that the resort interconnect would enhance the ski and snowboard

resort industry's contribution to Utah's economy, jobs and tax base. Other local supporters have touted the Interconnect's environmental benefits of reduced auto traffic and pollution.

Ski Utah supports the resolution and the concept of a low-impact interconnect. Utah is uniquely positioned to create a ski and snowboard experience available nowhere else in North America. This resolution urges interconnection of the seven Salt Lake and Summit County ski resorts using best environmental practices.

While such multi-resort "ski circuses" are common in Europe, a connection of this scale does not exist in North America. From a marketing and skier experience perspective, this could be a game-changer. ♦



Gobbler's Knob photo courtesy andrewcouncilmountainguide.wordpress.com

# Pacific Rim joins Far West

## February 2–9, 2013



photo courtesy Aspen / Snowmass by Jeremy Swanson

### Basic Package **\$1,325\*** per person dbl occ \*

- **Seven nights Lodging** in Snowmass at Terracehouse [dbl. occ.]
  - Located just below Snowmass Village Mall
  - 50 yards to Fanny Hill Ski Slope
  - 2-Bedroom Condo with 1 Queen + 2 Twins
  - Condos have Full-Kitchen and Fireplace
  - Outdoor Whirlpool
  - Free Airport Pick-up from the Aspen Airport
  - Free High-Speed WiFi Internet Access
  - Parking for a Fee
- **Five-of-Seven Day Lift Ticket**
  - Interchangeable at Snowmass, Aspen, Highlands, Buttermilk
- **Daily Pacific Rim Après Ski Parties** at Terracehouse
- **Far West Package**
  - Registration
  - Welcome Party
  - Races
  - Pub Crawl
  - Mountain Picnic
  - Ski Week Banquet
  - Awards Après Party

### Not Included

- Air (Far West air prices will be available in June) or book your own
- R/T Ground Transportation from Denver or Eagle to Terracehouse (**\$TBA**)

### \* Additions / Deletions

- Single Supplement **add \$790**
- Sixth Day Lift Ticket **add \$46**
- Non-skiers **deduct \$279**

### about Snowmass

- 3,132 skiable acres
- 4,406 feet of vertical
- 5.3 miles longest run
- 6% ● 50% ■ 12% ◆ 32% ◆◆
- 91 designated runs
- 21 lifts (10 are high speed)
- Free ski hosts two times a day
- 8,104 feet Village elevation
- 9 on-mountain Restaurants
- First lift opens 8 AM while most close at 3:30 PM
- Best known for wide-open groomed cruising
- Free bus ride to Aspen, Highlands and Buttermilk for skiing
- Bus to Aspen at night for small fee



### For Information & Payments—

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#### Payment Schedule

\$200 deposit due NOW  
 \$300 August 1, 2012  
 \$400 September 1, 2012  
 Balance October 1, 2012

#### Cancellation / Refund Policy

100% before July 20, 2012  
 \$75 after July 20, 2012  
 \$100 after Sept. 20, 2012  
 NO refunds after October 20, 2012

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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

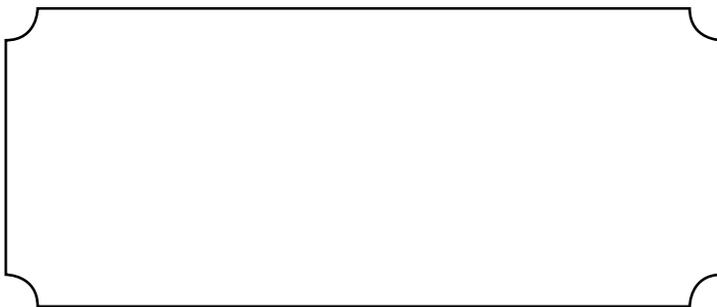
to charity, research & education. We are especially interested in, but not limited to, supporting Ski Area Development, Adaptive Ski Programs, Jimmie Heuga Center for MS and Olympic & Junior Racers, Mammoth Ski Museum.

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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