

BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL



A member of the Far West Ski Association
and the National Ski Council Federation,
representing 17 ski and snowboard clubs

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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BAC Meetings:

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

Feb 13 —Meetings will be in per-
son & via Zoom @ 6:30pm



Paul Vlasveld
President

I just returned last week from a Fantastic FWSA Ski Week at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It was great to see everyone in person at the BAC Council night event, the FWSA Dinner/Dance, and the racing. I see the importance of in person events. The racing at JH was excellent with several racers from BAC awarded medals. The Council Challenge team from BAC won 3rd place.

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

February 13, 2023 – BAC General Meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm - Zoom and In-Person at Don Jose's Restaurant in Castro Valley. For sure this time.

At the BAC General Meeting on January 09, 2023, I would like to thank the BAC membership for electing me as president of this fantastic organization. I assume the office of BAC President Elect till June when I become BAC President. The term of the BAC President is one (1) year with No Term Limit.

During our February 13, 2023 BAC General Council 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!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our February meeting we will discuss the various Club and Personal Recognition Awards available at the upcoming Far West Ski Associations 90th Annual Convention. The event takes place June 15-18, 2023, at the Boise Convention Center, Boise, ID. The entry deadline for all awards is March 25, 2022. Here is the link to the awards program:

https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=334829

URGENT!!!! -- I also have an urgent request for a theme and a logo for the 2024 convention. BAC and Sierra Council will be the hosts for the 2024 Convention in Reno.

Please send me all your ideas and logo designs. Here are a couple of suggested themes from Janet Spencer:

1. Betting on the Sierras

Altitude with Attitude

Please send me any other ideas.

Club Reps,

1. FWSA membership cards – Contact the membership Chair Benelia Terry.

Far West Skier Guide – Can be downloaded at the following link -- https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=351581

BAC Volunteer of the Year

It is not too early to start thinking about who you would like to recognize for your club and to represent BAC as the Volunteer of the Year. These are those members who tirelessly give of themselves to your club. These are those members that keep your club vibrant and exciting. More information will be coming in February. We will honor the club Volunteer of the Year in Feb at Don Jose's in Castro Valley. Stay tuned for more details coming this month. There will be some changes coming this month to help make it easier for a club to enter the Volunteer of the Year. Here is the link to the Volunteer of the Year entry information. <http://www.fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-mwofy.html>

For the BAC winner who attends the convention, FWSA and BAC will reward the winners for 2 nights lodging at the convention in addition to BAC rewarding the winners with the entry fee to the con-

vention.

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) trips:

BAC Sun Peaks Mini Ski Week - Sun Peaks, BC, Canada, February 12-17, 2023

FWSA also has several trips including a Taos mini trip at the end of this month. Here is the link for information about the mini trip. <https://www.skibac.org/travel>

Upcoming events

FWSA Convention – Boise, ID – June 15-18, 2023. This should be an exciting and fun convention. There will be optional activities including golf, Mtn Biking at Bogus basin, River rafting, etc. The convention center is in Boise, Idaho.

https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=334804

Racing

The racing season begins with the first races on February 11 and 12 at Alpine Meadows.

Remember, racing is for everyone from beginner to expert. All ages are welcome. Racing is a great way to meet other club members. If you are interested in racing check the Open league and Singles league websites and your club racing team. Registration started Jan 1.

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

Race schedule -- <https://sites.google.com/site/openleaguerracing/race-schedule>. The schedule is for both Open and Singles leagues.

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.

Now the mantra is more Snow.

Paul Vlasveld

Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) President

Calendar of Activities

<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY</p> <p>25-3/12 FWSA Int'l Ski Week to Zermatt, Switzerland</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <p>(no events posted)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> <p>(no events posted)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THINGS TO COME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more info/details go to skibac.org [Calendar of Events]</p> <p>2024: 1/27-2/3 FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat, CO</p>
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DIRECTOR REPORTS

BAC Club President and Representative Meeting

Zoom meeting
January 9, 2023

President **Paul Vlasveld** called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance on Zoom. Ten clubs were represented by a club president and/or club BAC Rep; total ten clubs represented. A quorum of 6 was established. Introductions were made all around. Paul commented on the extreme weather conditions with snow in Tahoe and flooding in many areas. Happy New Year to all!



Karen Davis
BAC Secretary

Secretary: Karen Davis - Harry David made a **motion** to approve BAC meeting minutes of December 12, 2022; seconded by Benelia Terry. Motion was approved.

Nominations for BAC President - Nominations were open for the office of BAC President. Paul Vlasveld was previously nominated. There were no additional nominations. Benelia Terry moved to close nominations, seconded by Harry Davis. Cathy Wilson made a **motion** to elect Paul to the office of President by right of acclamation; seconded by Harry Davis. Motion was approved.

Travel: Gail Burns -

FWSA 2023 Ski Week to Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, January 21-28. Karen Albrecht is

the trip leader. There are openings at both the Snow King and the Elk Country Inn. Contact Karen if you are interested.

BAC's Sun Peaks mini trip is **Feb 12-17, 2023** with 17 participants. BAC is looking for one female and one male roommates at Sun Peaks Lodge for this trip. Contact Gail if you are interested. Gail sent an email to all BAC members.

FWSA 2024 Steamboat Ski Week - Karen Albrecht is the trip leader. BAC has 74 pillows reserved at the Lodge, Trappers, and the Chateau Chamonix. All lodging is in condos with a queen or king and two twin beds. BAC will launch this trip to all at the end of February.

BAC 2023 Mini-Trip - Gail reported that Janet will go to Whitefish, Montana on a fam trip and BAC will offer a Mini-Trip to Whitefish possibly in March 2024.

Membership: Benelia Terry - Benelia welcomes San Francisco Vikings Club to BAC! The Vikings were BAC members in the past. Sunburst is mailing a check for the club.

Public Affairs: Harry Davis – FWSA and BAC's **Volunteer of the Year** program info for 2023 was sent to all BAC clubs and Harry will resend with all info. Each club is invited to send a Volunteer of the Year and guest and the club's president to the **February 22 dinner** (Don Jose's Restaurant in Castro Valley) at BAC cost. Send the Volunteer's name to Harry at harrykaren@comcast.net. BAC Volunteer ap-

BAC General Meeting

Applications need to be received by Harry before February 15.

FWSA Awards program info has been sent to all BAC contacts.

FWSA 90th Convention: June 15-18, 2023, in Boise, Idaho

Paul is doing the Charity video for Sigrid Noack of FWSA. Send club short videos to Sigrid and Paul; sharp resolution photos are best.

FWSA 91st Convention: June 6-9, 2024 in Reno, Nevada (BAC)

The FWSA Board meeting will be April 14-16 in Boise and Paul will be attending and gathering more info about the 2024 Convention. A logo is requested - anyone with a winning logo will receive a vest from BAC. Elements of a logo may include 91, Reno, FWSA, skis, board, celebrate. Sierra Council is planning optional activities.

Industry Liaison: Janet Spencer – no report

Website: Cathy Wilson – Cathy has updated the website with the latest newsletter and an updated membership form.

Communications: Dennie Warren – Send articles and photos for the BAC newsletter.

Racing: Maarten reported that the racing schedule at this time is Feb 11 at Alpine Meadows, Feb 11 at Northstar, and March 17 Friday and March 18 at Alpine Meadows. A location for Finals has not been determined.

Club Activities:

Possible Barracudas event for BAC members -

Special events are held at SAP Center. Paul will research dates and ask club members about interest. Paul has info and will query all for interest and the best dates.

Rusty Bindings – Tony Baker reported that it is time for a new website. Tony will have a looping slide show on the website - Creating Memories On and Off the Mountains. The general meetings are on Tuesdays. January 19 is movie night at El Campanil Theatre in Martinez. January 20 is an easy 20-mile bike ride. A Super Bowl party will be held at Winslow Center in Pleasant Hill on Feb 12, with a stand-up cutout of Brock Purdy.

Nisei - Armand Gutierrez reported that Board meetings are held on Zoom. Nisei members are going to Brecken-

ridge January 28 - Feb 4. Events are being planned for after the ski season.

Apres - Apres has lots of snow at the club lodge. It is hard getting in and out and involves shoveling snow! All meetings are being held on Zoom.

Oakland - Carrie Pierce reported that there are access problems (snow) and a long road to get into the cabin, although the road is plowed. It is busy at the lodge. About 20 members are going to Mammoth next week.

Sunburst - Brad Hart reported that he has skied 5 of the last 7 days!

Southbay - Pete Schmidt asked how to turn on the thermostat without power! The cabin is full and dark when there isn't any power. Candles are not allowed as they are deemed to be a fire hazard.

Fire and Ice - Benelia Terry reported that the club had a Christmas hike and a New Year's hike on Mission Peak. Members are planning to go to the 50th National Brotherhood of Skiers Summit at Vail Mountain. The club has monthly meetings.

Castro Valley - Anne Wilburn reported that club members in November went on a trolley ride in San Francisco to see the holiday lights. Meetings are being held. Club members are going to Bali in May.

Inskiers - Cathy Wilson reported that the club has monthly pot luck meetings and enjoyed an evening of viewing the lights in San Carlos. The last general meeting was at BJs in San Mateo. The cabin is open.

Snowchasers - Harry Davis reported that members enjoyed the Christmas party. General meetings are held in person twice a month. Snowchasers race team members have skied in the last month.

BAC Meetings –

February 13, 2023 - BAC General Meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm - Zoom and In-Person at Don Jose's Restaurant in Castro Valley

Nominations for elective offices will be opened at the February general meeting and elections shall be held at the April general meeting. The new Board will assume office on the third Monday in May.

March 13, 2023 - BAC General Meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm - Zoom

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis, Secretary

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BAC General Meeting

Travel Time

Our BAC Trip Leader, Karen Albrecht reports that all 55 BAC skiers had a great trip on our **BAC 2023 FWSA Ski Week to the Jackson Hole Ski Resort!** One of the highlights was our delicious BAC Council dinner with dancing at the historic Wort Hotel restaurant. Our racers enjoyed the fun race courses at the nearby Snow King resort as well.



Gail Burns
BAC Travel
Director

Please **SAVE-THE-DATE** for the **2024 BAC FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat Springs from January 27-February 2024 with Karen Albrecht as our Trip Leader!** BAC will have sign-up information available in late February with a choice of three condo properties.

BAC is also planning a Mini Ski Week to Whitefish Montana next year so Janet Spencer, our Trip Leader, will keep us posted on possible dates.

All the best to you & your loved ones for a lovely Valentine's Day!

Gail Burns
BAC Travel Director

The BAC club list of Volunteers of the Year is included in this newsletter. Please contact me at harrykaren@comcast.net if your club's Volunteer is not listed.



Harry Davis
BAC Public Affairs/Communities

BAC is honoring all club Volunteers of the Year on **February 22** 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.

Please let me know about attendance, in order

to have the appropriate space.

Harry Davis, BAC Public Affairs

BAC Volunteer of the Year 2023 Honorees:

**APRES
Helen Herzberg**

**INSKIERS
David Falconer**

**MODESTO SKI CLUB
Tim Hutton**

**RUSTY BINDINGS SKI CLUB
Tony Baker**

**SOUTHBAY SKI CLUB
Linda Lang**

Harry Davis, BAC Public Affairs

FWSA 2023 Recognition Awards

Dear Council and Club Presidents: Below is the list of the recognition awards that each council and club can submit for this year's convention. I will list the awards, the link, the chairperson contact and the industry sponsor supporting the awards. Please note the deadline for submission this year is **March 27, 2023**.

The Far West Council's Volunteer of the Year. Sponsored by **Big White Ski Resort** since 2001. Each council can nominate a man or woman to represent them at the Far West Convention. Volunteer of Year Chair is Sheri Parshall at mwofy@fwsa.org. A trip for two to Big White Resort is given to the Volunteer of Year. Link for the application is <https://www.fwsa.org/docs.ashx?id=1066599>.

The Far West Richard Lubin Safety Person of the This award recognizes an individual who has done the most to promote safe riding and promote the safety program. This can be done through a variety of methods including safety articles, on mountain activities, presentations, public speaking, working ski patrol, creating posters or banners, and many other activities.

The Chair is Monica Palmer at safety@fwsa.org. This year's sponsor is Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. The winner receives 4 nights lodging with 3-day lift passes for two. Link to application <https://www.fwsa.org/docs.ashx?id=1066510>.

The Far West Club & Council Communication Awards Clubs and councils showcase their activities for the past year by submitting an essay, their publications, social media sites and their websites. Just upload your newsletter or upload your website link for submission. The chairperson for the communication awards is Bill King at commawards@fwsa.org. The links for publications: <https://www.fwsa.org/docs.ashx?id=1066605> Newsletters <https://www.fwsa.org/docs.ashx?id=1066606>. Website <https://www.fwsa.org/docs.ashx?id=1066608> **Download Instructions**

The Far West Social Media Award The Social media pages and groups will be judged according to audience growth Facebook Page or Facebook Group that is the best version for your club or council that will match up with the criteria. The chairperson for the social media award is Todd Hood at socialmedia@fwsa.org Here are the instructions and guidelines for submission of this award: <https://www.fwsa.org/docs.ashx?id=1066672>

The Charity and Community Service Far West is committed to enhancing the quality of life within our communities by supporting charitable giving and volunteerism. Clubs and councils who participate in charities in their regions and communities will receive a certificate of recognition. The chairperson is Sigrid Noack at skisig@gmail.com. There is no official application FORM to be filled out.

To be included in the FWSA SHOWCASE video, your club or council will need to send a 2 page digital document**:

Page one is your cover page and must include your club or council's name, location, logo and council.

Page two will show your charity involvement, presented any way you would like, to make it interesting and informative to other club members, industry friends and other FWSA convention attendees.

The Environment Award Sponsored by **Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant and Crestwood Condominiums**, the Environment Award recognizes the individual who has made a significant contribution with new ideas and creative ways of protecting our environment and conserving our resources. The chairperson is Janine Rands at environment@fwsa.org. The link to download the application: <https://www.fwsa.org/docs.ashx?id=1066545>.

The winner receives a 5-night ski/board package for two that includes:

- 5 Nights Lodging split between The Gant in Aspen* and The Crestwood Hotel in Snowmass*
 - Air
 - 5 Day Lift Ticket for Buttermilk, Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands
 - 5 Days of Equipment Rentals
- Half-day Group Lesson



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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

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