



President's Message from Mary Azevedo:

The FWSA Convention is not far off, and we are hoping our club will have a good presence. It is a long way to go, and I certainly understand if this is one convention you will miss. The good news is that the next one will be in Reno, and I know many of you won't want to miss it. Don't forget the silent auction where you can get ski trips at fairly reasonable in price.

Elections will be held on May 2. The following offices are up for election: vice president, activities director, secretary, treasurer, and race director.

Our thoughts go out to Beverly Crane, who broke her pelvis when skiing. It can be pretty boring convalescing from this painful injury, so give her a call or email her!

Don't forget the celebration of our ski team on May 6 at Mountain Mike's. For more information, see the website or the flyer in this issue.

In June, Snowchasers will begin the summer with a BBQ at Rodgers Smith Park on the first Wednesday of June. We will have BBQ meetings on first Wednesdays in July and August.

Mary

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Happy May Birthdays

Mark Read	May 1
Kirby Slate	May 2
Marge Hennigar	May 4
Nancy Kalteis	May 10
Aeko Yoshikawa	May 11
Dave Schopeck	May 22
Phil Gaudette	May 28
Ray McDonough	May 31



Snowchasers Membership Information
 Single \$50./year Family \$65./year
 Renewals Single \$40.; Family \$55

FWSA SKI WEEK Feb 2-9, 2013 – Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado
FWSA Convention – June 7-10, 2012 Ogden UT
FWSA Convention – June 6-9, 2013 Reno NV – Host BAC – location Grand Sierra

SKI LEASE 2012-2013 WINTER SEASON

Pam and Alan Christian -- Looking for housemates to share a ski lease with us. We have 2 rooms available in our ski leased 4 bedroom/2 bath Carnelian Bay home (5561 Nile St.) – 1 block from N. Lake Tahoe Blvd. (level driveway).

Enjoy the convenience of having your own ski house from DEC 1st – APRIL 30th
 (5 Months) for just \$300/MONTH for a room plus split utilities.

Great location with easy access to all ski areas.

We rent out 2 rooms and keep the 4th room for extra visitors you want to bring up.

Downstairs: Queen Bed – Pam & Alan Christian

Queen Bed – OPEN

FULL BATH

Upstairs: Full Bed, Twin Bed, Futon – OPEN

Queen Bed, 4 Twin Beds -- OPEN

FULL BATH



Living room with fireplace and tv. Kitchen with microwave, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, coffee maker, counter with stools. Dining room sits 8.

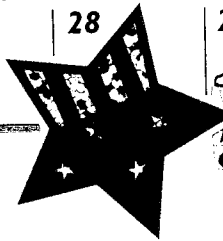
Email Pam for more info and pictures: pam@cpower.net

FROM FWSA World's Snowiest Ski Resorts Snow reporting agency www.skiinfo.co.uk has looked at average snowfall totals at some of the world's snowiest resorts and come up with the top resorts that claim to have the great annual average snowfall over a variety of multi-year periods. The top five are:

1. **Mt. Baker, Washington State:** Average 19.06m per season. Record was 28.5m in 98-99.
2. **Alyeska, Alaska:** Average 16.07m per season, based on a 31-year average.
3. **Alta, Utah:** Average 15.59m per season, based on a 5-year average from 6/07-10/11.
4. **Niseko, Hokkaido, Japan:** Average 15.11m per season.
5. **Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada:** Average 15m per season



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	7	8	9 SOCIAL 7:30 Sizzlers	10	11	12 Last Quarter
Mother's Day	14	15	16 SOCIAL 7:30 Sizzlers	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20 New Moon	21 Victoria Day (Canada)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Board Mtg 7:30 at Big C	30	31		



UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 2 - Snowchasers Fun Time at Sizzlers Restaurant and Officer Elections
- May 6 - Snowchasers Members and Racers End of Season Party
- May 16 - Snowchasers Fun Time at Sizzlers Restaurant
- May 29 - Snowchasers Board meeting at The Big C
- June 6 - Snowchasers BBQ at Rodgers Smith Park, Pleasant Hill
- June 7-10 - FWSA 80th Annual Convention, Ogden UT
- June 30 - Modesto's Jerry Shelton Sr Memorial Bike Ride in Truckee
- July 7 - Anniversary Party at Paul and Ruth King's home
- July 8 - Alfred Hitchcock's SF Tour, City Guides
- Sept 14 - BAC's A's Game with Fireworks



NOMINATIONS - for Snowchasers Officer Election for 2012-2013

- Vice President -
- Treasurer -
- Secretary -
- Activities -
- Race Director -



Nominations will open and the election will be held at the May 2 meeting. If ballots are required, there will be secret ballots. See Mary or any Board members if you are interested.

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

2013 SKI WEEK

Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado

February 2nd to 9th, 2013

Prices starting at \$1250

***Price does NOT include air or ground transportation.**

Prices vary depending on lodging selection.

Price includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and the FWSA amenity package.

The FWSA amenity package includes:

- Registration**
- Mountain Rally**
- Welcome Party**
- Races**
- Pub Crawl**
- Mountain Picnic**
- Ski Week Banquet**
- Awards Après Party**
- 5 of 7 day Lift Ticket**
- (Lift tickets are good at 4 Resorts)*
- (6 of 8 day lift ticket also available)*



For more information contact a Council Trip Coordinator

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**Must be a Member of Far West Ski Association affiliated ski club or a FWSA Direct Member
CST #2036983-40**

MAY 6, 2012

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Mountain Mike's Pizza

*Next to Clayton Bowl (925-689-4965)
5358 Clayton Road, Concord*

Free Pizza and Soft Drinks

*Share the FUN and rehash the GLORY of
another spectacular Ski Season*

**RECOGNIZING THE
SKI RACE TEAM
AND ALL
SNOWCHASERS
MEMBERS**

Contact: Karen Davis (925) 768-4904

IT'S A PARTY!



Mark your calendars!

Paul and Ruth King are once again having one of their deck & lawn parties on Saturday July 7th, starting at 3:00 pm.

Enjoy the great view, have a margarita or two, eat a lot of food, and listen to some really fun music. If you have an instrument, bring it!

The Kings will need to know how many are coming so be sure and RSVP. Also, it's a potluck, so please let them know what you would like to bring. aprhk@sbcglobal.net (Preferred way to respond) or phone: 925-938-3035

For those of you who are still a little fuzzy on the whole RSVP thing, it means: Répondez, S'il Vous Plaît

(Which in French means: if you don't tell them you're coming and show up anyway, you will have to wear a dunce cap the entire afternoon.)



SAN FRANCISCO
CITY GUIDES



The Snowchasers Ski Snowboard and Social club invites you to join us on a special tour of Alfred Hitchcock's San Francisco. The tour will be given by film buff and Hitchcock expert Jay Sherwin of the San Francisco City Guides.

Explore some of the locations for 3 of Hitchcock's most famous films: Vertigo, The Birds and Family Plot.

Date: Sunday, July 8

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Huntington Park,

Mason @ Sacramento, S.F.

(Opposite the Fairmont Hotel)

BART: Exit at the Embarcadero Station

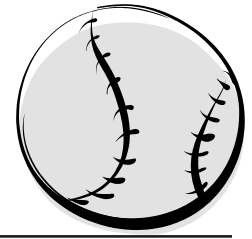
Muni Lines: 1 California or the

California St. Cable Car

Cost: \$12.00 per person—Checks made payable to SNOWCHASERS by May 2



Oakland Athletics vs. Orioles



Friday, Sept. 14, 2012

Game time @ 7:05pm.

\$27 Seats, Regularly \$30

Bay Area Snow Sports Council, BAC
presents its Seventh Annual

FUND RAISER for
Disabled Sports USA



Supported by Vail Resorts



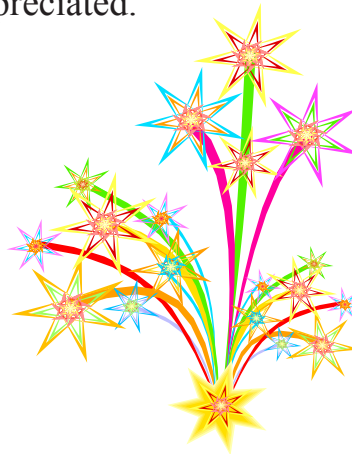
All proceeds over cost go to DSUSA.

Additional contributions will be greatly appreciated.

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Lower Box , 1st base side
“Great view for fireworks”

Tailgate BBQ, planned
with all net proceeds going to DSUSA.



BAC is looking for volunteers and
donators to make this our best ever event.

Contact: Norm Azevedo
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FWRA Finals

Mammoth Mountain – April 6-8, 2012

		<u>SL</u>	<u>GS</u>
Hitoshi Kawaguchi	S00OM	3 rd	3 rd
Mami Takeda	S02JW	1 st	1 st
Bill Phelps	S02OM	3 rd	1 st
David Colleen	S03VM	5 th	8 th
Don Pawlowski	S03VM	10 th	10 th
Koji Takeda	S02OM		2 nd
Koji Takeda	S03OM	1 st with a BUMP!	
Tomoko Takeda	S04OW	2 nd	2 nd
Debi Phelps	S05VW	5 th	1 st
Robin Colleen	S05VW	1 st	5 th



I'm very proud of our racers. Snowchasers were represented very well at the Far West Finals. We had a lot of podium finishes. Thanks to all who made the trek to Mammoth.

Although the race season is now over for this year, I am excited about the next year. Can't wait to do it all over again! I have enjoyed being your race director and hope to squeak through the coming elections so I can do it again. I am hoping to get everyone back on the team and even to get some of our other members to join us for the fun next season.

Thanks everyone,
Keith

BAC and FWSA Charity and Community Service

April 2012

In 2012, two BAC clubs entered the FWSA Charity and Community Service program competition. Fire and Ice entered with five events, supporting the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the African-American Community Services Agency, the Santa Clara County Foster Children's Program, and the Santa Clara County Shelters. Monterey Ski and Social Club entered one of their many functions, to benefit the Salvation Army of Monterey.

In addition, a total of eight BAC clubs reported their sponsorship of a charity and/or community service involvement. The list includes Inskiers with DSUSA Far West; North Bay Snowonders with DSUSA and the FWSA Scholarship program; The Olympic Club with Winged O; Rusty Bindings with DSUSA, Wounded Warriors, and We Care Services for Children; Southbay with DSUSA; and Snowchasers with DSUSA Far West and Bay Area Crisis Nursery; in addition to those clubs listed above.

The "FWSA Charity and Community Service Recognition" program is offered each year. Watch for details about 2013, or visit the FWSA website.
