



SNOWCHASERS NEWSLETTER

January 2019

President's message,

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019! As we all say, where did the year go! That may be the reason so many of us write our Christmas letters—a fun way to document our year of activities and family.



Snowchasers membership renewals are complete now, with the exception of two members who have not yet renewed or stated intentions. Our race team is gearing up for a great year, with the schedule all set, and snow in the mountains.



(Photo provided by Chick Chickering)

The annual Snowchasers Holiday party was held on **Dec 19** at El Tapatio's in Pleasant Hill. The separate room is perfect for great conversation, spreading out, and being part of the group. The staff was very accommodating as everyone enjoyed the food, friendships, and wonderful exchange items. It appeared that nearly everyone ended up with the gift of their dreams.

(President's message continued)

FWSA offers great travel opportunities for the snow season and year ahead. Go to the Snowchasers website and/or FWSA.org for complete information. Some members are going to the FWSA Ski Week in Steamboat, just a month or more from now!

We had a great gathering on Jan. 2nd and look forward to seeing you at Denny's, 1313 Willow Pass Rd, Concord, for all the camaraderie on **January 16**.

I also want to WELCOME NEW MEMBER – Jim Brezack, of Walnut Creek to Snowchasers

Karen Davis

Happy Birthday Snowchasers

Jan 9

Jan 11

Jan 25

Debi Phelps

George Burt

Angelo Crudale



Join 2019 the Few, the Proud!

Snowchasers Mid-Week &/or Weekend Ski Bum Network



Place your name on an e-mail list. Use the list to:

- Plan bus trips, find car rides to Tahoe or look for riders
- Go on day trips, over-night trips, or whatever you and other ski bums want
- Share driving costs, lodging, etc.

Contact Karen Davis (harrykaren@comcast.net) to put your name on the list. Give her your e-mail address and cell phone number and list preferred ski areas. Everyone on the list will get a copy. Hook-up with friends and make new ones skiing at Lake Tahoe.

Race Team News

Hopefully this weekend will bring some decent snow coverage to the Sierra's. The race schedule hasn't changed sent last month's Newschaser:

- Race #1: January 26, GS, Alpine Meadows
- Race #2: January 27, GS, Alpine Meadows
- Race #3: March 2, SL, Alpine Meadows
- Race #4: March 3, GS, Alpine Meadows
- Race #5: March 16, SL, Sugar Bowl
- Race #6: March 17, SL, Sugar Bowl
- Championships: March 22, 23, and 24, Clinics, SL, and GS, at Heavenly



**What are we waiting for?
Guess who these people are.**
(Photo by Steve Rhodes)

As we said before, many of our members are still actively racing for Snowchasers and many of them have moved to the Tahoe and Reno area. We need pictures from them racing, homes covered in snow and/or just generally having a good time in the snow. I'm convinced that this is going to be a great year so take lots of pictures and send them to us. I thank you in advance.

I'll be driving to Steamboat early next month with Virgil Plautz, stopping on the way to and from Steamboat for a couple of days in Utah skiing with our Ikon season passes. My wife, Mary will put out the February Newschaser issue and needs your input and pictures to make it great. Send them to her a week before the end of January to get them included. Thanks;

Norm Azevedo

**Can you name these
Snowchasers in last year's
snow storm?**

**& where are the women? Too
much snow??**

(Photo by Steve Rhodes)



S.N.O.W. Sports Museum: The Sierra Nevada Olympic Winter Sports Museum welcomes visitors and locals, families and friends to enter the museum from the upper parking lot in the Squaw Valley Park. Follow the right hall to experience the amazing story of the 1960 Winter Olympics — How did it happen? What made it work? Why was it “The Best Olympics Ever?” **This** is what we have to look forward to once the museum is up and running. *DONATE ONLINE or BY MAIL:* SVSMF | P.O. Box 2697 | Olympic Valley, CA 96146. The Squaw Valley Ski Museum Foundation is a California 501(c)(3) Non-Profit. Donations are tax deductible.

UPCOMING BAC and FWSA TRAVEL

Far West Ski Week, 2019:

Space is still available. February 2-9, 2019, are the dates for the Far West Ski Week trip to *Steamboat*. “A Night at the Movies” is the theme for this year’s ski week. Councils are encouraged to select a movie and have participants dress as characters from the movie. We will hold an Academy Awards Ceremony at the Thursday night Banquet and hand out various awards. Contact your Council Trip Leader or Nancy Ellis to sign up: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or (530) 414-8261.

RESCHEDULED - BAC 2019 Mini-Ski Week

to Utah-Alta/Snowbird/Brighton/Solitude-Feb.28 to March 4th- TO BE RESCHEDULED IN 2020, Sorry.

Far West Mini Ski Week: The Mini Trip to *Winter Park* is set for March 24-29, 2019. Registration information is on the website, and we have space available. Winter Park is on the Ikon Pass so people can go on this trip and add a trip to Steamboat, Copper Mtn., or Aspen/Snowmass before or after the trip. Clubs and Councils can bring a group of 12 or more and earn compensation for each person they bring. A great way to raise money for your club or council. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, to sign up for the trip or for information on the Club/Council Incentives program. Gloria: garski2011@gmail.com; (661) 800-8229. (Flyer is in Dec. 2018 Newschaser)

Far West Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip:

Anybody out there looking for a cabin on an AWESOME Cruise? We do have room for YOU! The 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip will be aboard the *NEW* sailing vessel *Vela*. The ship departs Tortola and will sail May 19-26, 2019. Extended stay on the island of Tortola will be available. Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for more information. We are assured that there are still three cabins available.

Far West 2019 Dive Trip: This will be an exciting trip to *Puerta Galera in the Philippines*. We will be staying at the beautiful *Marco Vincent Resort*. In addition, we will also be offering stays at the Azure Resort in Dumaguete, on the east coast of Negros. The dates of this trip are September 28-October 12, 2019. Sign up today by contacting Randy Lew at: fwsa13randy@telis.org.

Far West 2019 Japan International Trip:

AVAILABILITY FOR MAIN TRIP TO HAKUBA... March 9-16, 2019 will be the dates for the next international trip, which will take you to *Hakuba Valley Ski Resort*, in Japan. This is the home of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. A Pre-Trip is being offered to Niseko, on the island of Hokkaido (with a limited number of participants) from March 4-8. The Pre-Trip, which will depart the U.S. on March 3rd, **is now sold out**. There will also be an EXTENSION trip, or Stand-Alone-trip, from March 16-23, traveling by motor coach and train to Kanazawa, Kyoto, and Tokyo (it too is now sold out). While in Tokyo, an optional day-tour will be offered to Mt. Fuji. Final details are still in the making. Contact Debbie Stewart: fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net to add your name to the list. (Flyer is in Dec. 2018 Newschaser)

Future Far West International Trips: Far West will be offering a trip to *Davos, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Portugal* for 2020, and a Ski Week trip to *Solden, Austria* in 2021. Best put those dates on your calendar now! Also, in 2020, An Adventure Trip to *Croatia* is under creation.

The 87th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is scheduled for June 13-16, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, California, hosted by the Orange Council of Ski Clubs. For additional information see www.fwsa.org.

Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2020 - Far West Ski Week to Big Sky, Montana:

2020 North American Ski Week: We'll be going to *Big Sky, Montana*, for 2020 North American Ski Week. Big Sky is BIG with four mountains giving access to more skiing than anywhere else in the United States. The Big Sky lift ticket or IKON pass gives skiers/boarders access to 5,800 skiable acres. Runs up to six miles long and glades and bowls covered in 400+ inches of annual snowfall give every age and level of skier and boarder something different. Check with your council trip leader or the FWSA.org website for more details beginning this Spring.

Mar 29 – Apr 3, 2020 - Far West Mini Ski Week to Big White, Canada:

2020 Mini Ski Week: *Big White* is the destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. Big White is home to the best snow in British Columbia and the longest season in the Okanagan Valley. Big White is Canada's largest totally ski-in, ski-out village. It has 18 on-mountain restaurants cafes delis, pubs, and night clubs. Stay tuned for further information.

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Snowchasers’ Web Site – www.snowchasers.org

E-mail – snowchasers@yahoo.com

Memberships, new or renewals: Single \$30/year, Family \$45/year

To find information about the Snowchasers Club and an application to join, go to *Snowchasers.org*. Next, on the upper left side of the screen, click on *Snowchasers Benefits*. Click on any of the underlined words to find out more about the club. To obtain an application, click on [CLICK HERE](#) for an application to join *SNOWCHASERS*. For more information, call Karen Davis at (925) 768-4903.

Socials & programs:

October thru May, 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., at Denny’s, Willow Pass Rd, Concord
June thru September, 1st Wednesday a BBQ at Rogers-Smith Park, 750 Grayson Road, Pleasant Hill; 3rd Wednesday as usual at Denny’s

SNOWCHASERS’ OFFICERS:

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Affiliates & We Support:



ACHIEVE TAHOE is the old Disabled Sports USA Far West. The organization’s Mission is “to provide affordable inclusive physical and recreational activities that build health and confidence” and Motto: “If I Can Do This, I Can Do Anything”. Information is available on **AchieveTahoe.org**.