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THE UNRECABLES PARTY AT SKICON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JOHN GRAY



Hello Unrecables Family. I am honored to take on the role of President of The Unrecables. My first time volunteering with The Unrecables was in 2007. From that very first weekend trip to Mammoth, I was hooked! There were so much joy, fellowship, companionship and fun all in one weekend. The primary instructors, volunteers, and athletes were all so much fun to be around ... and I still have that same excitement on every trip I make to Mammoth with The Unrecables. My mentors for this role have been many, with big shoes to fill – **Sigrid Noack, J. Davis, Michelle McCarthy, and Amanda Davis**, our most recent past president. My intention is to continue with their legacy of leadership and inspiration in fulfilling our mission to promote and support snowsports activities for individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities.

My vision for The Unrecables is to continue to grow this wonderful nonprofit organization by adding a

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The Unrecables was the largest delegate club at the FWSA SkiCon.

THE UNRECABLES 2026-27 BOARD

John Gray, *President*
Richard Olmsted, *Vice President*
Kenny Chan, *Secretary*
Will Chung, *Treasurer*
Michelle McCarthy, *Membership Dir.*

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2026 FWSA SkiCon JOHN GRAY

The Unrecables were well represented at the FWSA SkiCon this June with seven delegates, more than any other club! There were a lot of great networking opportunities. I spoke to **Tammi Loveland**, president of the Wailers, many times over the weekend and thanked her and the Wailers for the Ski-a-Thon fundraiser on our behalf. I had the opportunity to buy drinks for her and a couple of the Wailers. Tammi led a break-out session called "Snowball Effect: Turning Small Efforts into Big Fundraising Wins". She mentioned several times how partnering with a non-profit organization (example: The Unrecables) can dramatically increase the money raised for a fundraiser. The Century City Ski Club asked to take a photo with our group and then handed me a generous donation check. They have been very supportive of us in the past and continue to do so. **Bob Hayes**, as the LA Council Volunteer of the Year, represented us with class and dignity - thank you Bob! Congratulations to **Steve Lefkowitz** for winning the Jimmie Heuga Humanitarian Award. **Todd**

Hood, from FWSA, spoke very kind words about Steve and how he is the ideal recipient of the Jimmie Heuga award. **Hannah Nishimoto** presented the award which was received by the other six Unrecables in attendance on behalf of Steve. **Gordon Cardona**, again, won first place for Outstanding Publication for the LA Council newsletter.

This was a great weekend for The Unrecables as we were very visible and engaged with other clubs and other members all weekend.

Awards

Jimmie Heuga - Steve Lefkowitz
1st place: Outstanding Publication
Council - Gordon Cardona

Unrecables FWSA SkiCon Delegates

Gordon Cardona
Noel Exler
Hannah Nishimoto
Dee Armstrong
Sigrid Noack
Bob Hayes
John Gray

John

SkiCon HIGHLIGHTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO FWSA AWARD WINNERS

Service Awards

Hans Georg Award

Fran Long, Central Council

J. Stanley Mullin Award

Bill King, Northwest Ski Club Council

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award

Barbara Razo, Orange Council

Jimmie Heuga Award

Steve Lefkowitz, Los Angeles Council

Jordan-Reilly Award

Jordan Elliott, Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association

Bill Mackey Award

Gloria Saiya Woods, Ski.com

Tommi Tyndall Award

Alpine Adventures

Terry Smith Award

Martin Wascher, San Diego Alpine League

Snowsports Builder Award

Henry Rivers III – Promotion of Inclusion Throughout the Snowsports Industry Infrastructure on a Global Level

Golden Lifetime Legacy Award

John Watson – Past President, FWSA

President's Award

Randy Lew – Past President & Treasurer
Stifel U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team

Media Awards

Bill Berry Award – Featured Article:

Devon O'Neil, Author, "The Way Out: A True Story of Survival in the Heart of the Rockies"

Bill Berry Award – Hard News:

Miles Clark, Founder & CEO, SnowBrains

Warren Miller Modern Media:

"Big Mountain Soul: Ski Africa" - Sorcery Cinema

Public Affairs Awards

Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year

Wayne Wong, Orange Council

Environment Award

Barry Rands, Central Council

Western Ski Heritage Award

Seth Masia, Lifetime Contributions as a Snowsports Journalist, Historian and Environmentalist

Historic Ski Clubs, Councils, Ski Schools & Ski Patrols

Camellia City Ski Club – Founded 1974

Inskiers Ski & Snowboard Singles Social Club — Founded 1971

The SLO Skiers – Founded 1976

Councils' Volunteer of the Year

Michael Terrey, Phoenix Ski Club, Arizona Ski Council

Tollakson Outstanding Club

Phoenix Ski Club, Arizona Ski Council

WENTWORTH OUTSTANDING CLUB PUBLICATION

Masters

1st Mountain High Snowsport Club, Northwest Ski Club Council

2nd Castro Valley Ski Club, Bay Area Snow Sports Council

3rd Modesto Ski Club, Bay Area Snow Sports Council

Advanced

1st Skiyente Ski Club, Northwest Ski Club Council

Novice

1st Reno Ski and Recreation Club, Sierra League & Council

2nd Wailers Ski, Snowboard & Social Club, Los Angeles Council

3rd Altair Ski and Sports Club, Northwest Ski Club Council

WENTWORTH OUTSTANDING COUNCIL PUBLICATION

1st Los Angeles Council

2nd Bay Area Snow Sports Council

3rd Northwest Ski Club Council

OUTSTANDING CLUB WEBSITE

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Advanced

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2nd Nisei Ski Club, Bay Area Snow Sports Council

3rd Skiyente Ski Club, Northwest Ski Club Council

OUTSTANDING COUNCIL WEBSITE

1st Bay Area Snow Sports Council

2nd Northwest Ski Club Council

3rd Los Angeles Council

Club & Council Social Media Awards

1st Century City Ski Club, Los Angeles Council

2nd Reno Ski & Recreation Club, Sierra League & Council

3rd Bogus Basin Ski Club, Northwest Ski Club Council

Charities & Our Community

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club, LA Council & National Brotherhood of Snowsports Western Region

Get Off Your Rockers, San Diego Council

Modesto Ski Club, Bay Area Snow Sports Council

Monterey Ski & Social Club, Bay Area Snow Sports Council

On the Hill Gang, Los Angeles Council

Reno Ski & Recreation Club, Sierra League & Council

Rusty Bindings Ski Club, Central Council of California

Sierra Snow Gliders, Inc., National Brotherhood of Skiers - Western Region

Skiyente Ski Club, Northwest Council

The Unrecables, Los Angeles Council

Wailers Ski, Snowboard & Social Club, Los Angeles Council

Racing Awards

Far West Ski Week

Joe Ross – Phoenix Ski Club

Lake Louise – Sierra League & Council

IT TAKES A VILLAGE AMANDA DAVIS



Summer is officially here! As you will see in the various reports in this recap of the season, a great time was had by all! It truly takes a village to bring everything together successfully. The Unrecables is an amazing village! I'm grateful to have been a part of this village for nearly 25 years and especially as your president for the last 2 years. While I will continue volunteering with the group, I am handing the presidential reins over to an amazing human, **Mr. John Gray**.

Since joining The Unrecables, John has contributed significantly to the village. Namely, as our excellent Membership Director for the last 11 years spreading the word and bringing in new volunteers and students. He recently was certified as a PSIA Adaptive Snowboard Instructor with a VI/COG specialization. He brings incredible energy and a passion for our mission to serve our students.

It has been an honor to serve. Have a great summer! ♦

Amanda

The Unrecables Scholarships Available

Eligible to current members
for trips and events.

One scholarship
per member per season.

For details please contact
John or Victor

President's Message

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dozen new members each year with both new athletes and new volunteers. What we do is very rewarding for all involved, no matter at what level you participate. My hope is that we can inspire more of our current members to get involved with The Unrecables beyond the work we do on the slopes. What we do on the slopes of Mammoth is both fun and important, however, none of those trips to Mammoth would ever happen without the dedicated efforts of a handful of individuals making up our Board of Directors and our appointed board members. Please help us to continue providing high level, safe, and fun snowsports trips by getting more involved. We have openings for the following positions: snowsports director, equipment manager, and someone to help with fundraising. We are a very supportive group and appreciate any help you can offer. You can also simply reach out to friends and colleagues and ask them if they want to be a volunteer or an adaptive snowsports athlete with us.

On a final note, climate experts are predicting record snowfall for the Sierras this winter. I expect we will have an epic season in Mammoth with trips scheduled from December through June. Come join The Unrecables for the first time, increase your current level of involvement, and come join the fun – we are worth it! ♦

John

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4. Click Link your Shopper's Card.
5. Fill in your info (NPO # WY343).
6. Watch your grocery shopping save YOU \$\$ and at the same time earn \$\$ for our club!

Thank you for your support!

Contact Sigrid Noack
sigski@gmail.com



Thank You
Mammoth Mountain
*for your support of our
adaptive ski program.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

14 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p

August

4 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p

September

1 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p

October

4 Dryland clinic @ 12n-2p

4 Club party @ 2p-5p

6 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p

November

3 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p

December

1 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p

4-6 Ski Dazzle at the Magic Box
@ Reef



ADAPTIVE FREEDOM
FOUNDATION

Waves of Ability

— Thrive in Motion —

ADAPTIVE SPORTS & WELLNESS FAIR

 Saturday, September 26, 2026 |  11:00 AM – 4:00 PM |  Marine Stadium, Long Beach, CA

 Free Community Event

Join Adaptive Freedom Foundation for a free, inclusive community event celebrating adaptive sports, wellness, connection, and possibility. Explore adaptive sports, discover wellness resources, meet community organizations, and experience a day designed around inclusion, belonging, and accessible adventure.



Adaptive Sports



Wellness



Community



Wellness



Community

Register Now

Scan to Reserve Your Spot →





FWSA 2026 DIVE TRIP

Cayman Brac Beach Resort

September 26 - October 3, 2026

Grand Cayman 2nd Week October 3-10, 2026 Extension Available

BASIC Dive Package:	\$2,669 pp (double occupancy)
Non-Dive Package:	\$2,244 pp (double occupancy)

Oceanfront Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are available.

Cayman Brac Beach Resort Land Package Includes:

7 Nights Beach View Accommodations (*Double Occupancy*)

Three Meals Daily & 21 Drink Package (alcoholic & non-alcoholic)

Complimentary Wi-Fi

PADI 5-star dive operation

6 Days of Diving - 17 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included

Complimentary Nitrox and use of a dive computer

Resort Fees, Taxes & Gratuities (dive gratuities are not included)

Round trip ground transfer from Cayman Brac Airport



*Incredible world-class
diving in the Cayman
Islands!*



Enjoy a fantastic resort on the beach – perfect for the diver and non-diver to experience!

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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

- 2 Ian Kucma
- 4 Hannah Nishimoto
- 5 P.J. Sallaway
- 6 Steve Lefkowitz
- 14 Stella Levin
- 14 David Scheinfarb
- 17 Amade Nyirak
- 18 Dee Armstrong
- 20 Sigrid Noack
- 26 Doug Brown
- 28 Randy Benson
- 28 Don Taetsch
- 30 Casey Caputo



AUGUST

- 3 Hal Ellis
- 10 Gordon Cardona
- 11 Sue Taetsch
- 12 Helen DeBerard
- 17 Keith Bonchek
- 17 Brook Komar
- 26 Brent Myers

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Carolyn Galantine
- 16 Herbert Raymond
- 16 Christopher Oakley
- 24 John Kriz
- 26 Scott Nakada
- 29 Marc Rosenberg

OCTOBER

- 1 Ron Bass
- 13 Kathy Knott-Faris
- 17 Marilyn Gil
- 17 Devin Riley
- 26 Fran Weber-Melville
- 27 Kim Vuong
- 30 Matt Horn
- 31 Christiane Kosger



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Sharp Rees-Stealy in San Diego
Ski Patrol Snow Valley*

FWSA TRIPS

FWSA Dive Trip 2026

Cayman Brac
September 26-October 3, 2026

FWSA Annual Ski Week 2027

Big Sky, MT
January 23-30, 2027

FWSA Adventure Trip 2027

Galapagos Islands
Fall 2027

Check out details at fwsa.org.

Sunshine

Will Chung & Family
beloved father on hospice

FWSA SKI WEEK 2027

Big Sky, Montana

January 23-30, 2027

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Coming up in the next issue:

- Ski trips
 - Ski Dazzle preview
- ... and much more

**THE UNRECABLES
ON ZOOM
SOCIAL 6:30PM
BOARD MEETING 7PM**

FIRST TUESDAY MONTHLY

August 4
Sept 1
Oct 6
Nov 3
Dec 1

*Check your e-mail for
Zoom meeting link,
or e-mail
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THE UNRECABLES MEETINGS

SOCIALS: Every first Tuesday monthly at 6:30pm on Zoom. Check your e-mail for the Zoom link.

BOARD MEETINGS: Every first Tuesday monthly, following the Social on Zoom.

LA COUNCIL MEETINGS: First Monday quarterly at 7:00pm on Zoom. E-mail our LA Council Representative for Zoom meeting link. Everyone is welcome.

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