

BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL



A member of the Far West Ski Association
and the National Ski Council Federation,
representing direct members and
15 ski and snowboard clubs

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BAC Meetings:

Meetings held at Don Jose's
Mexican Restaurant, 3430 Village
Dr., Castro Valley

January—General/Board meet-
ings via Zoom only



Paul Vlasveld
President

I am looking forward to an exciting 2024. I hope everyone had a great New Year's Eve and have a safe and great New Year. We are getting snow at Tahoe. Not quite what we had last year. It looks like the French Alps at Les Gets is getting a bit more snow per my sister.

Here are my goals for the coming year:

1. Continue to encourage the clubs to plan mini ski trips to Lake Tahoe and other destinations. I believe that mini ski trips (3-4 days) can help to attract new members to our clubs. BAC is here to help promote these events.
2. Racing – I believe that racing is another opportunity for clubs to attract members who would like to see how much fun racing is and meet other club members. In addition, there are clinics to help racers become better and safer skiers.
3. Cross promotion – BAC can help all our clubs promote their events throughout the year by publishing the club events on our website and in our newsletter. We will be exploring venues to promote the clubs. Additional club forums for clubs to exchange ideas and best practices.

Reminder – Now that ski season is here, BAC wants to make sure that you get **to, and from, the mountain safely with essential driving tips presented by BAC Past-President Dennis Heffley.** Check it out at our website – Survive the Drive.

General meeting

January 8, 2024 - BAC General meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm, Zoom only.

Nominations and election of BAC President at General meeting

During the BAC General Meeting, nominations will open for the position of President of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. Nominations will open at the January 8, 2024, BAC General Meeting. That night the nomination will be closed followed by voting for the BAC President.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The person who is elected at our BAC January General Meeting will assume the office of BAC President Elect till June when they become BAC President.

During our February 12, 2024, BAC General Meeting we open nominations for all voted in Board of Director positions. As with the position of BAC President, all voted in BAC BOD Offices are a one (1) year term with No Term Limit. We hope all our current officers are interested in continuing, but we encourage YOU to think about what office you'd either like to chair or become a committee member of. Yes, we need people to assist us with each office!

More important than anything else is to enjoy and share the fun of being the President of the Greatest Council in the Far West Ski Association!

The term of the BAC President is one (1) year with No Term Limit. Election at the January Meeting brings the office of President Elect till our meeting in June where the transition to BAC President takes place.

It is the incredible volunteers on the BAC board that make being President such a pleasure.

Club Reps,

2023-2024 FWSA membership cards. The membership cards have been mailed to all the clubs that have paid their dues.

Far West Skier Guides – This year's Skier's Guide is an online version only. The link to the Skier's guide has been published on the www.skibas.org website. I have 10 copies of the printed version of the Skier's Guide. Let me know if your club would like a copy of the Skier's Guide.

91st FWSA Convention

For the 91st Convention to be held in Reno from June 6-9, 2024, at the Atlantis Hotel and Casino. BAC and Sierra Council will be co-hosting the convention. Our theme is "Altitude with Attitude". I encourage all clubs and club members to think about attending. The convention is in our backyard. Please note: Hotel Registration Cut-Off date is **MAY 16TH**. Here is the link to the information -- <https://www.skibac.org/docs.ashx?id=1242960>

I am looking for volunteer committee chairs for the following tasks. If you are interested, contact me and I can review the tasks for each one. I will schedule regular FWSA BAC committee sessions. I think if there is one volunteer that can coordinate the below items 2-5 as they are in the same suite.

Please send me ideas for the swag item with our logo on it we should include in the participant bags. This can be a bottle opener, luggage tag, tiny flashlight, etc. I need to decide by the end of Jan.

Friday Night Ski Club Happy Hour
Beer and Wine Donations

Table Centerpieces/Decorations for Awards Banquet. I especially need several volunteers to coordinate this task and determine what they should look like.

Coordinate Volunteers.

Club awards

Start thinking about the following awards categories. These will be awarded at the convention.

1. Website
2. Newsletter
3. Charities
4. Safety History

The information has been sent to the Club reps and the link is on the BAC website about the various award categories and how to apply.

Travel

Do not forget to start planning your next travel trip by signing up for one of the following fantastic Bay Snow Sports Council (BAC) and FWSA trips.

BAC Mini Ski Week 2024 - Whitefish Montana – March 2024.

FWSA Domestic Ski Week – Steamboat Springs – Jan 27-Feb 3, 2024

FWSA Domestic Ski Week – Banff Springs – Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2025

BAC – Bike and Barge – Netherlands – May 2024

Far West has many other trips planned for next year. Go to the link at www.skibac.org

Racing

The racing schedule has been published. The first 2 races will be the weekend of Jan 13-14 with a clinic on Jan 12. Racer registration is open for Open league and Singles League. Please encourage your club members to try racing. Remember, Racing is for everyone from beginner to expert. All ages are welcome. Racing is a great way to meet other club members. In addition, there are reduced lift tickets for the racers. If you are interested in racing, check the Open league and Singles league websites and your club racing team. The registration instructions are on the respective league websites.

Open league -- <https://sites.google.com/site/openleaguerracing/race-schedule>

Singles league -- <http://slracing.org/index.html>

As always, I would like to thank all the volunteers and board members that contribute to the continuing success of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas, concerns, and suggestions. Remember Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs (BAC) is your Council.

The Mantra is Snow, Snow, Snow

Paul Vlasveld
Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) President

Calendar of Activities

JANUARY, 2024

1/27-2/3 FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat, CO

FEBRUARY

2/25-3/3 FWSA Int'l Ski Week to Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy

MARCH

3-9 BAC Mini Ski Week to Whitefish, MT

THINGS TO COME

For more info/details go to skibac.org [Calendar of Events]

6/6-9 FWSA 91st Convention, Atlantis Casino, Reno, NV
9/28-10/7 FWSA 2024 Africa Adventure Trip Tanzania & Zanzibar

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Happy New Year 2024! Has your club honored a club member and sent the name to me for BAC's Volunteer of the Year? The FWSA program covers all member Councils and highlights the extraordinary accomplishments that members can make within the skiing industry and their own club.

Send the name of your club's Volunteer of the Year to me at henryka-ren@comcast.net before January 31, 2024.

BAC is honoring all club Volunteers of the Year on **February 28** at Don Jose's Restaurant, 3430 Village Dr, Castro Valley, at 6:00 pm. Club presidents and Volunteers with their spouse/significant other are invited to attend.

Award covers the past FIVE years (2019-2024). Emphasis remains on grass roots participation at the club and council levels. Please let me know about your attendance in order to have the appropriate space.

Harry Davis,
BAC Public Affairs



Harry Davis
BAC Public Affairs/
Communities



Travel Time:

Wishing you a wonderful New Year full of good times & new ski adventures!

We need **ONE MALE ROOMMATE** to share a double room on our exclusive **BAC 2024 Mini Ski Week to**



Gail Burns
BAC Travel
Director

Whitefish Montana from March 3-9th, 2024 ! Please go online to Sports America to register for this trip or if you have questions please contact Janet Spencer, Trip Leader, at jspen52@gmail.com. You can also join in the exciting day trip to beautiful Glacier National Park for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing.

The **BAC 2024 FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat** from January 27-February 3rd, 2024 is full! Please contact Karen Albrecht, our trip Leader, at iplaythird@yahoo.com, if you want to get on the waitlist in case of a cancellation to join our BAC group. The **FWSA 2024 North American Mini Ski Trip to Copper Mountain Colorado from March 17-22, 2024** is almost full. This five night trip has both condo & hotel room lodging options and Copper Mountain is on the IKON pass. You can sign up with Sports America.

The **2025 FWSA Ski Week** will be to **Banff Canada from January 28-February 5th, 2025**. We will be bidding on our BAC lodging choices soon & will keep you posted.

Time to plan ahead for our **BAC exclusive Bike & Barge from Bruges, Belgium to Amsterdam from May 8-15, 2025** with a pre-trip from May 5-8th to Keukenhof Gardens to see the tulip flower displays. We have reserved the entire Magnifique II barge, operated by Girolibero, which accommodates 34 bikers. Please stay tuned for more information in February.

All the best in 2024!

Gail Burns
BAC Travel Director

REGULAR SEASON 2024 and FAR WEST CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

All races are subject to change - see www.olrc.org for more information

Races and Training

CLINIC - January 12 Friday - Alpine Meadows (Cost tbd)

Race 1 - January 13 Saturday morning - Alpine Meadows - Giant Slalom

Race 2 - January 13 Saturday afternoon - Alpine Meadows - Giant Slalom

Race 3 - February 16 Friday - Northstar - Giant Slalom

CLINIC - March 15 Friday - Alpine Meadows (Cost tbd)

Race 4 - March 16 Saturday morning - Alpine Meadows - Slalom

Race 5 - March 16 Saturday afternoon - Alpine Meadows - Slalom

Race 6 - March 22 Friday - Northstar - Giant Slalom

Since we have races on Saturdays at Alpine Meadows, here is the link to make a parking reservation.

ParkPalisadesTahoe.com

Far West Championships

April 3-4, 2024 Mammoth Mountain

Southern California FWRA Sanctioned Races

~~CLINIC - December 7 Thursday - Mammoth Mountain CANCELLED~~

~~Races - December 8 Friday - Mammoth Mountain CANCELLED~~

CLINIC - February 29 Thursday - Mammoth Mountain

Races - March 1 Friday - Mammoth Mountain

www.olrc.org

FWSA 2024 Int'l Ski Trip to Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy

BASIC Ski Week – Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy February 25–March 3, 2024

(Group Air Departs US Feb. 23rd, 1 night stay at airport hotel on Feb. 24th, and returns to US from Milan Malpensa Airport on Mar. 4, 2024)

Opt. Extension Trip: Milan, Verona and La Spezia, Italy, March 3–10, 2024

(Group Air Departs US Feb. 23rd, 1 night stay at airport hotel on Feb. 24th, and returns to US from Milan Malpensa Airport on Mar. 11, 2024)



HOLIDAY SKI TOURS

All Prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro vs. \$1.10 USD and subject to change.

4* Lodging at Hotel Relais Des Alpes!

Lodging packages start at \$1979.00pp double occupancy. Single Supplements are available.

Prices are based on a minimum of 67 people and are subject to change if the minimum is not met. Air transportation is sold separately.



Madonna di Campiglio, a discreet and elegant town nestling at an altitude of 5085 feet in the stupendous valley between the Brenta Dolomites and the glaciers of Adamello and Presanella, is today most certainly Italy's number one ski resort as well as one of the most important resorts in the Alps and they have 3 Michelin Star Restaurants. The variety of its mountain surroundings means that in winter it is possible to ski over countless miles of runs, up to an altitude of 8530 feet and with different degrees of difficulty. What's more, you can set out from the center of the town and return there without ever removing your skis. Today the Ski Area has 57 lifts, and 93 miles of ski runs, with a capacity of more than 31,000 people per hour, 12 acres of snow park, 25 miles for Nordic skiing with access to Pinzolo, Folgarida and Marilleva.

Lodging Package includes:

- Transfer between Milan's Malpensa Airport via private coach to Madonna Di Campiglio.
- 7 nights' accommodation at the 4 Star Hotel Relais Des Alpes – includes portage, local taxes & fees.
- Bus transfer from the Malpensa Airport Hotel to Madonna di Campiglio.
- Breakfast daily & 5 nights' dinner at the Relais Des Alpes Hotel (2 nights to dine out in Madonna Di Campiglio).
- Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival.
- Wi-Fi for 1 device per person (Additional devices for 15 Euro at front desk).
- Welcome/Orientation on Feb. 25th at The Hotel Relais Des Alpes – 2 beverages and lite snacks.
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided.
- Optional mid-week, day tour - details to be provided.

Ext. Trip No. Italy – Milan, Verona, and La Spezia-Cinque Terra

March 3 to 10, 2024

\$1785.00pp - Double. Occ. & \$2396.00pp - Single Supp.

Based on a minimum of 35 people. Pricing is subject to change if the minimum is not met.

Prada, Versace, Dolce e Gabbana...these luxury brands find their home in the fashion capital of the world and find irreplaceable experiences in Milan. Milan, Italy's second largest city and capital of the Lombardi region, is home to elegance, art, luxury, castles, museums and much more. Our group will crane their neck to take in all that the Duomo di Milano, Milan's staggering cathedral and we'll be offering an optional tour to the Santa Maria delle Grazie church, home of Da Vinci's "Last Supper".



Trip includes:

- All airport ground transfers for both weeks.
- 2 nights in Milan - 4 Star Hotel Nasca or similar hotel.
- 2 nights in Verona - 4 Star Hotel Palace Verona or similar hotel.
- 3 nights in La Spezia - 4 Star CDH La Spezia Hotel or similar hotel.
- 1 night hotel stay at the Malpensa Airport Hotel – Mar. 10th.
- English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour.
- Breakfast daily
- Day excursions – details to be provided.
- Day tours in Milan, Lake Como, Balsamic tasting in Modena, Verona, Cinque Terre, Portovenere & Genova
 - Stand Alone Northern Italy ONLY is available. (Excludes Madonna Di Campiglio ski week)
 - Contact Debbie Stewart for details and pricing.

For more information contact: Debbie Stewart at FWSAIntTvl@prodigy.net or cell: 559/737-0882

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Bay Area Sports Council trip to Whitefish, Montana March 3-9, 2024

<p>Lodging and Amenities Package. \$856 based on double occupancy. Single Supplement \$399 Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 nights at Grouse Mountain Lodge - Welcome Reception and Group Dinner - Free daily hot breakfast - 4 days shuttle to/from the ski resort - On demand shuttle to downtown Whitefish - Large hot tub, outdoor firepits, bar and restaurant - Cross country trails next to the lodge 	<p>Additional Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Airfare on Alaska Airlines : SFO to/from Kalispell. \$580 - Shuttle from/to Kalispell airport. \$45 - Lift tickets, dependent on age bracket (\$26-\$75 per day) - Adventure trip to Glacier National Park <p>Register online, select options and pay a deposit of \$200 to Sports America</p> <p>Follow this link: http://bac-whitefish.sat.tours/</p>
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Once you have registered, you can pay a deposit by check or credit card. There is a 3% fee when using a credit card. A deposit of \$200 deposit will hold your spot. Make checks payable to Sports America and mail to: 1700 County Rd, Suite B, Minden, NV 89423

Final Payment is due December 1, 2023

Questions? Ask the Trip Leader: Janet Spencer 925-639-9948 or email jspen52@gmail.com
or Gail Burns, gailb3098@gmail.com

BAC CST # 2050870-4

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Far West Ski Association's

2024 Mini Ski Trip

March 17–22, 2024

Copper Mtn., CO

TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT

\$944

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available.
Price does NOT include air, transfer, or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1st and you will get a discount on your trip price.
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2023*

Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs

Gold Quality Condo Lodging is supreme level of accommodation strategically located throughout the Center Village allowing convenient access in all the Resort's exciting activities. Amenities include a fitness center, outdoor spa and heated pool, underground parking. Buildings are within 0-4 min. walk to closest chairlift. Gold lodging have one bed in each bedroom and a sofa sleeper in the living room.

The Cambria Hotel is the newest building at Copper Mtn. located on the Ten Mile Creek in Center Village. Sophisticated, modern finishes throughout and a short walk to the slopes, retail, and dining. Other amenities: lobby bar open every evening and breakfast available to purchase each morning, mini fridge, comp WIFI, two outdoor hot tubs overlooking the creek, exercise room and outdoor uncovered parking.

150 Runs—25% Beginner; 24% Intermediate; 34% Advanced; 17% Expert

Contact: Nancy Ellis – 530-414-8261 – FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

Information & Online Signup: <http://fwsaminiCP.sat.tours>

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Included:

Five night's lodging

- Cambria Hotel
- *1bdrm Condo (K/Q Bedding)
- *2bdrm Condo (K/Q Bedding)
- * Gold Quality Condo Lodging

Welcome Reception

Optional for Purchase:

3-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$273

4-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$346

Discounted Equipment Rental

Copper is on the IKON Pass (Resort Access w/out reservations; Unlimited Access without Blackout dates)

Optional Activities:

- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Mountain Coaster
- NASTAR Racing
- Snowshoeing
- Sleigh Rides
- Free Mountain Tours
- Snow Maze

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



91st Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

June 6 - 9, 2024

at the

Atlantis
CASINO RESORT SPA • RENO



FWSA & FWSA



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



RENO 91ST FWSA CONVENTION 2024 BAY AREA & SIERRA COUNCIL

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

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

or call 800-723-6500, Group Name: Far West Ski Association
Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy—
\$119 (Wed - Thurs) \$179 (Fri & Sat) + \$17.50 daily resort fee
Room Registration Deadline - May 16, 2024

Hotel Features

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

Transportation

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

Convention Highlights

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

Optional Activities

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

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

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FWSA 2024 AFRICA ADVENTURE TRIP TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR



September 28—October 7, 2024

Lodging Package:

Double Occupancy \$5865 per person
Single Supplement \$6585 per person (limited availability)

Note: Group Air pricing will be available.

Package Includes:

- 1 night stay in the 4.5 Star Arusha Serena Hotel in Arusha
- 2 nights stay in the 4 Star Ngorongoro Serena Lodge in Ngorongoro
- 2 nights stay in 4 Star Serengeti Serena Lodge in Serengeti
- Game drives & private safari experiences—all meals included during the safaris
- All park fees, government taxes and service charges
- Experienced English speaking driver-guides
- Authentic Bush dinner
- Welcome & Farewell events
- Airport transfers for group air arrangements
- 1 night accommodation in the 5 Star Hotel Zanzibar Stone Town
- 2 night accommodation in the 4.5 Star Neptune Pwani Beach Resort
- Stone town tour plus Spice tour with lunch at The Beach House



Ngorongoro Crater



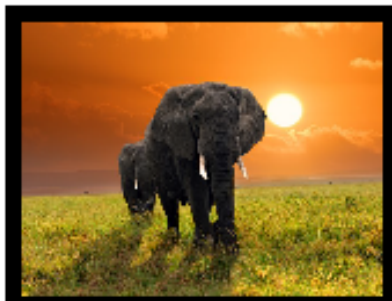
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Safari Cruiser with Cheetah



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You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn. Affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!

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Far West Ski—Racing	fwra.com
Web Cams on the Slopes	magnifeye.com
Road conditions	800-427-7623 or skibac.org
Weather	nws.mbay.net/home.html
Natl Ski Council Fed	www.skifederation.org

***Ski with Pride, Let it Ride, Watch all Sides
First with Safety Awareness***

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BAC meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Don Jose's Restaurant, 3430 Village Dr., Castro Valley