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We are just back from Argentina. It was an amazing trip but more about that in the next newsletter.

Catherine has been complaining that she is way behind and is still playing catch up. She is working on the slide shows from the Italy and Argentina trips. Patience.

Wine Maker Dinner, Sept. 27—

Mary Trimmins is joining us as executive chef and she is planning on cooking up a storm. We will have some fabulous wines.

- Charles Heidsieck Brut Champagne
- Bonterra Chardonnay
- Lake Sonoma Saini Farms Zinfandel
- Kenwood Reserve Sauvignon Blanc
- Graffigna Grand Reserve Malbec

Wines will be matched to venison loin, fresh Alaska cod, scallops, soup, salad and dessert. It's going to be great.

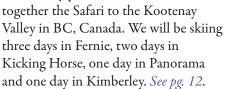
2009 Ski Trips—

I have been working on setting up our trips for 2009. We've decided not to go to Europe this year since the dollar is even further into the dumpster.

Our big trip in 2009 will be a return to New Zealand and Australia with an extension to Tasmania. Hope to have some real information soon. Plan on this one for the first half of August.

Kootenay Safari-

We are excited to have finally put



We will be moving a bit and staying 3 nights in Fernie, 3 nights in Golden and 2 nights in Kimberley. This trip is for all levels of skiing BUT it should afford us an opportunity to experience some awesome powder. And if you're not comfortable on powder, there's plenty of groomed runs or powder lessons available.

New this year is a flight from Salt Lake City to Cranbook, BC via Delta. It's an international flight so we shouldn't be charged extra for bringing our skis. Everyone needs to get their own air from their home airport, and since there is only one flight a day, we will all meet up in SLC and travel together to Cranbook.

Big White-

Of course, we will be returning to Big White for some awesome spring winterlike skiing in Big White. You will need to get your own air into Kelowna. \$650 will cover 7 nights lodging in a hotel, 5 days skiing, and ground transfer. An unbelievable deal! •

Membership is NOW Due!

TRIPPING AROUND

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• BIG WHITE, BC, Canada April 6-13, 200)9
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• GREEK ISLAND CRUISE
Norm Azevedo / 925-944-9816
• KEYSTONE NATIONALS December 10-14, 2008
Ryan Jordi / 866-665-1041
• Big Sky, MT January 24-31, 2009
Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471
• BAD GASSTEIN, AUSTRIA Feb 27 - Mar 7, 2009
Norm Azevedo / 925-944-9816
• FAR WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS, NORTHSTAR Apr 3-5, 2009
800-GO-NORTH
• CONVENTION, RENO, NV June 4-7, 2009
Jo Simpson / 775-722-6468
• ARGENTINA
Norm Azevedo / 925-944-9816
• KIRKWOOD, CALIFORNIA Jan 30 - Feb 5, 2010

Go to "Tripping Around" at http://www.pacificrimalliance.org to download color flyers for most of the events listed above.

BULGARIA WINTER 2010

MEMBER PROFILES

Agnes Johnson

We first met Agnes in 2001 on an L.A. Council Ski Trip to Snowmass. Agnes is a gung ho snow skier and would follow the guys anywhere. That same summer she joined us with the Rats for waterskiing. She is the only person I know who loves the heat of the desert and will sleep out in the open when the temperature may drop to 90°F. When not water skiing, she sits on the beach and drinks ice tea and chomps on sunflower seeds.

Agnes is one of the sweetest women we know and she keeps herself very busy and active. She is in great shape and can ski, snow or water, all day long.

When we ask Agnes when she started skiing, she always answers that she started when she was old. Since she had five kids, she waited until they were adults before she started to ski. Her brother and son taught her to waterski.



Unfortunately, her kids don't ski much these days but Agnes does— every chance she gets. Her son owns a boat and they spend a couple of weeks with her family and the boat in New Orleans each year. She recently purchased a wake board and while she had gotten pretty good, she still prefers to water ski.

Agnes manages to fit in tennis three to four times a week. She's always up for a last minute game. Meanwhile, you may find her hiking, biking and roller blading in Eldorado Park or at the beach. In the early evenings she goes walking with her daughter and friends.

But her first love is snow skiing. She is always up for a new adventure. She has a great network of friends she likes to travel with. In recent years, she has been to France, China, Switzerland, South America and Italy as well as Colorado, Utah, and Mammoth.

Her next year's big trip will be to Austria with stops in Munich and Prague. And of course she plans to ski at Mammoth whenever she can.

Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471

Norm Azevedo / 925-944-9816

It a good idea to re-visit California Boating Safety Rules every year. A number of the rules that apply to boats and PWCs also apply to skiers or boarders being towed.

Reckless & Negligent Operations—

No person shall operate any vessel or manipulate water skis, aquaplane, or similar device in a reckless or negligent manner. The failure to exercise the degree of care necessary to prevent endangering life, limb, or property is considered reckless and negligent.

Some activities considered negligent or reckless operation in California:

- Speeding in confined, congested or restricted areas no-wake zones.
- Operating under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.
- Buzzing or wetting down other boaters or reckless operation of a ski boat.
- Allowing a passenger to ride on the gunwale, bow, transom or in any other position obviously dangerous may be considered negligent operation.
- Maneuvering towed skiers or towed devices as to pass the towline over another vessel or its skier.
- Navigating a vessel, skis or other devices between a towing boat and its tow or tows.

Additional laws that apply to personal watercraft (PWC).

- Jumping the wake of another vessel within 100 feet of the other vessel.
- Aiming a PWC at another person or vessel and swerving at the last minute to spray.

- Operating a PWC close to another vessel so that they must swerve to avoid a collision.
- Operating a PWC between sunset and sunrise, even if it is equipped with navigation lights.
- Self-circling devices on personal watercraft may not be altered if equipped with such a device.
- Personal watercraft may not operate without a properly attached emergency engine cutoff lanyard that runs from the power switch to the operator's body.

Age & Horsepower Restrictions—

A person under the age of 16 may not operate a motorboat or PWC of more than 15 horsepower unless the



boat is a sailboat and does not exceed 30 feet in length. The law does allow persons aged 12-15 to operate motorboats of more than 15 horsepower, a PWC or sailboats over 30 feet if supervised by a person on board who is at least 18 years of age.

FITNESS

Swimming to Tone Ski Muscles—

Swimming has high aerobic value, can quickly burn calories, and can be a great cross training program for snow skiing and boarding fitness. Swimming is not

going to bulk up muscle mass, but you don't need that anyway.

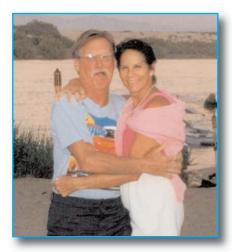


When done correctly, for duration and distance, swimming builds coordination. It involves an amazing number of muscle groups, all of which are involved with skiing or boarding. As with most sports, learning and perfecting a good swimming style when young, makes swimming for aerobic effectiveness a lifelong and enjoyable exercise.

Not all adult swimmers have developed a swimming technique that allows them to keep swimming for the time needed to get an effective workout without becoming out of breath. Not to worry, there are lessons, classes, and programs that can completely make over, or improve, your swimming style. They will help you effectively and efficiently tone swim your ski muscles into shape for long days on the snow. •

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ever so often I go through my old photos and encounter pictures from past trips and sometimes I wonder who these people are but more often I wonder where the heck they are.



Jim & Betty Jeffery-

This summer **Jim & Betty Jeffery** drug their trailer across country for 7,000 miles to Florida, Carlsbad Caverns, Mt. Rushmore, The Badlands, Memphis, New Orleans, etc. They had a blast.

They will be going to Mexico soon for a second honeymoon (9 years now) in September. Then it's back to work at Mammoth Mountain again for the 2008-09 season. This year they plan to rent a place rather than stay in their trailer.

Jim is about number 15 of the top private ski instructors in Mammoth since last year. He has done remarkably well for being here such a short time and built up a good private clientele. He still enjoys it.

The Griffins-

Kim Griffin sent me this email. As you will read they have been really busy.

"We were so looking forward to getting some water skiing in this summer but things seem to just get in the way.

I have been very busy with work. I have been traveling to Washington, DC about once a month since April for a week or so at a time. Since the schedule of events keeps shifting it is hard to plan free weekends.

Scott has been accommodating my schedule with getting the boys around to their events.

Conor was busy with summer school and Sean was busy with Drama camp preventing us from going in June and July. Boy Scout camp this week prevents us from going in early August and now it looks like late August is out. We will not probably make any trips once school starts due to Football (Conor) and Soccer (Sean).

I hope we can do better next year."



Pictured in 2007 at the river L to R—Kim, Sean, Connor, Scott Griffin.

Marie Estocin-

In May, after living in Durango, CO for two years, **Marie Estocin** has sold her townhouse and taken to the road for a year before she will once again settle in San Diego.

Her first adventure was a riverboat cruise down the Volga River in Russia. The trip to Russia was very pleasant and interesting.

When she returned from Russia, she traveled by car visiting daughters and friends in NM, Utah, Idaho, California with stops in Zion and Bryce.

In mid-September Marie flies to Italy to study the language and explore the



country. Her first destination upon arriving in Italy is to Cinque Terre where she will be doing some hiking and enjoying that area before her school starts in Siena on September 22.

Her plans are to stay for three months unless she gets tired of traveling. Currently she plans on being back in San Diego around the first of the year. •

Susan Weaver-

I recently got this email from Susan Weaver. "We've had a busy summer, with DAILY trips to Denver for Paul and some wonderful family trips to see our beloveds. Paul is facing some intensive (read: EXPENSIVE!) dental work to correct over-radiation from the cancer, and I soon will be hobbling back to the orthopod for my left hip.

Other than that, all is well and we are alive and happily together!"

Susan and Paul are living and loving their life in Avon, CO. ◆

FAR WEST CONVENTION WRAP-UP-

by Gene Fulkerson, photos by Emilo Trampuz

The 76th annual Far West convention took place in Bellevue, WA at the Westin on June 5-8, 2008.

Pac Rim takes 1st and 2nd in the Far West A Club Awards-

It was a great convention for Pacific Rim as we were awarded a 1st for our web site and a 2nd place for our newsletter. Thank you, Catherine, for a job well done.

The Silent Auction—

Pacific Rim was represented by attendees, Catherine Ohl and Gene Fulkerson. Other members included John & Claudia Watson.

Once again we had lots of fun running around trying to outbid our fellow skiers. We lost most of what we bid on but did get a trip to Big Sky and one to Fernie and Kimberley. The hardest part will be trying to schedule it all in. Thanks goodness I am retired.

We really enjoyed meeting with the special guests, especially Robin Morning, along with the originators of the "Ski Show" Jerry Simon and Harold Leonard.

Awards-

Catherine brought the two books that won awards this year. This are both very impressive. Robin's "Tracks of Passion" is an amazing pictorial history of Mammoth and Dave McCoy. Chris' "Ski the 14ers" details his achievement in skiing all 54 of the 14,000+ plus peaks in Colorado— all in one year. He also has a web site (skithe14ers.com) with lots of photos.

2009 Convention-

The convention went as expected. We had a great time and intend to go again next year when it will be in Reno, NV at the Peppermill Resort & Casino, June 4-7, 2009. ◆



Gene Fulkerson & Catherine Ohl accept Pacific Rim's First Place award for their web site.



Snowbuilder Awardees-

Barbara Simon

Jerry Simon

Harry Leonard

John Watson

2008 FAR WEST AWARDS

Hans Georg

- Long-term contributions

Donn Bryant

Sierra Council

Elizabeth Schatzi Wood

- Female One or Two-Year Contribution

Mary Olhausen

Northwest Council

J. Stanley Mullin

- Male One or Two-Year Contribution

Arleigh Meiner

Arizona Council

Craig Faitel

Vail Resorts

Singles Race League

Jordon-Reily

- Public Affairs

Rich Marriott

Jerry Simon & Harold Leonard

King Channel 5, Seattle

Snowsports Builder

Terry Smith

- Racing

Jimmie Heuga

- Humanitarian

Tom Peirce US Adaptive Recreation Center

Tommi Tyndall - Ski Industry Contribution

Bill Mackey

- Ski Industry Employee

Cyd Heatherly

Snowbasin

President's Awards

Robb Margrave, Scholarship Program Joe Coles, Intermountain Council

US Alpine Ski Team

Bill Berry

- Feature Article

Chris Davenport "Ski the 14ers" Book

Bill Berry

- Hard News

Freelance Ski Writer

Warren Miller

Documentary Group / Sony Pictures

"Steep"

Walter Roessing

- Modern Media

Safety Awards

Randy Salsman, Bay Area Council

History Award

Robin Morning, "Tracks of Passion" Dennis Heffley, Bay Area Council

Councils Man & Woman

Sheri Parshall, Northwest Council

INDUSTRY-

ski news

Fire Threatened Red Lodge Ski Resort-

In Montana, The Red Lodge Ski Area had been partially evacuated as a forest fire threatened the area. While the Forest Service had about 700 firefighters fighting the blaze the ski area's snowmaking guns were focused on the buildings and chairlifts to keep the flames at bay, it was just 10% contained as of August 1. By the second week of August the fire was contained and there was not damage to the Reld Lodge Ski Resort.



Snowbowl Wins Snowmaking Appeal-

Several Native American tribes had appealed that 2006 District Court approval for snowmaking using reclaimed water in the San Francisco Peaks, claiming that this use of water on land the tribes consider sacred violated their religious freedom.

A three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit heard that appeal in 2007 and sided with the tribes. When reheard by the full eleven-member court, though, the judges upheld the earlier District Court ruling. The vote was 8 to 3.

Chile Ski Resort Closed by Volcano-

The Llaima Ski Area in Chile was closed down and evacuated in July as the volcano on which the ski area is located started spewing out lava flows up to two kilometers long just above the ski runs. The biggest fear is that the heat of the lava will melt snow causing landslides and flash floods below.

Compagnie Des Alpes Report Record Winter-

The Compagnie des Alpes, the world's largest ski lift and resort operator by passenger numbers, has announced record lift ticket sales for the 2007-08 winter season. During the first nine months of the company's financial year ski area sales grew by 23% on a real basis, largely because of the consolidation of STVI (Val d'Isère) and SFB (Saas Fee) lift companies.

The third quarter was affected by a slow month of April. This was due to an Easter weekend that fell in March, and to an unfavorable spring holiday schedule in France.

Snowbird Lowers Season Pass Price-

Snowbird is dropping the prices on some of its early-purchase 2008-09 season passes. The Family of Four Pass, which includes unlimited tram use, was \$2,477 last year; this year it's \$1999. The resort's young adult pass for those born on or after November 1, 1983 (new this year) is \$629. These individuals would have paid \$1,049 last year. Other reductions include Snowbird's adult unlimited pass (\$999, including tram) which cost \$1,049 last year, and the chairlift-only adult unlimited pass (\$899), which was \$919 last year. •



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Vail Offer New Epic Pass—

New for the 2008-09 season is Vail's EPIC Season Pass. With this pass, you will have unlimited and unrestricted access to six of the best resorts in the world: Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly and Arapahoe Basin. Unlimited (where you want, when you want) and Unrestricted (no blackout dates). It's enough to excite the senses and, at \$579, boggle the mind. Visit www.Epicpass.com to learn more about the pass and additional benefits it offers.

Epic Passes are only available until November 15, 2008. Price subject to change. ◆



Horzion Flys into Mammoth-

Horizon Air announced they will offer new daily nonstop flights from Los Angeles to Mammoth Mountain for the 2008/2009 winter sports season starting December 18.

Horizon's new flight is expected to boost tourism to Mammoth by facilitating inbound travel from a wide variety of national and international airlines that fly into LAX. Similarly, travelers from Mammoth will gain an easier way to travel, with connections to dozens of destinations coast to coast and around the world served by Alaska, Horizon and other airlines at LAX.

The new daily service runs from December 18, 2008, through April 12, 2009. The one-hour-and-five-minute flight departs Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) daily at 2:20 p.m. and arrives at Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) at 3:25 p.m. The return flight leaves Mammoth at 4:05 p.m. and arrives at LAX at 5:10 p.m.

Service will be via Bombardier Q400 aircraft, a 74-76-seat, high-speed, fuel-efficient twin-engine plane.

Fall Fun-

Non-existent crowds and changing leaves make Fall the perfect time to explore the endless hiking terrain in the Mammoth Lakes area, mountain biking trails in town, or the links at Sierra Star.



Treat yourself to the breathtaking sights of Mammoth in the fall. Mammoth's Fall package is crafted for those looking for a retreat into the mountains during one of the Sierra's most beautiful seasons.

Stay at the Mammoth Mountain Inn for as low as \$79 per night. One-bedroom suites at Juniper Springs Resort start at \$119 and The Village Lodge starts at \$134 nightly.

Mammoth's Bike Park and Scenic Gondola Rides are closed for the season.

A Day in Reds Meadow-

Reds Meadow is the section of National Forest on the back side of Mammoth Mountain. It's basically the valley floor between Mammoth and the Minarets, and it's much more than a meadow.

Check out Devils Postpile National Monument, scenic alpine lakes and the San Joaquin River meandering through the pines and tumbling over 100 feet at Rainbow Falls.



There aren't many amenities back here, though, so be sure to bring plenty of water with you for a day in Reds Meadow.

A shuttle bus constantly loops from Mammoth Mountain down into the valley and back again, with ten stops for visitors to get on and off all they want. Everyone who visits for the day is required to park their car at Mammoth and take the bus in (this helps reduce traffic and pollution). Hop on as early as 7:15am; tickets are available at Mammoth Adventure Center.

January Midweek Madness Package—

Prime skiing at Mad prices this January! Lift and lodging packages starting from \$119*.

Sample some of the season's best conditions with one of the best deals of the entire year.

Lodging package valid: January 4 - 29, 2009. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights at the Mammoth Mountain Inn, the The Village Lodge, Juniper Springs Resort, and Tamarack Lodge and Resort.

Lift Tickets valid after checkin: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

*Price based on double occupancy, per person/per night, 2 night minimum required. Rooms and prices based on availability. Restrictions apply. Does not include taxes or fees. •



More New Airline Fees

These days, it pretty hard to keep up with all the airline changes and fees. But what can we expect? It's hard to say, since the fees vary from airline to airline, and are changing almost weekly. TIME.com has done a survey to see who is charging for what.

With the caution that things could change even before your next trip to the airport, here's a run-down of the current status of passenger fees on nine major carriers, ranked from the friendliest to the stingiest.

Southwest

The one major airline that is bucking the trend of increasing fees, Southwest still doesn't charge for checked bags (up to two), non-alcoholic drinks, blankets or making a change in your flights. The discount airline has even launched an ad campaign to brag about that fact. Its new slogan: "Fees don't fly with us."

Virgin America

In these straitened times, a pretty good deal. Your first checked bag is free (the second is \$25); drinks and pillows are too; and the fee for changing flights is a relatively nominal \$75.

Delta

Among the major carriers, Delta has done the best job of holding the line on fees: no charge for the first checked bag (\$50 for the second), free drinks and blankets, and a change fee that hasn't increased from \$100.

Jet Blue

If they don't turn up the air conditioning and force you to buy that blanket and pillow, the airline is still relatively flyer-friendly: no charge for first checked bag, free soft drinks and unlimited snacks, and a \$100 change fee.

Continental

No charge for the first checked bag (\$25 for the second) and it's holding the line on the other freebies, like drinks and blankets, as well as still offering free meals like sandwiches, burgers and pizza. But they recently raised their change fee from \$100 to \$150.

Northwest

Recently increased the fee for making flight changes to \$150, to go along with a \$15 charge for the first checked bag (\$25 for the second). Non-alcoholic drinks and blankets are still free.

American

Also hitting you up for \$150 to make flight changes, and charging \$15-\$25 for the first and second checked bags, with soft drinks and bedding still gratis.



United

A similar package — \$15-\$25 checked-bag fees, \$150 to make flight changes. Plus an extra wrinkle: the highest standby fee in the business: \$75 if you want to fly standby on a different flight the same day, a service that for years was free and now commonly costs \$50 on several airlines.

US Airways

Broke new ground recently by starting to charge for all beverages: \$2 for a soft drinks (and even a bottle of water), \$1 for coffee or tea. Checked bags cost \$15 and \$25, flight changes are \$150. •

False Rumors about Delta—

With the escalating charges being assessed by the airlines these days, it is sometimes hard to determine what is true and what is rumor. The latest rumor is that Delta will be charging a \$175 oversize fee for skis starting August 12, 2008. Second bag charge is \$50.

According to the Delta web site. One ski/snowboard bag and one boot bag will continue to be counted as one bag. The combined weight of the ski/snowboard bag and the boot bag may not exceed 50 pounds or excess weight charges will apply. Also the bags can only contain skis, poles (or board) and boots.

Our suggestion to skiers traveling on any flight is to follow the rules as posted on the web site but be prepared for changes in policy. You can also consider to ship you skis ahead by fed-ex for about \$30 each way. Better yet, carry your boots on board and just rent skis once you get to the resort.

KID'S KORNER 4 kids & grandkids

Swim Early, Swim Always

The earlier the better. The younger you sign your kids up for child swimming lessons, the better off they, and the better off you will be. Kids can swim at three years old. Sign them up and they'll be able to jump over their heads and swim by age four.

The longer you wait to enroll kids in swim lessons, the more afraid of the water they'll become and the larger they will be (making it harder for them and the instructor to work together, float, and relax in the water).

Pool Party!

If you have your child's friends over to swim in your pool, ask the other parents to come too. It can be a fun day for all without the added stress for you to watch everyone all the time. The more eyes the better, the safer, and the more relaxing. Here are some other tips when throwing a pool party for a child:

- Learn CPR and practice it.
- Serve cold drinks with fruit juice, not sugar.
- Require the kids to take ten minutes of every hour out of the pool and in the shade.
- Sunscreen is a one hundred percent must!

Lakes vs. Pools, Who Wins?

Want to enroll a young swimmer in swim classes? Find a group kids swim lesson at your local lake or pool. Lakes are better for younger swimmers because the kids can walk into the water from ankle deep to chest deep – always being able to put their feet on the ground. You can't do this at a pool, which are generally 3'6" deep at their shallowest.

Pools are good for kids swimming at levels 4 or higher (able to swim twenty five yards of freestyle or backstroke without aid).

Group lessons are better than private lessons and much less expensive. If your kid sees another kid swimming, he or she will be more likely to try it.

Sun Protective Swim Wear

For added protection when sun block just isn't enough, try sun protective swim Wear. There are shirts specifically designed for swimming and sun protection. These shirts will be much more hydrodynamic than just a simple coverup. Available in short and long sleeves, they are formfitting and unrestrictive. Also, there are bodysuits available for children and babies that protect their sensitive, fair skin. These garments are available for purchase at surf shops, swim shops, and many Internet stores.



Chlorine is a chemical. You'll soon find out that your swim Wear falls apart, your hair turns to straw, and your skin is dry and itchy from swimming in chlorine everyday unless you do something about it.

Try these tips:

- Rinse off in the shower after every time you swim.
- Rinse and ring your suits out and hang them to dry.
- Don't ball up your towels or they'll loose their color and their strength.
- Buy special swimmer's shampoo and use it once a week.
- Go to the salon and get a trim or treatment once every month and a half or so.
- Moisturize every single day. Don't skip a day and get moisturizer that does not have alcohol in it.







Local Ski Shows—

Save up to 70% off regular prices on a HUGE selection of brand-new, brand-name gear with full warranties!

Plus, visit with reps from dozens of resorts, and learn about all the latest technology in skiing and snowboarding!



Ski & Snowboard Show

Del Mar Fairgrounds, Pat O'Brien Hall

November 14-16, 2008

Friday November 14 4 pm to 10 pm Saturday November 15 10 am to 6 pm Sunday November 16 10 am to 6 pm

Free lift ticket to Mountain High Resort with paid admission!



Regular admission: \$15

Kids 12 & under are FREE (but no free lift ticket, sorry)

Pre-register online at **snowjamshow.com** for your free lift ticket and they'll email you a \$2 off admission coupon.



LA Convention Center – South Hall 1201 S. Figueroa, LA

December 4-7, 2008

Thursday December 4 4 pm to 11 pm Friday December 5 4 pm to 11 pm Saturday December 6 11 am to 10 pm Sunday December 7 Noon to 6 pm

Free lift ticket to Big Bear Mountain Resorts with paid admission!



Regular admission: \$17 Kids 6-12: \$5 (kids under 6: Free)

Purchase tickets online at skidazzle.com/la tickets.htm

SLAC SNOW GALA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008, 6:30 PM



Oak Tree Room

1150 Colorado Blvd., Arcadia 626.446.5951

Evening Events—



- No Host Bar
- All American Dinner (chicken, beef, fish)
- Men & Women of Year Awards
- Dancing until the wee hours (11:30 pm)
- Raffle Prizes (winner need not be present)
- Great Door Prizes (winner must be present)

Dinner Tickets & Reservations—

- Contact Karen James at 818.249.5982
 - 1812 Vickers Drive, Glendale, CA 91208
- * \$65 after October 1, 2008

Dress is Cocktail Formal

Grand Raffle— Tickets only \$1 each

- Grand Prize:
- New Intel Quad Core desktop computer with 22" LCD monitor, 2gb ddr2 ram, 250gb satall hard drive, integrated 8 channel surround sound, audio Nvidia Geforce 8400 pcie video, 20x Dual layer DVDRW w/lightscribe, Microsoft keyboard & optical mouse, Windows XP Home Black mini tower case, 6 usb 2.0 ports + Ethernet, 3 year parts warranty.
- Lots of Great Raffle Prizes:
 - Lift tickets, Lodging & more
- Winners need **NOT** be present
- Raffle Tickets:
 - Cindy Krupp at 310.319.3757, secretary@lacouncil.org

San Diego Council Invites You to Kick Up Your Heels at—

Saturday November 8, 2008 5:30 - 11:30 pm

Courtyard

Liberty Station 1/2 mi west Airport, just off N. Harbor Dr.

All this for ONLY

\$49*

Celebrating

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2592 Laning Rd, SD

San Diego Council's Man & Woman of the Year Joe Harris Service Award

5:50 PM

6:30 PM 7:30 PM

8:30 - 11:30 pm

Send check to [payable to "SDCSC"]

No Host Bar Sit Down Dinner

Award Presentations

Dance to North Star Band

Judy Schultheis

7536 El Paso Street, La Mesa, CA 91942 619.461.4478 or oohjudi@aol.com

Attire is Sewi-Formal [Black Tie Optional]

*Tickets \$59 after October 15, 2008.

The Marriott Courtyard Liberty Station—



- Hotel is located on the former ninety-five acre San Diego Naval Training Center.
- This brand-new waterfront is nestled along the water, adjacent to a beautiful 46-acre waterfront park and offers bike and quad rentals.
- A fresh-stylish on-site restaurant, bar and waterside deli offer multiple dining options with indoor and outdoor seating.

San Diego Council Saturday Activities— November 8, 2008

Barbara Blase and her Gala committee have added to the Gala and decided to make a day of it.

So whether or not you are able to attend the Gala, you can participate in the following council events.

Gene and Catherine are planning to do the bike ride so feel free to join everyone. It should be fun and we would love to see you all.



Golf and BBQ at Sail Ho at Liberty Station—

- Play 9 holes of golf course followed with a bar-be-que lunch.
- Tee time at 11 am.
- Cost is only \$33!
- For information & Reservations.

Contact Susie Vetter at sevetter1@yahoo.com or 619-435-8736

- Send check payable to "SDCSC" to Susie Vetter

> 848 D Ave. #102 Coronado, CA 92118-2191

Walk The Esplanade & Americas Museum Tour—

- Cost is Free! Wear your walking shoes!
- Meet in Marriott Courtyard Liberty Station lobby at 12:30 pm.
- For Information and Reservations.

Contact Ed & Michelle Langmaid edszhi@san.rr.com or 858-278-1774

Bicycle Shelter Island to Seaport Village—

- We will be stopping for lunch.
- Meet in Marriott Courtyard Liberty Station lobby at 10 am.
- For Information and Reservations.

Contact Stephanie Stephanie@sycinc.net or 858-232-9886

Kootenay Safari



February 28 - March 8, 2009

Trip Includes

- Eight Nights Lodging (dbl occ).
 - 3 Nights in Fernie's Ski-in/Ski-out Wolf Den's Lodge.
 - 3 Nights in Golden's Ramada Limited.
 - 2 Nights in Kimberley's Ski-in/Ski-out Trickle Creek Lodge.
- Seven Days of Lift Ticket.
 - 3 Lift Tickets for Fernie.
 - 2 Lift Tickets for Kicking Horse.
 - I Lift Ticket for Panorama.
 - I Lift Ticket for Kimberley.
- Round Trip Transfers from Cranbrook airport and resorts.
- Daily Cocktail Parties at Gene & Catherine's.
- GST & Bed Taxes.

Air Options—

- Book your own air on Delta which flys from Salt Lake City to Cranbrook, BC. There is one flight a day Saturday, and Sunday so we will all arrive and depart at the same time.
 - Promotional tickets are available until seats are gone.
 - Price out of LAX is around \$590. Includes taxes and fuel charges.
 - Price out of San Diego is around \$522. Includes taxes and fuel charges.
 - This is an international flight. At this time, you will be allowed a second bag (skis and boots) at no extra charge.

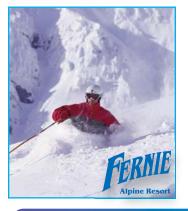
For Information & Reservations

• \$200 deposit due at sign-up.

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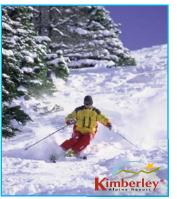
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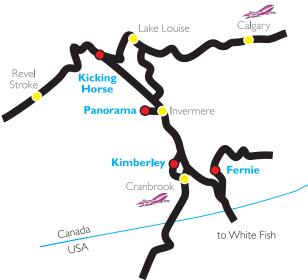
* Prices based on an exchange rate \$1 Canadian to \$1 USD. Book Air **NOW** before the price rises! Delta offers cancelation insurance for \$25 pp. Cancelation Policy will apply.











Wolf's Den Mountain Lodge

5339 Ski Hill Road, Fernie, BC, Canada 250-423-4655

The rustic Wolf's Den Mountain Lodge is set at the base of the mountain just a short walk from the center of Fernie Alpine Village.

Ski-in / Ski-out
 2 Indoor Jacuzzis
 Internet Access
 Laundry Service
 Mini Fridge
 Hair Dryer
 Cable TV
 Coffee Maker



Ramada Limited Golden

1311 - 12th St North Hwy 1, Golden, BC, Canada 250-439-1888

Ramada Limited Golden is located on the Trans Canada Highway just 15 minutes from Kicking Horse and an hour from Panorama.

- Free Wireless High Speed Internet
- Complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast
- Fitness Center
- Indoor Pool and Hot Tub
- Coin Operated Laundry



500 Stemwinder Dr., Kimberley, BC, Canada 250-427-5175

This four-story hotel offers slopeside accommodations and features 80 suite-style rooms marked by rock accents and peeled beams of lodgepole pine.

Ski-in / Ski-out2 Outdoor JacuzzisOutdoor Heated PoolFitness Facility

100% Non-Smoking

- Internet Access

- Laundry Facilities
- 24-Hour Front Desk
- Restaurant and Lounge





Kootenay Resort Statistics

Resort	Fernie	Kicking Horse	Panorama	Kimberley
Nearest town	Fernie	Golden	Invermere	Kimberley
Resort Vertical	1,068 m / 3,504 ft	1,311 m / 4,301 ft	1,160 m / 3,806 ft	1,230 m / 4,035 ft
Mountain Range	Lizard Range	Rockies	Rockies	Rockies
Number of Lifts	10	4	10	9
Highest Lift	2,671 m / 8,763 ft	2,450 m / 8,038 ft	2,380 m / 7,808 ft	1,982 m / 6,503 ft
Lowest Lift	910 m / 3,000 ft	1,190 m / 3,904 ft	940 m / 3,806 ft	1,230 m / 4,035 ft
Number Piste	102	64	100	67
Beginner	30%	26%	15%	20%
ntermediate	40%	25%	55%	45%
♦ xpert	30%	49%	30%	35%
Cross Country	-	14 km	22 km	26 km
Snowboarding:	park & halfpipe	yes	parks & halfpipe	Yes



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2008 Water Ski Program

Wake Boarding & Water Skiing at its Best!

- 2 Days Boarding & Water Skiing Equipment* Instruction Water Games •
- Sandy Beaches Camping 5 Meals Happy Hour Beer Wine Soda •

Trip Prices

\$118 * Boarders / Skiers

\$58 Non Boarders / Skiers

\$18 Children under 12

* May be subject to a fuel surcharge if gas goes above \$4 a gallon.



2008 Colorado River Schedule

Sept. 5-7 Sept. 19-21 Oct. 3-5 Oct. 17-19



For Information

Skiers/Boarders—

Patricia 323-65 I - 0686 (before 9 PM) patricia@radarriverrats.com

Boat Drivers—

Gene 858-467-9469 gene@radarriverrats.com

Revised 08/2008

Everyone is Welcome Beginner to Expert, Family and Friends!

^{* &}lt;u>Please note</u>: Our skis and wake boards are best suited for Beginners to Intermediates. We suggest that if you require more advanced equipment that you rent them from your local sporting goods store.



SUMMER MADNESS

April 5-12, 2009

Trip Includes

- Seven Nights Lodging at the Inn at Big White (dbl occ).
 - Ski-in / Ski-out, located in the Village Center.
 - Standard Room with I Queen + I Murphy Bed.
 - Rooms have Mini-fridge, Micro-wave & Fireplace.
 - Hot Tub & Sauna & Swimming Pool.
 - Free Wireless Internet.
 - Carvers Bar & Grill open Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
- FREE Five-out-of Six Day Lift Ticket.
- Round Trip Transfer from Kelowna Airport.
- Daily Cocktail Parties at Gene & Catherine's.
- One **Dinner** at Gene & Catherine's.
- GST & Bed Taxes.

Air Options

- Alaska / Horizon, Air Canada / Jazz, West Jet fly from most "Far West" airports to Kelowna.
- Big White may be able to help you get better deals. Send us your deposit and we will hook you up with the right person at Big White.
- Plan to arrive and depart when it's most convenient for you.

For Information & Reservations

• \$200 deposit due at sign-up.

Send check payable Pacific Rim Alliance, send to— Gene Fulkerson, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124.

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- 5,757 feet Village elevation.
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- The Best Ever Summer Skiing.







James & Gene studying the Madonna Map.



Peter on the Slopes of Madonna.



Linda & Alan on the Slopes of Madonna.



Stu & Barb on the Slopes of Madonna.



Heidi, Peter, Sue, Paul, Linda & Alan.

Madonna di Campiglio Wrap—

by Gene Fulkerson & Catherine Ohl Photos by Heidi Meyer, Catherine Ohl, Peter Sindelar, Paul & Sue Sindelar, Jeany Davidson

Madonna di Campiglio, a discreet and elegant town nestling at an altitude of 5,000 feet in the stupendous valley between the Brenta Dolomites and the glaciers of Adamello and Presanella, is most certainly Italy's number one ski resort as well as one of the most important resorts in the Alps.

Most of us met up in Atlanta to connect with our Delta flight to Milan. **Jim Gable** and **Ann Kim** had to cancel out at the last minute. We sure did miss them. **Barb** and **Stu Baily** left a week early so they could ski some of their favorite resorts like Moena and the Val di Fasse.

The weather took a turn for the worse but then it snowed and we started the week off with decent snow. **Jeanne Talbot** and **Jim Knapp** were in town and stopped by for cocktails to visit and update us on the best areas to ski.

Gene Fulkerson, scooped out the best place to rent skis, and herded his flock to pick up rentals on Monday. Peter, Paul & Sue Sindlear, Alan Friedman and Linda Mueller were first to hit the slopes. Gene, Catherine Ohl and James Davidson got going a bit later. Barb and Stu made an afternoon of it.

Kathy Bell and **Gary Bunney** walked the town. **Jeany Davidson**, who was recovering from an injury, with **Heidi Meyer** visited a neighboring town.

Later in the week, **Jeany** and **James** rented a car and traveled to Trento. **Heidi, Sue, Paul, Peter, Linda** and **Alan** hopped the bus and hooked up with a local who showed them his town.

We stayed at the Miramonti Park Hotel which is arguably the best hotel we've ever stayed in Europe. And the food was definitely the best ever. And the staff was so very helpful at every turn.

After a week of skiing we went off in various directions. **Kathy** and **Gary** left from Milan to hike the Cinque Terra— a five mile stretch of rocky coast in eastern Liguria, Italy, where there are five castles, at nearly the same distance one from the other.

Barb and **Stu** headed home as did **Alan** and **Linda**. **Peter**, **Paul** and **Sue** picked up a car in Milan and headed back to Venice, Florence, Pisa and other cities in Northern Italy.

Sorrento Extension—

Heidi, Jeany, James, Gene and Catherine took off for Sorrento and arrived with just enough time to visit Pompeii. These ruins are amazing. We didn't get to see it all but we power walked as much as we could.

The next day, was rainy but we figured we would go to Capri anyway. We met up with a local **Jeany** found who escorted us to the island and gave us a tour. Unfortunately, we were unable to take the one person chair to the top or a boat to the Blue Grotto.

Our tour guide from Capri hooked us up with "his cousin" for a private car tour of the Amalfi coast. The Amalfi Coast is a stunning beauty with steep sloped lemon tree gardens and colored terrace houses and stunning views of an azure sea. We stopped in Positano and ended in Amalfi.

We also made two unscheduled stops so that **James** and **Jeany** could purchase a spectacular "Italian" table.

Our trip was over way too fast. All of us are already planning a return visit. •

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Heidi & Linda at Dinner in Madonna.



It took a week but Gene got her to smile.



Gene, Jeany, Catherine & James at the Dock



Kathy & Gary at Dinner in Madonna.



Our Wonderful Staff in Madonna.



Gene & Jeany at Lunch on Capri.



Alan & Peter at Dinner in Madonna.



Sorrento Sunset viewed from our Balcony.



James, Catherine, Heidi, Jeany, Gene on Capri.



Sue & Paul at Dinner in Madonna.



Pompeii was Amazing.



James & Jeany buying a Table on Amalfi Coast.



Stu & Barb at Breakfast in Madonna.



Catherine, Gene, Jeany & James in Pompeii.



Gene talks to the Ducks (and the pigs).

MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S BENEFITS

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS FAR WEST BENEFITS

The FWSA membership card below identifies the cardholder as a member of not only Pacific Rim, but also as a member of Far West Ski Association [FWSA] during 2008-09.

The card entitles you to receive a variety of benefits as listed on the FWSA web site [www.fwsa.org].

Other membership benefits include excellent trips at reduced prices, recreational racing, social activities, industry discounts and the opportunity to participate in Far West's special events.



FWSA 2008-2009 Membership Card Expires June 30, 2009 www.fwsa.org

Name_

Club Pacific Rim Alliance

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.



MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS NSCF BENEFITS

The National Ski Council Federation has new 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.

Check out www.skifederation.org for the complete list of benefits. Go to the "Members Only" area and input the following:

User Name: skiclub
Password: member

HOT DEALS AT NSCF

See NSCF website www.skifederation.org for further details.

- Cellular Abroad, 3019 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA, (800) 287-3020. \$25 off international phone rental or purchase & \$10 off SIM card purchase at www.cellularabroad.com.
- Mountain Chalet, City of Industry, CA, (800) 535-5438. 15% off orders over \$50 on snowsports posters, cards, t-shirts, cabin decor and other vintage gift items at www.mchalet.com.
- Penguin Group USA, New York, NY, (212) 366-2368. 15% off online book purchases at http://us.penguingroup.com.
- Hertz Car Rentals . Up to 20% off in the U.S. & Canada and up to 25% off Europe at www.hertz.com.
- Sport Innovations, Washington Depot, CT, (860) 488-5973. 50% off Heat Vario Plus shoe dryers and heaters from Mematec Products at www.sport-innovations.com/skiclub.
- SportStar Pro Sales (ProSunglass), 258 South Taylor Ave, Louisville, CO, (800) 784-4090. Up to 35% off Bolle goggles and up to 36% off Bolle helmets plus other manufacturers' products at pro form prices at www.ProSunglass.com (see NSCF website for further details).
- Ski Daddle Rolling Ski Tote, Arlington, TX, (817) 939-4571. 33% off at www.dfw.net/~morris/nscf.html (see NSCF website for further details).
- Breeze Ski/Max Snowboard Rentals, (800) 525-0314
 x122. (60 locations in U.S./Canada CA, CO, NM, OR, UT, WY, British Columbia, Alberta). 30% off rentals, 25% off shop services & 10% off retail sales at www.SkiRental.com.
- RentSkis.com (100 locations in U.S./Canada CA, CO, ID, UT, WY, British Columbia, Alberta), (800) 544-6648.
 25% off online equipment rentals at www.rentskis.com (some black out dates).
- Terry Sports (4 locations Steamboat Summers, CO & Taos, NM), (800) 233-7547. 25% off rentals, 25% off shop services & 20% off retail merchandise at www.TerrySports.com. ◆

SNOWBOARD



Safety in Terrain Parks-

Terrain parks are fun and a good thing to have, but the resorts have gotten ahead of themselves and they need to make sure they are following some safety guide-

lines. There are no industry-wide guidelines for building terrain-park features.

The features in a terrain park change at different points in a day, when the sun comes or the wind blows harder. The way the features are used changes. Safety should be a function of the rider and their speed and the angle of takeoff and all these things. There are a lot of variables in a terrain park that makes riding thm attractive.

If you ride in terrain parks long enough, you are going to get hurt. You should preview any jump before you jump. It's your responsibility to be safe. And wear your helmet if you're going to jump. •

Membership Application 2008-09

ALL Pacific Rim Alliance attendees must be a member to participate in one of our trips. Our membership year is from July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

To join the Pacific Rim Alliance, fill out the following and send with your check [payable to Pacific Rim Alliance to:

PACIFIC RIM ALLIANCE 10818 VIACHA DR., SAN DIEGO, CA 92124

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Pacific Rim Trip Sign-Up Form

[You must be a current member to sign up for this trip— include Dues and Membership Application if not a member] 🔲 Kootenay Safari, 2009 PRINTED NAME[S] ☐ Big White, Canada, 2009 ☐ New Zealand, 2009 STREET ADDRESS ZIP CITY STATE HOME PHONE FAX E-MAIL **DEPOSIT DUE:** \$200 pp for Kootenay Safari \$200 pp for Big White \$400 pp for New Zealand Send this Form with Your Deposit Made out to Pacific Rim Alliance to:

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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. The Alliance is a member of San Diego Ski Club Council, Los Angeles Council, Far West Ski Association.

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.

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