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#### **BAC Meetings:**

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

April —General/Board meetings Zoom only 6:30 to 8pm



It has been a normal ski season with excellent skiing in March. It will continue to the end of May for some resorts. You can ski and hike on the same day. I hope everyone has been able to ski this season.

#### General meeting

**April 08, 2024** – BAC General Meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm. Virtual only

Paul Vlasveld President

Topic: BAC -- General and Board Meeting

Time: Apr 08, 2024, 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Cana-

Join Zoom Meeting

 $\underline{https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378476575?}$ 

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During our April BAC General Meeting, we will elect our BAC board. We have several positions open including Treasurer & Marketing. Please contact me or any other BAC Officers (complete contact list second to last page of this newsletter) with questions about any of the BAC Elected Offices. We also have a few appointed offices. In addition, if you want to volunteer to assist but not hold an office, we'd enjoy having you as a board member!

# FWSA 91<sup>st</sup> Convention – Reno, NV – Atlantis Hotel and Casino – Jun 6-9, 2024

Hosted by the BAC and Sierra Council Theme – Altitude with Attitude https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx? page id=22&club id=623165&module id=660604

There are many great events at the convention. It is a great location. There are great room rates. Why not make it a mini vacation?

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Both Councils are looking for volunteers to assist with the convention. The clubs who assist will get some renumeration for their assistance. You can signup to volunteer at the following link: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/">https://www.signupgenius.com/</a>

go/10C0B4EA5A72BAAF8CF8-48138803fwsa#/

We are looking for a table decoration chairperson and a couple of volunteers to help with the table decorations.

#### **BAC Volunteer of the Year**

It is my honor to congratulate Cathy Baird from Inskiers as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year. She has made major contributions to Inskiers. Cathy will represent Inskiers and BAC at the convention.

#### **FWSA Club Awards**

Also, consider entering the various Club Awards available at the upcoming Far West Ski Associations 91st Annual Convention in June. The entry deadline for all awards was March 18, 2024. Even though the deadline has passed you can ask the chairperson for a late submission. Here is the link to the awards program:

https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx? page\_id=22&club\_id=623165&module\_id=3348 29

Some of these awards have some great prizes for the winners. In the past there have been BAC clubs that won various awards including website and newsletter.

Club Reps, contact our Membership Director, Benelia Terry, if you require the following:
FWSA membership cards

I have a couple of extra 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary books available. Contact me if you would like a book.

#### **Travel**

I highly recommend signing up for next year's FWSA Ski week to be held at Banff in Canada.

Here is the link for all the travel opportunities: https://www.skibac.org/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) or FWSA trips:

- FWSA has several trips for 2024 and 2025 including a Dive trip in Sept 2024, Italy, Africa, <a href="https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?">https://fwsa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?</a>
  <a href="mailto:page\_id=22&club\_id=623165&module\_id=3">page\_id=22&club\_id=623165&module\_id=3</a>
  34825 or https://www.skibac.org/travel
- BAC Bike and Barge May 2025 Bruges to Amsterdam <a href="https://www.skibac.org/travel">https://www.skibac.org/travel</a>

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#### Racing

The 2024 racing season was successfully completed. All racers had a great time and the competition was fierce. For Open League, Snowchasers was the big team winner followed by Apres and Olympic. For Singles League, Inskiers was the big winner followed by Rusty Bindings and Snowdrifters. 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

Open league -- <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/openleagueracing/home">https://sites.google.com/site/openleagueracing/home</a>
Singles league -- <a href="http://slracing.org/index.html">https://slracing.org/index.html</a>

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 – Enjoy life. Stay Safe and have fun.

Paul Vlasveld Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) President

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# **Calendar of Activities**

**APRIL** 

(nothing posted)

MAY

(nothing posted)

JUNE

6-9 FWSA 91st Convention, Atlantis Casino,

Reno, NV

THINGS TO COME

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

9/28-10/7 FWSA 2024 Africa Adventure Trip

Tanzania & Zanzibar

2025:

1/25-2/1 FWSA Annual Ski & Snowboard Week,

Banff, Alberta, Canada

5/8-15 BAC Bike & Barge Bruges to Amsterdam

# **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

BAC Club President and Representative Meeting

Don Jose's Restaurant, Castro Valley CA and Zoom meeting March 11, 2024

President **Paul Vlasveld** called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance in Castro Valley and on Zoom. Guests pre-

Karen Davis Secretary BAC

sent in Castro Valley included David Simon, Cathie Speakman, and Cathy Baird. Seven clubs were represented by a club president and/or club BAC Rep; total nine clubs represented. A quorum of 7 was established.

Introductions were made all around. Paul has returned from a great skiing trip to Deer Valley and Snow Basin in Utah. Paul reported it was very easy to access both resorts from Ogden.

**Secretary:** Karen Davis – Marci Lyzun made a <u>motion</u> to approve BAC meeting minutes of Feb 12, 2024; seconded by Harry Davis. Motion approved.

**BAC Board Officer Nominations –** 

All nominations will be opened at the April 10 general meeting with election at the April 10 general meeting. Officers take office on May 20, 2024.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Secretary**. Marci Lyzun nominated Karen Davis, who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Nominations were opened for BAC **Communications**. Janet Spencer nominated Dennie Warren previously and Dennie accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Public Affairs**. Benelia Terry nominated Harry Davis, who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Nominations were opened for BAC **Travel Director**. Harry Davis nominated Gail Burns and Karen Albrecht as Co-Travel Directors, and both accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Nominations were opened for BAC **Membership Director**. Marci Lyzun nominated Benelia Terry, who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Industry Liaison**. Brad Hart was previously nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Treasurer**. Kristin Thornquist was previously nominated and not in attendance at this meeting. There were no other nominations.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Webmaster.** Ashkan Ahani, who was not in attendance but has been assisting Cathy Wilson with website matters, was previously nominated. There were no further nominations.

All Nominations were closed and will be reopened April 10.

Membership: Benelia Terry - Benelia reported that Snowglers has not renewed BAC membership (BAC has 17 clubs). Paul will contact the club. Benelia has received two Direct Member applications and one sent an email to return that application and not process it, thus adding one Direct Member to BAC. Benelia is in contact with a Palo Alto ski club who has expressed interest in joining BAC.

Communications: Dennie Warren – Dennie

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thanked all clubs who have contributed club event items. Dennie enjoys reading input. Celebrate club events with reports through the BAC newsletter. Send information to Dennie.

Website: Cathy Wilson – No report

**Industry Liaison: Janet Spencer** – No report

Travel: Karen Albecht -

- BAC March 3-9, 2024 Mini-Trip to Whitefish Whitefish with 13 travelers was a great success! Whitefish had snow and the group enjoyed a trip to Glacier National park.
- BAC and Bike and Barge BAC has launched a Bike and Barge trip for May 8-15, 2025, Brugge, Belgium to Amsterdam, Netherlands, using Girolibero. There are spaces for 34 travelers. Deposits are being accepted at BAC. A pre-trip from May 5-8 to see the tulips in Keukenhof Gardens is in the planning stages. Nine spots of 34 remain open.
- FWSA 2025 Ski Week will be to Banff, Canada. Dates are Jan 28-Feb 5, 2025. Karen Albrecht is the trip leader. BAC has requested lodging at Banff Park Lodge with 20 pillows; Ptarmigan Inn, 26 pillows at Caribou Lodge, and a few luxury rooms at the Moose Lodge. A flyer is being completed and Karen will send to all.
- All Travel information is available at <a href="www.skibac.org">www.skibac.org</a> on Club Express platform.

# FWSA 91<sup>st</sup> Convention: June 6-9, 2024 at the Atlantis in Reno, Nevada (BAC and Sierra Councils)

The 91<sup>st</sup> Convention in Reno will be co-hosted by BAC and Sierra. The logo is *Altitude with Attitude*. Sign-ups are available at fwsa.org and through a link and information sent by Fran Long which includes all individual and club registration info that is needed. The preliminary flyer including the logo is available on the BAC website. Reserve your hotel now; deadline May 16. Janice Molina will handle table decorations. Sierra will handle registration Thursday and Friday. Emily Gahn (Maarten's granddaughter) will be the host in the BAC suite and in charge of that suite. Maarten Vandermeer plans to set up a Welcome table on Wednesday. Volunteers are needed for various activities; Paul will have a list of BAC-designated tasks. BAC will have a Host Table at the Silent Auction on Friday evening; clubs can display club flyers and information. Deadline for all awards entry to FWSA is March 18, 2024. Deadline for clubs to send high resolution charity videos to Paul is in March (15 clubs in 2023 video). Historic Club awards are available for member clubs aged 50 years and above. All deadlines are March 18. FWSA has both individual and club awards; see all Convention information and awards at www.fwsa.org.

**Racing:** The race schedule is available at <a href="www.olrc.org">www.olrc.org</a>. Feb 15 was the first race after previous race cancellations.

Next races are March 16 and March 17 at Alpine Meadow, then Friday, March 22 at Northstar. Get parking reservations for weekend races. Discounted lift tickets are offered at race sign-in areas. Snowchasers is in first place at this time. The FRWA Finals will be at Mammoth Mountain on April 3-4, 2024.

Public Affairs: Harry Davis – BAC's Volunteer of the Year was announced to be Cathy Baird of Inskiers. Cathy was presented with a plaque award. Cathy will attend the FWSA Convention and participate in that Volunteer of the Year program. Big White is the FWSA event sponsor. BAC will reimburse one night's room and the standard full registration to Cathy, and FWSA will reimburse one night's room cost. Congratulations to Cathy Baird, BAC Volunteer of the Year 2024.

#### **Club Activities:**

**SUNBURST** – Sunburst members have been skiing. Brad is enjoying the racing program and as a retiree has 49 days of skiing this year!

OAKLAND – There was a storm at the cabin which produced about 10' of snow. The club hired a big snowplow for the road so members could enter the cabin. A sad note is that the Oakland Ski Club president of past five years Bernhard Ludwig suddenly passed unexpectedly.

**MODESTO** – Maarten was at the World Cup held at Palisades with 20-30,000 people. He reported it was a fantastic event with a great concert on Friday. The racing was excellent. Modesto club members are active and skiing.

INSKIERS - Congratulations to Cathy Baird, BAC Volunteer of the Year, Inskiers member. Inskiers had their last meeting on Tuesday at BJs and will have an auction on May 18 which is a fundraiser for cabin expenses. The club has 96 members.

FIRE AND ICE – Members are having weekly hikes and monthly meetings. One member has gone to Zion for hiking.

CASTRO VALLEY – The club has monthly meetings and special events

**RUSTY BINDINGS** – Club members are enjoying bocce, biking, skiing, and have a Cinco de Mayo party planned.

**APRES** – The lodge was full last weekend. There are 32 spaces available at the lodge. Apres has 200+ members and holds meetings at various Bay Area locations.

**SNOWCHASERS** - Snowchasers has two in-person meetings per month, has a great race team, and is planning a pizza party in April to celebrate all members and the race team.

BAC Meetings <u>April 8, 2024</u> - BAC General meeting 6:30 pm; BAC
Board meeting 8:00 pm, Zoom
Election of BAC Officers at General meeting

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis, Secretary

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## **Travel Time:**

Hope you are enjoying the spring skiing and the spring flowers this month! The tulips at Filoli in Woodside are in full bloom right now if you want a flower-filled day!



Gale Burns **BAC Travel** Director

Our **BAC** exclusive **Bike & Barge** from Bruges, Belgium to Amsterdam, Netherlands from May 8-May 15, 2025 for 34 people has only 5 spots left! If we fill up, we can put you on a waitlist. Please do not hesitate to reserve one of our deluxe double occupancy only cabins. There will be a Pre-trip from May 5-8th to the **Keukenhof Gardens** area to see the stunning tulip flower displays followed by 2 days in Bruges! We have reserved the entire lovely Magnifique II barge, operated by Girolibero, with two guides who will offer short or longer daily bike rides on flat and mostly paved bike paths. All delicious meals, excursions and tour events are included. Manual bikes & helmets are also included.(limited E-bikes \$300 extra) The seven night tour package is \$2,425 pp based on double occupancy with either 2 twin beds or one queen bed. Please send your \$500 deposit check made payable to: Bay Area Council of Ski BAC Travel Director Clubs to: BAC Trip Leader Karen Albrecht, 712 Matsonia Drive Foster City, CA 94404.

We are now taking sign-ups for the **BAC 2025** FWSA Ski Week will be to Banff, Canada from January 28-February 5th, 2025! We will be offering three types of lodging in the quaint & fun town of Banff. The Ski Big 3 resorts are all accessible by Ski Shuttle buses that will pick up close to our lodges. Please see the attached flyers/registration or go to our skibac.org website for more information. Please send your \$300 deposit check made payable to: Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs to: BAC Trip Leader Karen Albrecht, 712 Matsonia Drive, Foster City, CA 94404.

Here are the remaining trips for 2024. The FWSA 2024 Africa Adventure Trip to Tanzania & Zanzibar from September 27-October 2024 is still available so please contact Debbie Stewart at FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net if you are interested. You can view the prices & forms on the FWSA website www.fwsa.org. The FWSA 2024 Dive Trip to the Philippines from October 19-November 2nd, 2024 so contact Randy Lew, Trip Leader at: fwsa13randy@telis.net for more information.

Gale Burns





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# Congratulations to BAC Club Volunteer of the Year 2024





**Cathy Baird** 

Cathy w/Cathie Speakman, Runner Up

Congratulations to Cathy Baird, BAC's Volunteer of the Year for 2024. This annual BAC event in conjunction with the FWSA Volunteer of the Year program gives everyone a chance to be acquainted with member clubs and those volunteers who make it all happen. Thank you to all clubs and those listed below for participating with the event and BAC's dinner in February.

#### The honorees for 2024 are:

CASTRO VALLEY - Claudia Fernandes
INSKIERS - Cathy Baird
MODESTO SKI CLUB - Bernie Fairfield
MONTEREY SKI CLUB - Kath Maki
RUSTY BINDINGS SKI CLUB - Cathie Speakman
SNOWCHASERS SKI CLUB - Keith Oatney

**Harry Davis, BAC Public Affairs** 

#### **ACHIEVE TAHOE**

Buy Tickets - Achieve Tahoe - 2024 "Light of Achievement" Gala (networkforgood.com)

#### Olympic Village Events Center, Palisades Tahoe: 1901 Chamonix Pl Olympic Valley, CA 96146

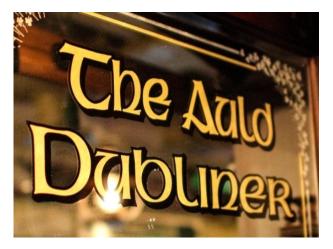
#### **Upcoming Events**

Feel Good Friday at the Auld Dub

**Date: Every Friday** 

Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Feel Good Friday at the <u>Auld Dubliner</u> in the Village at Palisades Tahoe is back! Join us every Friday throughout the ski season for a happy hour event with raffle prizes and drink specials to benefit our adaptive recreation programs.



The window of the Auld Dubliner embossed with the words "The Auld Dubliner" in gold

The "Light of Achievement" Gala

Date: May 11, 2024

Tickets: \$250 | Table for 10: \$2,500

The "Light of Achievement" Gala is an evening of dinner and drinks, a silent and live auction, raffle, and heartwarming presentations honoring those who exemplify Achieve Tahoe's mission. Proceeds benefit Achieve Tahoe programs that build health, confidence, and independence in people with disabilities.



Executive Director Haakon Lang-Ree speaks at a podium with an ASL interpreter on the left, with a blue banner that says "Achieve Tahoe Gala" in gold lettering behind him.

# ACHIEVE TAHOE - https://www.achievetahoe.org/event/ability-challenge-fundraiser/

#### Join the Ability Challenge!

Join us for the 2024 Ability Challenge, the event that puts the FUN in fundraiser! Rally your friends and family to donate to your personal fundraising page and help raise money for our adaptive programs for children and adults with disabilities. Fundraisers who raise \$500 or more gain entry to our on-hill celebration on March 30, 2024 which includes an adaptive lesson and/or Palisades Tahoe lift ticket, lunch, costumes, games, prizes, and more!



Two Achieve Tahoe instructors dressed as a cow and an alien wearing orange bibs that say "Blind Skier" are guiding a young participant

### Join the Challenge

Rally your friends, family, and networks and join the 2024 Ability Challenge as a fundraiser.

The Ability Challenge is a peer-to-peer fundraiser that raises both funds and awareness for Achieve Tahoe's programs that build health, confidence, and independence in people with disabilities. The Ability Challenge culminates at the end of March with an "on-hill" celebration at Alpine Meadows.

Step 1: Create your personalized fundraising page and set a fundraising goal.

We'll give you all the tools and support to help you reach your goal. If you have an account from participating in previous years, sign in and set your goal for this year. If you have trouble getting into your account or need help creating it, contact Sophie at Sophie@achievetahoe.org or (530) 276-9449.

Step 2: Start fundraising to reach your goal by the end of March 2024!

Share the link to your fundraising page with your network of friends, family, and colleagues through email, social media, and snail mail! Share your passion for this cause along with your fundraising goal. Inspire others to donate and be a part of Achieve Tahoe's mission.

Step 3: Win Prizes!

Raise at least \$500 to receive a lift ticket to Palisades Tahoe and/or an adaptive lesson at the on-hill celebration day, a goodie bag, lunch, and automatic entry to win various prizes including gift cards to your favorite Tahoe area spots.

All funds raised go to support Achieve Tahoe programs that build health, confidence, and independence in people with disabilities through adaptive sports. Achieve Tahoe is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our EIN tax ID number is 68-0024920. P.O. Box 8339, Truckee, CA 96162.

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91# Annual
Far West Ski Association
Convention
June 6 - 9, 2024

at the





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

# **Atlantis Casino Resort Spa**

3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

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

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 quest 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
- <sup>o</sup> Pool Party
- ° Club Happy Hour

#### Debbi Kor

FWSA Convention Chairperson fwsadebbi@comcast.net or 503.314.7078

# Barbara Razo

Silent Auction Chairperson SilentAuction@fwsa.org or 714-401-7341

# Paul Vlasveld

BAC Host Council Convention Coordinator pylasyeld@comcast.net or 408.314.4649

# Jo Simpson

Sierra Host Council Convention Coordinator jo simpson@sbcglobal.net or 775.722.6468

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

www.fwsa.org



# FWSA 2024 AFRICA ADVENTURE TRIP TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR



# September 28—October 7, 2024

**Lodging Package:** 

Double Occupancy \$5865 per person

\$6585 per person (limited availability) Single Supplement

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

Join FWSA for an unforgettable African experience

Stone town tour plus Spice tour with lunch at The Beach House



Ngorongoro Crater





Lake Dulutí



Contact: Debbie Stewart FWSA VP of Int'l Travel 430 S. Church St. Visalia, CA 93277 Cell: 559/737-0882 FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net Trip Co-Leader: Gloria Raminha



Safari Cruiser with Cheetah





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

CST#2036983-40



# FWSA 2024 DIVE TRIP BEST OF THE PHILIPPINES



# 5 Nights Anilao & 9 Nights Puerto Galera

October 19 - November 2, 2024

Buceo Anilao Beach & Dive Resort - October 19 -24, 2024

Marco Vincent Resort - October 24 to November 2, 2024

BASIC Dive Package: \$4586 pp (double occupancy)

Non-Dive Package: \$2831 pp (double occupancy)

Deluxe Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are limited availability.

## The Anilao Beach & Dive Resort Land Package Includes:

16 Boat Dives

All Meals Daily

5 Nights' Accommodations (Double Occupancy)

Resort Fees, Taxes, Marine Park Fees & Gratuities (dive gratuities are not included)
Transfer from Manila Airport & to the Port of Batangas

## The Marco Vincent Dive Resort Land Package Includes:

All Meals Daily

1 Hour Massage

Complimentary Wi-Fi

9 Nights' Deluxe Accommodations (Double Occupancy)

Two-Day Trips to Verdie Island and Anilao

8 Days of Diving - 24 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included Resort Fees, Taxes, Marine Park Fees & Gratuities (dive gratuities are not included) Transfer from Batangas & to Manila Airport



Enjoy the beautiful wildlife!



Enjoy a Charming Resort



Enjoy the scenic coast!

Contact: Randy Lew

FWSA Dive Trip Leader 829 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Place Battle Ground, WA 98604 Cell: 530/304-0802

E-mail: FWSA13Randy@telis.net

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

State of California Registered Seller of Travel # 2036983-40





BAC CST# 2050870 Karen Albrecht BAC Trip Leader 712 Matsonia Drive Foster City, CA 94404 650-515-9532

# GES to AMSTERDAM MAY 8-15, 2025





#### ITINERARY

- 1. Embarkation in Bruges, the "Pearl of Flanders"
- 2. From Bruges to Ghent through the beautiful Flemish Countryside
- 3. Cycling along the Scheldt: from Ghent to St. Amands
- 4. Pedaling to the city of diamonds: Antwerp!
- 5. From Belgium to Holland by bike & boat Antwerp to Dordrecht
- 6. Cycling through the mills of Kinderdijk to Vianen
- 7. Among mansions, castles and villages toward Amsterdam
- 8. End of tour in Amsterdam

#### INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

8 days/7 nights 7 x breakfast 6 x 3-course dinner Packed lunches Coffee/Tea/Water on board Welcome drink Daily cabin cleaning Climate-controlled cabin Fully guided cycling tours Jacuzzi on Sundeck Some short walking tours Use of a helmet Use of Manual bike Use of a waterproof pannier bag Fees for ferries Entrance Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp Tasting Belgium products Canal trip through Ghent

JOIN 34 BAC cyclists for a week-long bike & barge tour in Holland and Belgium: the land of bicycles! The terrain is completely flat, and the bike paths, almost all of which are paved, are always well marked. Some stages include a choice between a short and a longer ride, and if one day you don't feel like cycling, you have the option of staying on board the boat. The only variable to keep an eye on is the weather: a little wind or rain could make your ride more adventurous. PRIVATE CHARTER VIA GIROLIBERO CYCLING HOLIDAYS

#### NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare 1-dinner (Antwerp or Bruges) Bottled/Alcoholic Drinks Trip Insurance Entrance fees not mentioned above Transfers to/from the dock

E-bike \$300 (very limited availability)

\$2,425\* per person – double occupancy

Deposit: \$500 - to secure your spot \$1,000 Due AUG 1, 2024 Balance Due FEB 1, 2025

Checks payable to: Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs Mail to: Karen Albrecht, 712 Matsonia Dr., Foster City CA 94404

\*Trip cost is based on 2024 currency conversion rates. Any major change in currency conversion rates that impact trip cost will be passed on to participants.



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