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California Ski Association—

The organization of skisport in California was to a large extent the result of an effort to attract the 1932 Winter Olympics. In spite of losing the Olympic bid in Yosemite, the National Ski Association (NSA) gave the sanction to the California State Chamber of Commerce to organize the California Ski Association (CSA).

October 7, 1930, “Hall of Famer” **Wendell Robie** of the Auburn Ski Club, organized strong club support to form the California Ski Association. At the NSA convention in Chicago, December 14, 1930, CSA was accepted as an affiliated division, and California was awarded the 1932 National Ski tournament. The first sanctioned divisional meet was held by CSA in 1931.

January 18, 1931, CSA orchestrated a “traffic jam” demonstration that resulted in the authorization by the State of California for snow removal equipment on the roads that accessed California’s emerging ski resorts. Skiing was a new sport and thousands traveled to the snow in the winter. Ski Jumping was the daredevil sport of the period and ski clubs hosted huge spectator events. The ski industry began to develop from small club-operated hills to larger ski areas.

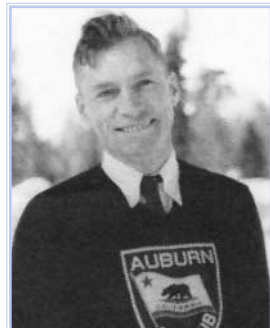
In 1946, the Area Development Committee was formed to concentrate on getting two ski areas approved — San Geronio and Mineral King.

At the Convention in 1948, CSA changed its name to the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) to have a name more representative of the geographical area it encompassed — California, Nevada and Hawaii.

Far West Ski Association—

In 1962, the National Ski Association emerged as the United States Ski Association (USSA) and FWSA became its Far West Division.

From the beginning, the focus of FWSA was on its race programs. In the early 60s, the orientation began to shift towards recreational skiing. The Far West Charter Flight Program, spearheaded by **Sutter Kunkel** of Grindelwald Ski Club, took the Association from 3,000 mostly competition skiers to 10,000 mostly recreational skiers in just two years! There was also an upsurge in recreational skiing following the 1964 Olympics at Squaw Valley. But it was the



Wendell T. Robie
1895 - 1984

blockage of the development of skiing at San Geronio and Mineral King by the Sierra Club that once again ignited the energies of FWSA.

By the mid 70s, FWSA expanded to the point where recreational skiers outnumbered the competitive skier. It wasn’t until 1976 that FWSA was divided into two operating divisions, one concentrating on the recreational and political aspects of skiing and the other directing the operation of sanctioned race programs that developed the youth of America for the US Ski Teams. The Far West Ski Competition, Inc., official sanctioning body for junior racers, was founded.

FWSA continued to develop programs for the recreational skier that included a Membership Benefit Book, Ski Theft Insurance, Ski Weeks, Flight Charters to Europe and within the US, Public Affairs and Intramural Racing. In return, the clubs sponsored events that raised money for junior racers.

The 80s brought considerable turmoil between FWSA and USSA, primarily over money and which programs should benefit from the dues being collected from the recreational skiers — recreation or racing. In 1980, USSA followed FWSA’s lead and organized into two divisions — Competition and Sports. FWSA was absorbed into USSA Sports Division under **Dean Lawrence**, the first president.

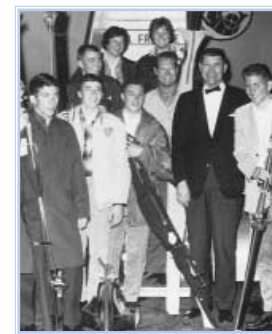
On November 6, 1984, an Executive Committee of FWSA met to decide on the direction FWSA should take. This committee proposed a non-political, non-controversial set of by-laws that were approved at the 53rd Annual FWSA Convention held at the Oakland Airport Hilton, May 17-19, 1985. FWSA ties to USSA were severed and FWSA was reactivated as an all volunteer organization. To encourage clubs to rejoin FWSA, dues were waived and are not required by clubs as long as they belong to a Council.

Resources—

In 1969, the Auburn Ski Club, working with historian and ski writer **William B. Berry**, developed the *The Western SkiSport Museum* at Boreal Ridge, CA, as an exhibition of the ski history of Western North America. The mission of the Museum is to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of winter ski sports in the western United States. Much of the history of FWSA is preserved here.

Lost Sierra: Gold, Ghosts & Skis by **William B. Berry**.

FWSA Snow West, September 15, 1980, Volume 12, No. 4. ●



*FWSA sent 7 junior racers, with coach **Dave McCoy**, to Europe on one of the 1962 FWSA charter flights.*

Term	President	Milestones of Note
2000-01	Steve Coxen	First Outstanding Web Contest.
1996-00	Harry Davis	New Mexico Council joins FWSA. FWSA becomes one of the founding members of National Ski Council Federation (NSCF).
1993-96	Norm Cullen	FWSA took 500 skiers to Cortina, Italy. Adoption of the "Voice of Western Skier" added to FWSA logo.
1991-93	Paul Arrigo	Ski Week bidding moved to the Convention. First Golf Tournament held at Convention. Northwest Council (formerly Portland) joins FWSA.
1988-91	Mike Favia	First <i>Skier's Guide</i> since early 80s replaces <i>Ski Bug's Almanac</i> . First Leadership Seminar with instructional books at Convention. Initiation of Travel Carousel lift tickets. Mogul Mike's <i>Ski Sense & Safety</i> program debuts. Pilot "Learn to Ski" Program launched.
1987-88	Howard Wickersham	First <i>Far West Skier's News</i> . Travel Carousel returns to Convention.
1985-87	Janie "Frankie" Hansen	FWSA approves new by-laws, severs ties with USSA, and becomes autonomous with no national affiliations and totally volunteer. First Silent Auction. Fall Forums moved to Convention. First Annual Joe Ross Memorial Race held at FWSA Ski Week.
1981-85	Jane Wyckoff	FWRA founded. FWSA sues USSA and settles out of court. FWSA charter flight program ends.
1976-81	Ed Gehle	FWSA divided into two divisions (race & sports). USSA divided into two divisions. FWSA turns over staff & programs to Sports Division. First Sportsfest.
1973-76	Dick Croft	Skisport Defense Fund resurfaces as Far West Ski Foundation. First Travel Carousel. Far West Ski Competition Inc., official sanctioning body for Junior racers, was formed. Nordic skiing seen as fastest growing winter sport.
1971-73	John Watson	Southern (Los Angeles), Orange, Inland Councils incorporate. FWSA serves as amicus curiae all the way to the Supreme Court in Mineral King suit.
1969-71	Richard Goetzman	Domestic charters added to FWSA Flight Program. First Sno Queen contest held at Fall Forums. First Far West Ski Week to Bear Valley. <i>Far West News</i> debuts, replacing <i>Western Ski Time</i> . First <i>Councilman</i> published. Lido Travel named official FWSA Travel Agent.
1968-69	Carl F. Grover	All major FWSA races were electronically timed.

Term	President	Milestones of Note
1966-68	Stanley V. Walton, Jr.	Ski Instructors' Proficiency Tests developed by FWSA adapted by all divisions of USSA.
1963-66	Leonard Speicher	FWSA fights inclusion of San Geronio into Wilderness Preservation System. Skisport Defense Fund incorporated to support US Ski Team, Nordic development, ski safety & research. First FWSA Race Leagues (Southeast & Rokka) founded. FWSA develops marketing plan with a professional staff for recreational skiers. "Ski Western America" takes over running FWSA charter flights.
1962-63	Sutter E. Kunkel	NSA changes name to USSA. FWSA revitalizes Uniform Ski Tests.
1959-62	Byron Nishkian	European Flight Charter Program launched. First Fasching Party to send off FWSA charters benefits US Ski Team & Far West Junior Racers.
1957-59	Ed Johnson	The office of VP of Recreational Skiing established.
1955-57	Wesley Hadden	
1954-55	Robert J. Schenck	
1952-54	Paul H. Smith	Nickel-A-Ticket (NAT) program splits funds of 5¢ from all-day lift tickets among NSP, FWSA, NSA.
1951-52	Frank Ferguson	Far West Instructors holds its first free, dry-land LA Junior Chamber Ski School.
1950-51	Arthur Van De Kamp	Far West hosts Summer Jumping Championships at LA County Fair in Pomona, CA.
1949-50	Chris Schwarzenbach	
1948-49	Cortlandt T. Hill	CSA changes name to Far West Ski Association, becomes Far West region of NSA and is designated sanctioning authority for competitive events in Far West region. Southern Council of FWSA formed.
1945-48	Albert E. Sigal	FWSA opened membership to individuals.
1941-45	Frank Howard	Area Development Committee formed to make San Geronio and Mineral King into ski areas.
1938-41	James Connel	CSA incorporated. World Championships, hosted by Auburn Ski Club, are sanctioned by CSA and NSA. CSA standardized ski teaching with establishment of committee to work out a "Plan for Certification of Ski Instructors."
1935-38	Arnold Weber	Ski jumping held at Berkeley's Strawberry Hill.
1932-35	Cecil Edmunds	1932 National Championships hosted by CSA.
1930-32	Wendell Robie	Orchestrated a demonstration that resulted in snow removal on roads to ski tows.

FWSA is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization acting as the "Voice of the Western Skier" with emphasis on skier safety, area development, clubs and communication. Established programs include Annual Convention, Leadership Seminars, Silent Auction, Travel Carousel, Annual North American Ski Week, Annual International Ski Week, Public Affairs Programs, Safety Programs, Intramural Programs, Periodic Publications, Industry Partnerships, Recognition Programs, and Award Programs. ●

FWSA 2001/2002 Board of Directors—

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Affiliate Organizations—

Far West Racing Association (FWRA)
National Ski Patrol (NSP)
National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)
National Ski Areas Association (NSAA)

Hans Georg came from St. Moritz, Switzerland, to the U.S. during the mid-thirties to become a pioneer ski tracker, rope tow operator and ski instructor. In 1938-39, Hans was instructing at Soda Springs when he was talked into becoming the head of the Eastern Sierra Ski Club School at the "Ski Ranch" near the McGee Creek Lodge.



Hans Georg
- 1968

In 1940, **Lloyd Nicoll** built a tow at Observation Point, on the east side of Mammoth on the road to Twin Lakes. The next year, he sold it to **Nyle Smith** who then sold it to Hans in 1946 after Hans returned from serving in the 10th Mountain Division during WWII. Hans would move his tow near the old Mammoth Tavern when the road to Observation Point was snowed in.

After WWII, the only two operators in the Mammoth area were **Dave McCoy** and Hans. In 1948, Hans installed three tows in Mammoth— one from Mammoth Creek to his cabin near the Valentine reserve, another from his cabin to the Lake Mary Road, and the third where Chair 15 is today. Although the tows remained until 1957, as they begun to experience mechanical problems, Hans started teaching skiing at Dave's lifts.

Hans taught thousands to ski, using the Arlberg technique. In 1940 and 1946, Hans attempted to develop a summer ski school at the 12,500-foot level eastern side of Mt. Whitney. He later wrote two books on skiing — *Reverse Shoulder Technique* and *Modern Ski Systems*.

The Hans Georg Award is given for distinguished Accomplishment and Long-Term Contribution to Skiing. This award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution over the years. ●

2001	Harry Davis	1987	Alan Christian	1975	Wayne Poulsen
2000	George Eachus	1986	Richard Goetzman	1974	Dave McCoy, Mammoth Mountain
1999	Randy Lew	1985	Jimmie Heuga	1973	J. Stanley Mullin
1998	Nic Fiore	1985	Ed Gehle	1972	Willy Schaeffler, U.S. Ski Team
1997	Norm Cullen	1984	John James	1971	Charles Fink
1996	Fay Mumbauer	1983	Bill Berry	1970	Billy Kidd
1995	Woody Hogan	1982	Joe Harris	1969	William Nagle, Jr.
1994	Andy Andrews	1981	Bruce Bell	1968	Ben Cole
1993	Dennis Agee	1980	Jane Wyckoff	1967	Walt Disney, W.D. Productions
1992	Pat Nangle	1979	Don Simpson	1966	W. S. "Slim" Davis, USFS
1991	Mike Favia	1978	John Watson		
1990	Martha Perez	1978	Fraser West		
1990	Mary Lou Bearden Reese	1977	Russ Read		
1989	Sutter Kunkel	1976	no award		
1988	Janie "Frankie" Hansen				



Courtesy Fay Mumbauer

"Schatzi" Wood
1897 - Sept 3, 1964

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood is one of the most recognized women skiers in the history of recreational skiing and the National Ski Patrol System. Born in the Bavarian Alps, she arrived in the US in 1920 as a governess to the children of the Miller family of Milwaukee.

A few years later she met her husband **Ernest Wood** while ice skating. She began skiing to be with her husband but only mastered the Sitzmark. Then in the 30s, when **Hans Georg** started to teach at McGee, Schatzi learned the modern ski technique.

In 1942, Schatzi was only the sixteenth woman to be named to the National Ski Patrol (NSP). In 1950, she was appointed section chief of the NSP at Big Pines. In 1951, she was awarded the National Ski Patrol's Yellow Merit Star for her work as an outstanding patrol-woman. Schatzi devoted 15 years of service, developing ways to make her sport better and safer, mapping her areas, applying first aid and conducting searches for crashed planes.

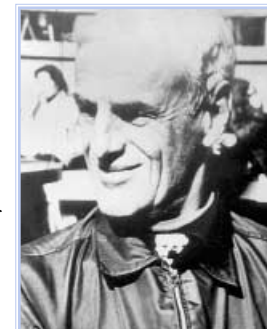
Schatzi was one of the leading women skiers during the formation of the California Ski Association. She was well known by skiers throughout Southern California as a strong skier who could outski most anyone, male or female. Her love for skiing continued to the day of her death at a grand old age of 67. While on a ski trip to Switzerland, Schatzi suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and two days later, she passed away in her sleep.

Schatzi was a long-time member of Grindelwald Ski Club. She was loved and admired by everyone. Hence, the nickname "Schatzi", which means "sweetheart" in German.

The Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award is given to the Far West woman who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. ●

2001	Nancy Sanford	1988	Fay Mumbauer	1974	Gloria Slate
2000	Lynnell Calkins	1987	Margo Thomas	1973	Jane Wyckoff
1999	<i>no award</i>	1986	Karyn Tablada	1972	Judy Fjeld
1998	Bonnie West	1985	Sallie Pritchard	1971	Thelma "Teddy" West
1997	Catherine Ohl	1984	Janie "Frankie" Hansen	1970	Sally Hudson
1997	Karen Davis	1983	Anita Omsby	1969	Gladys (Sandy) Poulsen
1996	Connie Smith	1982	Jessica Freeman	1968	<i>no award</i>
1995	Maxine Hanlon	1981	Billie Joy Wilson	1967	Mary Lou Bearden Reese
1994	Kathy Hoffmann	1980	Madeline Hunter	1966	Madeline Walton
1993	<i>no award</i>	1979	Jan Wright		
1992	Susie Vetter	1978	Nancy Ingalsbee		
1991	Karen Kimball	1977	Marlene Steinmeyer		
1990	Pat Nangle	1976	<i>no award</i>		
1989	Lauren Nagle	1975	Kathy Downer		

FWSA J. Stanley Mullin Award



J. Stanley Mullin
July 14, 1907 - July 24, 2000

J. Stanley Mullin, a Los Angeles attorney, was a pioneer Far West skier. As an avid competitive skier, he hiked up California's snow-covered mountains in the 1930s before the advent of ski lifts. He remained a strong supporter of the Far West Ski Association, USSA, and FIS (Federation of International Skiing).

Stan was an indefatigable sportsman, mastering horseback riding, skiing, sports car racing and rowing. He competed in the trials for equestrian jumping for the 1932 Olympic games. He was the first president of the California Sports Car Club and founded the rowing section of the California Yacht Club.

In 1939, Stan founded Southern Skis with **Corty Hill, Morgan Adams Jr., Otto Steiner, A. Andrew Hauk, Paulette Goddard** and others. Stan served as FWSA secretary for two years following WWII before being elected Vice-President of NSA. In 1952, Stan joined **Morgan Adams Jr., Bob Cray, Bob Cheesewright** and others in financing the Mount Baldy Ski Lifts.

Stan had a long association with the Olympics, serving on the Organizing Committee for the 1960 Winter Games at Squaw Valley and was a principal contributor to the Squaw Valley Olympic Committee, which brought the 1960 games to California.

In 1962, Stan was awarded the Blegen Award, USSA's highest award for service to the sport of skiing. He was a Vice-President of the FIS and represented USSA at FIS congresses from 1951 through 1967. He was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1973.

The J. Stanley Mullin Award is given to the Far West man who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. ●

2001	Ken Calkins	1987	Howard Wickersham	1974	Rolf Fromm
2000	Jim Ortiz	1986	Cloyde Howard	1973	Gar Bering III
1999	Tucker Hoffmann	1985	Mike Favia	1972	Carl Grover
1998	Mike Sanford	1984	Glen Adkins	1971	Russ Tiffany
1997	Sutter Kunkel	1983	Alan Christian	1970	John Watson
1996	Ron Anderson	1982	John Rosenfeld	1969	Richard Goetzman
1995	Gene Fulkerson	1981	Steve Williams	1968	Stanley V. Walton, Jr.
1994	Randy Lew	1980	John Rosenkranz	1967	Jerry Wetzel
1993	Norm Cullen	1980	Bob Clinco	1966	Byron Nishkian
1992	Louis Buhler	1979	Ed McArthur		
1991	Woody Hogan	1978	Ed Gehle		
1990	Paul Arrigo	1977	Dick Croft		
1989	Chuck Morse	1976	Bruce Bell		
1988	John James	1975	Russ Read		



Jimmie Heuga

Sept 22, 1943 -

In 1966, Jimmie finished fourth in the combined at the World Championships in Portillo, Chile. The following year he skied to a third place overall in World Cup giant slalom. He had two top-ten finishes at the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France. His ten years on the US Ski Team ended in 1968. Jimmie was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1976.

Jimmie's greatest challenge commenced with disturbing health indications in 1967 and a final diagnosis in 1970 as having Multiple Sclerosis (MS). After a period of indecision as to his course of action, he started a three-year personal program of rehabilitation in 1976. He created a program of cardiovascular endurance, stretching and strengthening exercises. He moved back to the mountains and resumed skiing. After this period, he started his own outreach program for persons with MS, founding the Jimmie Heuga Center in 1984. The center in Avon, Colorado is dedicated to "reanimating the physically challenged" to regain a quality of life. The center also supports scientific research.

The Jimmie Heuga Award is given to the individual who, like Jimmie, has demonstrated courage and skill in three arenas – the ski slope, the human body, and the courageous heart. ●

2001 Billy Kidd, Steamboat Springs	1990 Sallie Pritchard, Founder California Handicapped Ski School
2000 Mike Wellman	
1999 Norm Cox	1989 Douglas Pringle, Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
1998 Candace Cable	1989 Lynne Haile, Pierce College Handicapped Program
1997 Rick Van Aken, Bear Valley Adaptive Ski Program	1988 Steve Kanaly, March of Dimes
1996 Jim Ortiz	1987 James Stacey
1995 Sara Tully	
1994 KelLe Malkewitz, Director US Adaptive Recreation Center	
1993 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School	
1992 Hal O'Leary, Founder National Sports Center for the Disabled at Winter Park	
1991 Linda Fryback, Unrecables	

Jordan-Reily Award

The award is named posthumously for two pioneers in the Association's Public Affairs program, **Bob Jordan** and **John Reily**.

Bob Jordan, a Guadalcanal veteran, trained as a journalist and was employed for many years in the forest products industry. Bob became FWSA's first paid Director of Public Affairs in 1975 and stayed on for nearly three years before returning to industry. His professional skills greatly enhanced the sophistication of the Association's activities and formed a foundation that has lasted to this day.

In the mid-50s, **John Reily**, treasurer for the Carnation Company and chairman of the LA Chamber of Commerce, built a cabin in Squaw Valley. Two years later, he acquired Southern Pacific's land at the top of Squaw's KT-22 lift and built a day lodge called the "Cornice." From this vantage point, John saw the potential for a new ski area, Alpine Meadows. John was a strong advocate for integrating environmental, financial, and skier demand into area development plans.

The Jordan-Reily Award recognizes a one- or two-year activity and achievement in the Association's Public Affairs programs – area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation, and transportation. This award may also be given to an individual in government or the ski industry. ●

2001 Steve Reneker
2000 Mike Sanford
1999 no award
1998 Catherine Ohl
1998 Linda McGavin
1997 Wayne Poulson
1996 no award
1995 Karen Kimball
1994 Lee Olson
1993 National Ski Patrol, Southern California Region
1992 Kermit Wagner
1991 John Watson



John McClintic Reily

Bob Jordan

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Tommi Tyndall

Nov. 1910 - Dec. 27, 1964

Tommi Tyndall Award

Tommi Tyndall was a prominent force in the promotion of winter sports in the Big Bear area during the late 40s, the 50s and early 60s. He was a one-man whirlwind where skiing was concerned.

Tommi came to the US from Dresden, Germany, in 1939 to demonstrate his father's machinery at the NY World's Fair. With the outbreak of WWII, he stayed in the US and joined the Navy. His first paying job in the US was teaching skiing at Sun Valley. He became an American citizen in 1949.

In 1946, he was among the first member of the California Ski Instructors Association. He developed and supervised a group of instructors who formed the Big Bear Ski School. In 1949, he founded the Big Bear Winter Club and hosted Big Bear's first Winter Carnival. In 1952, Tommi opened Snow Summit with a mile-long double chair, two major ski runs and several rope tows. In 1961, after a few draught years, Tommi undertook the construction of a major snow making system at Snow Summit, which would be the largest in Southern California upon its completion in 1964.

At age 54, Tommi died in a tractor accident while grooming his beloved mountain.

The Tommi Tyndall Award is given to the ski area or ski area operator who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing in the past year or in prior years. ●

2001 Silver Star Mountain Resort	1982 Mammoth Ski Touring Center
2000 Park City Mountain Resort	1981 Mt. Rose
1999 Ski New Mexico	1980 Alpine Meadows / Nick Badami
1998 Aspen Skiing Company	1979 Boreal Ridge
1997 Lake Louise Ski Area	1978 Snow Summit / Jo Tyndall Alexander
1996 Salt Lake City Convention & Visitors Bureau	1977 Mountain High
1995 Boreal Ski Company	1976 Heavenly Valley
1994 Park City Ski Area	1975 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley
1993 Northstar-at-Tahoe	1974 Kirkwood Meadows
1992 Mammoth Race Department	1973 Yosemite Mountaineering School
1991 Bear Mountain Ski Resort	1972 Boreal Ridge
1990 Mt. Bachelor Ski & Summer Resort	1971 Mammoth Mountain / Dave McCoy
1989 Vail / Beaver Creek	1970 Mt. Rose
1988 Steamboat	1969 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley
1987 Crested Butte Mountain Resort	1968 <i>no award</i>
1986 Mammoth Mountain	1967 Mammoth Mountain
1985 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley	1966 Alpine Meadows
1984 Snow Forest	
1983 Mountain High	

FWSA

Bill Mackey Award

Bill Mackey's interest and love of the mountains manifested itself early in his youth, exploring the High Sierra trails. In the summer, he expanded his knowledge of geology and nature. With the first snow cover, however, Bill was ready to head for the ski slopes. As an experienced skier, his interest was divided between competitive racing, ski instruction and professional patrolling.

In the spring of 1970, he experienced the thrill of racing during a Lange Ski Race Camp at Mammoth conducted by **Jimmie Heuga**. He turned 21 soon afterward, making him old enough to start work as a full-time professional ski patrolman at Mammoth under the capable direction of **John Garner**.

In the autumn of 1970, his enthusiasm mounted as his skill in skiing and rescue work developed rapidly. A few weeks later, however, he met with a tragic non-skiing accident that brought his career to an abrupt end.

The Bill Mackey Award is given for outstanding Service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee. ●

Bill Mackey

- 1970

2001 John Frasca, Central Holidays/ A Far & Wide Company	1983 Chuck Morse, Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program
2000 Don Beaulieu, Sunshine Village	1982 Jim Catlin, Mammoth Ski Tour Ctr.
1999 Jean Louis Villiot, Mammoth Mtn.	Ueli Luthi, Mammoth Race Dept.
1999 Sandy Best, Lake Louise	1981 Mitch Vlad,
1998 Mary Evans, Aspen Skiing Company	Canadian Gov't Office of Tourism
1997 Joe Pettit, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1980 Harry Leonard, Ski Show Company
1996 Steve Orchin, Canadian Pacific Hotels	1979 Bob Bergstrom, Sports, Ltd.
1995 Brent Boblitt, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1978 Chuck Morse, Mountain High
1994 Brad Wilson, Bear Mtn. Ski Resort	1977 Chuck Morse, Mountain High
1993 Julie Maurer and Mike Blide, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1977 Jack Hardy, Tahoe Hyatt Hotel
1992 Elise Waddell, Mammoth Race Dept.	1976 Bill Boardman, Squaw Valley USA
1991 Jerry Simon, Ski Group	1975 Dick Parent, High Sierra Reservations
1990 Jim Mott, Squaw Valley USA	1974 Knut Waarli, Cal-Nordic Institute
1989 Marilyn Branch, Coonskin Inn	1973 Peter Brinkman, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley
1988 Mark Phillips, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley	1972 John Garner, Mammoth Ski Patrol
1987 John Armstrong, Mammoth Mtn.	
1986 Bob Settineri & Ron Roesch, Sierra Productions South	
1985 Randy Fahrbach, Purgatory Ski Resort	
1984 Nick Hudson, Heavenly Valley	

Bill Berry Award

William Banks Berry
Snowshoe Flat, 1952
Apr 7, 1903 - Jan 1999

Bill Berry has reported winter sport news since the winter of 1916. He reported on more ski tourneys, both Alpine and Nordic, than any other reporter in the nation. Bill's career in the Sierra saw him on the slopes of Truckee and Lake Tahoe in 1926, covering events of the old National Ski Association.

Bill reported skiing for such papers as the *Reno Journal*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Sacramento Union*, *The New York Daily News*, and all the major wire services. He reported the skiing events for the 1960 Olympics and the FIS Championships in 1950 through 1964. In his last year of reporting, he covered over 100 Far West high school and intercollegiate races on the spot, a record that may never be equaled by any ski writer.

Bill was the Historian for Auburn Ski Club's Western America SkiSport Museum at Boreal Ridge, and was Historian Emeritus for the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ispeming, Michigan. In 1969, he was the recipient of the Blegen Award, the highest award given by USSA. He was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in the

Bicentennial year, 1976. He passed away in January 1999, active to the end.

The Bill Berry Award is for Media and Print Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing by the media, including cinematographers, photographers, radio or television broadcasters, and writers for the printed media. ●

Modern Media Awards—

2001	Jerry Hoffman, Freelance Radio	1987	<i>no award</i>
2000	Don Fontana, KJAY, Reno	1986	Suzy Chaffee, Video Producer
1999	<i>no award</i>	1985	Cecil Charles, "The Skier" Photographer
1998	John Jay, Lifetime Achievement	1984	Warren Miller, Warren Miller Productions
1997	Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video	1983	John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco
1996	Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video	1982	Ken Nelson, KABC-TV
1995			
1994	Warren Miller Enterprises		
1993			
1992	Warren Miller, "Born to Ski"		
1991	AMI News Service (Radio)		
1990	Bob Beattie, "Subaru Ski World"		
1989	<i>no award</i>		
1988	Gemini Productions, "Ski Scene"		

*Bill Berry Award***Print Awards—** *Featured Article*

2001	<i>no award</i>
2000	Leigh Gieringer, Skier's Guide
1999	Gregory Dennis, Freelance Writer
1998	Ken Castle, Ski Magazine
1997	Luanne Pfeifer, "Gretchen's Gold"
1996	Diane Slezak Scholfield, San Diego Union Tribune
1995	<i>no award</i>
1994	Glen Putman, Freelance Writer
1993	<i>no award</i>
1992	Robert Frohlich, Tahoe World
1991	Glen Putman, Freelance Writer

Print Awards— *Hard News*

2001	<i>no award</i>
2000	Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times
1999	Rodney Angove, Sierra Ski Times
1998	Sam Bauman, Sierra Ski Times
1997	Al Auger
1996	Bob Cox, Daily Breeze
1995	Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
1994	Bob Cox, Daily Breeze
1993	Diane Slezak Scholfield, San Diego Union Tribune
1992	Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times
1991	Garry Niver, San Mateo Times
1990	Susan Vreeland, Freelance Writer Burt Sims, Skiing
1989	Wendell Benedetti, Los Angeles Daily News
1988	Mary Wendt, Herald Examiner
1987	Garry Niver, San Mateo Times
1986	Clint Swift, Sacramento Bee
1985	Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times
1984	Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
1983	Luanne Pfeifer, Freelance Writer
1982	Bob Lochner, Los Angeles Times
1981	Larry Christensen, Peppermint Mtn. Harry Kaiser, Skiing Magazine
1980	Glen Kramon, San Francisco Examiner
1979	Hal Roberts, Skiers Almanac

1978	Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
1977	Ethel Van DeGrift, Christian Science Monitor
1976	Hal Roberts, Skiers Almanac
1975	Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
1984	Warren Miller, Warren Miller Productions
1973	Joan Sweeney, Los Angeles Times
1972	Chap Wentworth, Sacramento Bee
1971	Russ Tiffany, Far West News
1970	Bob Lochner, San Francisco Chronicle
1969	John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco
1968	Lee Klein, Western Skier
1967	Luanne Pfeifer, Santa Monica Evening Outlook
1966	Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner

Special Award

1992	John Rosenfeld, Research
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Bill Berry
at FWSA Convention
in Santa Clara, CA
June 2, 1996



Dottie & Donn

FWSA Man & Woman of the Year

FWSA recognizes its best volunteers. *The Council Man and Woman of the Year* are chosen by their peers based on their contributions to Clubs, Council, Race League, FWSA and nationally. In the beginning, the contest was purely a beauty pageant where the contestants modeled ski apparel. There were rounds of cocktail parties, publicity photographs followed by a hectic day of interviews, tours and parties. In those early days, the "Sno Queen & King" were chosen by noteworthy & impartial judges. ●

2001	Dottie Loader	Sierra	2001	Donn Bryant	Sierra
2000	Catherine Ohl	Los Angeles	2000	Dan Halcomb	Sierra
1999	Diane Hicks	Northwest	1999	Joe Loader	Sierra
1998	Karen Davis	Bay Area	1998	Ethan Chickering	Bay Area
1997	Kathy Hoffmann	Bay Area	1997	Mark Hanlon	Orange
1996	Connie Smith	San Diego	1996	Mike Sanford	San Diego
1995	Linda Keller	Orange	1995	Hal Richey	Los Angeles
1994	Marge Fons	Arizona	1994	Tucker Hoffmann	Bay Area
1993	Judy Sobel	Los Angeles	1993	Steve Ziomek	Arizona
1992	Susie Vetter	San Diego	1992	Randy Lew	Bay Area
1991	Debi Le Vine	Los Angeles	1991	Steve Smith	Los Angeles
1990	Julia Guifford	Central	1990	Norm Cullen	San Diego
1989	Pat Nangle	Orange	1989	Woody Hogan	Central
1988	Lauren Nagle	Central	1988	Dennis Doty	Inland
1987	Judy Purdom	Bay Area	1987	Bill Silliman	Orange
1986	Terry Mayle	Orange	1986	Cloyde Howard	Orange
1985			1985		
1984	Linda Walker	San Diego	1984	Robert Jiminez	Inland
1983			1983	Alan Christian	Bay Area
1982			1982		
1981			1981	John Davidson	Los Angeles
1980			1980		
1979			1979	Howard Wickersham	Los Angeles
1978			1978	Leo Style	Los Angeles
1977					
1976					
1975					
1974	Monica Alber				
1973					
1972	Linda Bergner Jones				
1971					
1970	Sharon Reece	Southern			

FWSA Outstanding Club Awards

Tollakson Award— Outstanding Club

Dave Tollakson's activities in club leadership, racing and committees mark him as the finest that organized skiing can produce. Dave's involvement in FWSA started in the mid-60s with the Rokka League. He trained, skied, took lessons and practiced.

Concurrently, he took up patrolling with the National Ski Patrol (NSP) at Goldmine and trained in first aid, evacuation and winter survival. He was a major force in the development of search & rescue and ski mountaineering with the Southern Region NSP. Dave's climbing was related to this activity and the climb on which he met his death on Mt. San Jacinto was in training with **Steve Reneker** for a 1995 assault on Everest. Steve completed the climb and carried the FWSA banner and Dave's ashes to the top. In 1995, the Outstanding Club Award was named in honor of Dave.

In an effort to recognize the recreational skier, FWSA awarded the first outstanding ski club in 1963. The criteria used then was based on the percentage of members who belonged to FWSA, amount of money donated to FWSA, number of members holding FWSA offices, and number of members passing the Uniform Ski Test. *Today, the Tollakson Award is presented to an outstanding club based on an evaluation of their structure, organization, skiing, sports, social events, and giving to the community.* ●

Wentworth Award— Outstanding Club Publication

Chapman "Chappie" Wentworth contributed to FWSA for over 50 years. Chap undertook committee responsibilities for the Association in the 1950s and served as Secretary of FWSA when the numbers of officers were far fewer. He was an editor of several Tahoe area newspapers and edited Bill Berry's book *Lost Sierra: Gold, Ghosts & Skis*.

A native of Boston, Chap graduated from Dartmouth, having skied on the varsity team. Chap was scheduled to participate in the canceled 1940 Olympics and was Southern California's Downhill Champion for 1941.

Chap and his wife **Janet** were always ready to lend support in the Bay Area or Tahoe raising funds for ski causes and the US Ski Team.

The Wentworth Award is given to the club whose newsletters are judged best based on layout, content, and club size. It was fitting that Chap be remembered for his dedication to FWSA by giving his name to the Outstanding Club Publication. ●



C. David Tollakson
Mar 30, 1935 - Apr 9, 1994



Chapman Wentworth
1918 - Dec 10, 1993

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Tollakson Award for Outstanding Ski Club

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
2001 <i>no award</i>	North Island	Bergfreunde
2000 Skiyente	Single	Bergfreunde
1999 Rusty Bindings	Century City	Bergfreunde
1998 Skiyente	Single	Bergfreunde
1997 Bota Baggers	Century City	Après
1996 Tri Valley	Century City	Bergfreunde
1995 Inskiers	Century City	Après
1994 Inskiers	Single	Balboa
1993 Inskiers	Century City	Balboa
1992 Rusty Bindings	Snowchasers	Balboa
1991 Snowchasers	<i>no award</i>	Balboa
1990 Snow Drifters	Single	Balboa
1989 Inskiers	Single	Balboa
1988 Irvine	Single	Balboa
1987 Inskiers	Snowchasers	Balboa
1986 San Francisco	Snowchasers	Balboa
1985 San Francisco	Sundance	Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	<i>no award</i>	Balboa
1983 <i>no award</i>	Single	<i>no award</i>
1982 Wailers	Single	Après
1981 Wailers	Single	<i>no award</i>
1980 Wailers	Single	<i>no award</i>
1979 Wailers	Single	Après
1978 Wailers	Westwood	Après
1977 Wailers	Single	Après
1976 Wailers	Single	Hughes
1975 Wailers	Single	
1974 Wailers	Westwood	
1973 Vand Bakke	Westwood	
1972 Single	Westwood	
1971 Single	Westwood	
1970 Single	Fresno	
1969 Wailers		
1968 Edelweiss		
1967 Buddy's Angels		
1966 Buddy's Angels		
1965		
1964		
1963 Grindelwald		



Jonnie Johnson & Bob March



Steve Coxen & Marilyn Siegler

FWSA

Wentworth Award for Outstanding Newsletter

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
2001 Auslich	Pacific Rim Alliance	Après
2000 Grindelwald	Pacific Rim Alliance	Après
1999 Grindelwald	Century City	Bergfreunde
1998 Wailers	Grindelwald	Balboa
1997 Wailers	Santa Barbara	Après
1996 Tri Valley	Santa Barbara	Bergfreunde
1995 Tri Valley / Inskiers	Santa Barbara	Après
1994 Powderhounds	Santa Barbara	Balboa
1993 Powderhounds	Santa Barbara	Balboa
1992 Schi Laufers	Santa Barbara	Balboa
1991 Schi Laufers	Don Diego	Après
1990 Wailers	Auslich	Balboa
1989 Wailers	Auslich	Balboa
1988 Irvine	Century City	Balboa
1987 San Francisco	Single	Torrey Pines
1986 Camber	Hump Jumpers	Balboa
1985 Century City	Single	Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	Single	Torrey Pines
1983 Powderhounds	Single	Torrey Pines
1982 Wailers	Single	Après
1981 Wailers	Westwood	Torrey Pines
1980 Powderhounds	Auslich	Torrey Pines
1979 San Francisco	Auslich	Après
1978 Wailers	Westwood	Après
1977 Snow Drifters	Westwood	
1976 Wailers	Westwood	
1975 Wailers	Après	
1974 Wailers	Santa Barbara	
1973 Century City	Fresno	
1972 Single	Fresno	
1971 Single	Hughes	
1970 Wailers		



Bonnie West, editor



Catherine Ohl, editor



Dorothy Pantel, editor

Outstanding Club Web Site

FWSA

It became clear that over the years the clubs have adapted their communication styles to meet the needs of their membership and changes in technology. 2001 marked the inaugural judging of the club's web sites. *The Outstanding Web Site Award is given to the club whose web site is judged best based on layout, content, usefulness, navigation, and club size.* ●

Class A

2001 Bonnie West, Auslich



Bonnie West, webmaster

Class AA

2001 Larry Davis, Century City



Larry Davis, webmaster

Class AAA

2001 Steve Olson, Balboa



Steve Olson, webmaster

President's Award

The President's Award is given to the individual who the President of FWSA feels has done the most to advance the immediate goals of the Association during the previous year. ●

2001 Daron Rahlves, US Ski Team
 2000 Jane Wyckoff & Karen Davis
 1999 Phil Mahre
 1998 Leigh Gieringer
 1997 Barbara Razo
 1996 Harry Davis & Jane Wyckoff
 1995 Kyle Rasmussen, US Ski Team
 1994 Randy Lew
 1993 Judith Miller
 1992 Jeff Hamilton,
 US Ski Team Speed Skating
 1991 Alan Christian & Paul Arrigo
 1990 John Watson
 1989 Tamara McKinney, US Ski Team
 Jane Wyckoff
 1988 Cathy Gentile & Greg Manino,
 US Handicapped Ski Team

1987
 1986
 1985 Joe Ross
 1984 Mike Favia
 1983 Robert Jimenez
 1982 Bobby Moreno

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Terry Smith Award

Terry Smith was a strong supporter of intramural (club) racing and helped advance these programs as a member of the Mammoth Mountain Racing Staff.

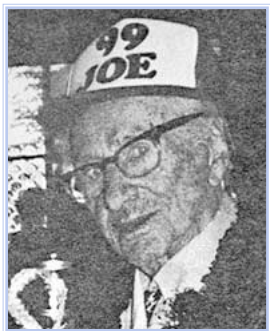
Terry died in a tragic accident while operating an earth moving machine at the top of Chair 3 at Mammoth in the summer of 1975.

Terry's Run, one of the blue trails off Chair 19, is named in honor of Terry.

The Terry Smith Award is bestowed on the outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of intramural skiing. ●

Terry Smith
 - 1975

2001 Robb Margrave
 2000 Mark Hanlon
 1999 Marty Purmort
 1998 Lynnell Calkins
 1997 Bob Bernard
 1996 Ken Calkins
 1995 no award
 1994 Bob & Debbie Warzynski
 1993 Herb Schraibman
 1992 Bob Ellis
 1991 Carol Weaver
 1990 Ralph Lehotsky
 1989 John Ulrich
 1988 John Armstrong
 1987 George Eachus
 1986 John Catozzi
 1985 Alan Christian
 1984 Ellen Loe
 1983 Jessica Freeman
 1982 Dennis Agee
 1981 Karyn Tablada
 1980 Ueli Lufhi
 1979 Joe Harris
 1978 John Rosenkranz
 1977 John James
 1976 Bruce Bell



Joe Ross at age 99

May 8, 1886 - July 17, 1985

Joe Ross Memorial Race

Joe Ross came to the US from Frankfurt, Germany, at the age of 21. He was a very accomplished ice skater and was a member of the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club.

Joe started skiing in 1935 at the young age of 52, when some friends from Austria came to visit and he put on his first pair of skis at Snow Valley. He especially loved Sun Valley and traveled there many times by train. He skied all over Europe, particularly Austria and Switzerland.

Joe belonged to Grindelwald Ski Club, Far World Ski club and the FWSA for over thirty-five years. His first NASTAR race was at Jackson Hole at the age of 84. He was featured by **Harry Reasoner** at age 88 on national TV when he won his gold NASTAR at Aspen. In his early 90s, he was featured in a **Warren Miller** film. He also appeared in **Ripley's Believe It or Not** for being one of America's most remarkable skiers as the oldest downhill skier in the US. It was Joe's most earnest goal to ski until the age of 100. However, his goal came to an end at age 97 when he suffered a stroke while skiing at Aspen. Joe died shortly after his 99th birthday.

Joe was an inspiration to every skier with his vim, vigor, love of life and dedication to the sport of skiing. His spirit will continue forward in the FWSA Joe Ross Memorial Race. *The Joe Ross winner is the club champion of the "qualifier" GS race at the annual Far West Ski Week.* ●

2002	Code 3	Copper Mountain, CO
2001	Code 3	Sun Valley, ID
2000	Castro Valley	Whistler, Canada
1999	Castro Valley	Lake Louise, Canada
1998	Castro Valley	Jackson Hole, WY
1997	Castro Valley	Steamboat, CO
1996	Castro Valley	Mt. Bachelor, OR
1995	Balboa	Whistler, Canada
1994	Castro Valley	Banff, Canada
1993	Century City	Aspen, CO
1992	Century City	Vail, CO
1991	SLO Skiers	Breckenridge, CO
1990	Grindelwald	Telluride, CO
1989	Sequoia	Banff, Canada
1988	Grindelwald	The Summit, CO
1987	Sequoia	Park City, UT
1986	Edelweiss	Jackson Hole, WY



Joe Ross

Skiing NASTAR at age 84
1971

The first Sportsfest was organized in 1979. The first Softball Tournament was held in 1981. Tennis was added to Sportsfest in 1988. Golf made its debut in 1990. ●

	Softball		Volleyball	Tennis
2001	not held		not held	not held
2000				
1999				
1998				
1997				
1996				
1995	A Humpjumpers C JPL	B Humpjumpers D Century City	A Humpjumpers	
1994				
1993	A Hughes C Humpjumpers	B Edelweiss II		
1992				
1991	A Edelweiss C JPL	B Sequoia	A BAC	
1990	A Tyrolean C JPL	B Beach Cities	A Fresno B Fresno	A Edelweiss B Edelweiss
1989				
1988	A Sequoia C Auslich	B Wailers	A Camber B Sequoia	A Century City
1987	A Wailers	B Fagowees	A Sequoia	
1986	A Edelweiss			
1985				
1984				
1983				
1982				
1981				
1980				
1979				



The FWSA Safety Award has been graciously sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company since its inception in 1998. The first year, the award was presented to the person who coined the phrase that would best sum up the FWSA safety position. **Jim Ortiz** contributed the appropriate tag line — a clever safety acronym for FWSA.



• **Ski With Pride • Watch All Sides • Let It Ride •**

First With Safety Awareness

In subsequent years, the Safety Award has been bestowed on the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs. The winner is awarded a week of skiing in Aspen with air, lodging, lift tickets, and rentals. ●

2001 Richard Lubin, Bay Area
2000 Denise Vance, San Diego
1999 Catherine Ohl, San Diego, Los Angeles
1998 Jo Henry, San Diego

Western Ski Heritage Award

The purpose of the Association's Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of skiers and non-skiers alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of skiing— competitive as well as outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to the communities in the West.



The Western Ski Heritage Award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation for the first three years. *The Western Ski Heritage Program will recognize the best effort to find, preserve, document and share the history of skiing in the West.* The winner is awarded a week of skiing in Steamboat with lodging and lift tickets. ●

2001 Chris Miller, Northwest, Cascade Ski Club History
2000 Sutter Kunkel, Los Angeles, FWSA Charter Flight Portfolio

Every effort has been made to research all aspects of FWSA history. In the process, I have begged and borrowed every publication by FWSA or about FWSA that I could find. Frankly, there's a whole lot more out there. These publications are being used to build both a paper and electronic library. In addition, I have begun to compile a data base of biographies of FWSA personalities. There is still a tremendous amount of work to do. If you have any FWSA publications (*Far West News, Western Ski Times, Councilman, FWSA Snow West*, Convention books & minutes, *Ski Bug's Almanac, Far West Skier's News, The Skier, Southwest Skier*, etc.) that I could borrow or have, please contact me. I appreciate any help. ●

Catherine Ohl, ohl@acatmeowz.com, 858-467-9469



Steve Reneker, Everest 1995

"There is no greater high in the world than
to stand on the top of a mountain."

David Tollakson



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