The Unrecables News

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The Unrecables Prepare for an Epic Snow Sports Season

President's Message
John Gray



Hello Unrecables Family. Expectations are high for an epic season full of fun, adventure, and plenty of snow. We would love to have new athletes, volunteers and instructors join us on one of our trips this season. We have a regular group of snowsports athletes and volunteers that return each season but there is plenty of room for more. Come join the FUN!

We recently updated our website, and I encourage you to take a moment and explore the many features at Unrecables.org.

- The history of our club with an extensive listing of all our club and individual member awards.
- Trip dates, trip and lodging information, and the ability to download waivers and fill out other forms online.
- Membership applications can be filled out online and you can pay your membership dues online as well
- Download the latest edition of our award-winning newsletter or go back into our archives as far as 2005.

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The Unrecables play at Mammoth in May 2026.

The Unrecables 2026-27 Mammoth Trips

Dec. 18-20, 2026 *(volunteer training)*
Jan. 22-24, 2027
Feb. 19-21, 2027
March 19-21, 2027
April 16-18, 2027
May 7-9, 2027
June 4-6, 2027

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Moving forward, this newsletter will be published semi-annually.

The Unrecables Promotes Adaptive Skiing
Richard Olmsted

The Unrecables recently hosted an information booth at the Adaptive Freedom Foundation's "Waves of Ability" event, held at Marine Stadium in Long Beach on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Hosting the booth was your Vice President Richard Olmsted and volunteer shadow supremo Dr. Jimmy Hang. Gordon Cardona, our very own Communications Director is a long-time participant with Waves of Ability and was one of the event organizers. He was instrumental in securing our booth in the community outreach display area.

This was a nice casual day by the water where we could share the mission of The Unrecables and hopefully recruit some new adaptive athletes, volunteers and some financial supporters. Every outreach we do has the same goal! We were fortunate to have one our new Bi-skis to display on the table which really peaked the interest of many of the passers-by. We spoke with many new friends, explained The Unrecables program and passed out many of our new brochures. If anyone is involved with or hear of other adaptive groups that might be interested in hearing about the Unrecables, we would appreciate hearing about it so we can continue getting our program and name out in the community.

Ski on! ◆

Richard







LA Council News
Sigrid Noack



It's time to get ready to head back on the slopes! MAMMOTH IS CALLING. A huge thank you to Bob, Victor, Mike, Jason, & others, who are preparing our Unrecables Mammoth trips right now.

A great big thank you to Eugene Kim who has put all the required trip forms onto our brand new beautiful website. Great job, Eugene, our new website looks super.

Mammoth is planning to open on November 13th! The snow has been falling since mid October. This should be a stellar snow sports year, we hope!

SKI DAZZLE has a new location this year! It's happening Friday, December 4 to Sunday, December 6, 2026 at The Magic Box, 1933 South Broadway in LA. No word yet on booth sign-ups with LA Council.

A SNOWFEST is being held at the Sports Basement in South Bay on November 14th, 9am-7pm. The event is benefitting Access Mammoth. All are asked to attend.

The FWSA SkiCon 2027 will be held in May 2027 in South Lake Tahoe. Stay tuned for more information soon.

FWSA has a new logo! Recently the FWSA Board of Directors voted to include snowboarders and other snow sports in our FWSA family and show it on our logo. ◆

Sigrid

Voice of Western Snowsports
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Spring 2026 Recap

Victor Chan



We had a great turnout for the March trip, with these students coming for the first time this season: Lenna, Chelsea, Jeremy, and Keith. Also joining us was first time ever student David Lindsay. Snow conditions were fine on the main runs but thin in some places. The weather was clear and sunny. Lenna crushed the runs off Discovery Chair with Bob (AKA Tom?) as her instructor. David's comfort level rose on those runs, and later gave Stump Alley a try. Jay worked with Keith who got a lot more experience on the bi-ski, and even experienced a misunload, pretty much doing a 180 getting off the chair. Fortunately Jay was on top of things (with Keith on top of Jay) and kept the chair from hitting Keith. Julio was forced into the ditch, but managed to protect his new snowboard by sacrificing his body. I was on the chair behind them and got most of the incident on video! Everyone was fine and continued riding. "Monocep Dave" was the primary instructor for Chelsea who may have been inspired by the Olympic terrain park athletes and attempted what looked like a backflip during a crash. She was a little shaken up, so extra attention was given to how she was doing and feeling after that. Kenny skied with Jeremy, who after taking a season off last year, got right back in the saddle after a couple runs. Jennifer and Joshua came so they enjoyed skiing together with Jeremy. We welcomed new volunteer John Harper who knows the Hsu's and Kenny from their cycling adventure last summer. Lenna's mom Meredith came as well and it was great to get to know her better. Another Big Thanks to Hannah for heading up the Saturday dinner again. Other shadows were Amanda, Ryan Hawkins, Sigrid, and Matt. The BIG event of the weekend though was the Wailer's ski-a-thon fundraiser to benefit The Unrecables. We all attended their awards ceremony Saturday afternoon and many of us came away with raffle prizes. Together we raised $9,700 for The Unrecables!

There was more snow in April at Mammoth than in March! We had another good size group with five students: Dr. Bob, Jason Julian, Scott Faulkenburg, David Lindsay, and Mike Zimmerman. Mike Julian gave Dr. Bob his Wild Rides as Ryan and Matt shadowed. Scott as usual tested his shadows for how quicky they can start down the hill after getting off the chair. Again the weather was warm and sunny and spring conditions prevailed so we searched for good snow before things got too slushy and sloppy. There were a few "oops's": Kenny found out that it's not good to try to turn on the whoop-de-doos off the back side of Chair 3 when they're icy. I realized that there was less sidecut on Bob's monoboard than mine when I borrowed it for a couple runs and managed to fall over instead of turn. Matt caught an edge and proceeded to convert one of his poles to a racing style aerodynamic type. Even Big Mike missed saving Dr. Bob from a tumble after oscillations struck on Sesame Street. There were no major mishaps though (Woo hoo!). Dinner Saturday was Taco Night with chicken and slow roasted carnitas, Mexican rice, black beans and all the fixin's. We celebrated Katelyn's 18th birthday with a fancy chocolate tiramisu cake (which I suspect kept me awake that night). Ryan "The Spiderman" Hawkins (a nice big spider decided to take up residence in his ski boot overnight) got a great video of Dr. Bob screamin' down Mambo. Ryan could have a future in ski videography. Dan got in on the action and got over a minute of Scott bombing down Stump Alley non-stop. Scott outlasted Dan's video effort. Matt did a decent job getting some footage of Dr. Bob, but he also got a good amount of "snow closeup", but at least we know what the grooming marks and his ski tips look like. Bob gave expert advice to David and saw good improvement. I witnessed Mike "Too Sexy For My Skis" Zimmerman continue to get his ski legs back after a long hiatus. Conditions were not that easy at times and all our students did well. Lance, Glenn, Cindy, and Sandra rounded out the support in April.

Eugene was our sole student for May and we volunteers (Julio, Kenny, Dan, Izzy, Jimmy, and me) thanked him for coming! Driving up, temperatures were in the upper 80's so we knew it was going to be spring conditions again. However, the wind and some cloud cover at times kept the "feels like" temperature cooler than expected. We were greeted by a lot of brown off the sides of the runs, but the main runs still had decent coverage. Again the search was on to find the best snow. We welcomed new volunteer Jim Ritter who was recruited by Julio, and it was the first time this season for Izzy G who came with her dad Dan. Kenny was the primary for Eugene, but Dan used the third radio for a few runs and then was given the opportunity to guide Eugene for a few runs. Sunday morning started out windy and it got

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Spring Recap

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quite bad after a few runs. All the lifts closed and so we all enjoyed hot chocolate in Roma's Room and then decided to call it a weekend. It worked out because we were able to accost Woolly there and get some pictures together before heading out. On Friday we witnessed something you might only ever see at Mammoth – a lift operator was playing his bassoon at the loading area, complete with recorded music accompaniment, music stand and sheet music! Apparently he was rehearsing for a concert later that evening. Eugene was trying to make music of his own as he had chili for lunch Friday, then Julio's chili for dinner Friday, then chili again for lunch Saturday. Maybe that's one of the secrets he learned at the Park City adaptive ski racing program he was at for over three months… turbo boost!

That wraps up another wonderful season. Links to the picture and video albums can be found here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MKui4gszz93kMX3heiNXRg6JtJfT-9LEzGfvrhXyU1Y/edit?usp=sharing

As always, thank you for your support. Will somebody please slow down time… ◆

Victor

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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- Email any of our board members directly.
- Peruse the many photos and videos from our past trips
- Check out the information and resources at our Volunteer Hub.
- Explore the videos and extensive resources available at our Instructor Hub
- We are proud to offer three different scholarships in support of our snowsports athletes and instructors with applications filled out online.

A big THANK YOU to our Website Committee led by our webmaster **Eugene Kim: Gordon Cardona, Kenny Chan, Victor Chan, and John Gray**. ◆

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

Calendar of Events

December
1 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p
4-6 Ski Dazzle at the Magic Box
18-20 Mammoth trip
January 2027
5 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p
22-24 Mammoth trip
February
2 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p
19-21 Mammoth trip
March
2 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p
19-21 Mammoth trip
April
6 Social on Zoom @ 6:30p
16-18 Mammoth trip

Support The Unrecables and Shop Ralphs!

Re-register Your Ralphs Card

1. Go to www.RALPHS.com
2. Scroll to bottom of the Home page.
3. Click "Kroger Community Rewards" under Community Contribution.
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
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Benefits of Membership

- Four issues of the club newsletter (quarterly)
- Priority on all trips and activities
- Members do not pay any trip fees for ski trips to Mammoth
- Assistant instructors can ski/snowboard 1.5 days, per trip, for FREE.
- Students: No fees for the lifts, ski equipment or professional instruction
- Exclusive invitations to our parties and special events
- Members are invited to attend our Board and Social Meetings
- Eligible to run for office
- May assist with organizing trips and activities
- Your dues help us to continue to offer these FREE services.
- Gives you that really good feeling that you are doing the right thing!

We appreciate your Participation and Support

Membership categories:

Individual (annual)	$40
Individual (lifetime)	$320
Family (annual)	$60
Family (lifetime)	$480
Corp/Organization	$50/year or $200/five years

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

Big Sky, Montana Jan. 23—30, 2027



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Package Includes:

- 7 Nights Lodging
- Welcome Party
- Banquet & Dance
- Council Activities

Group Air, Ground Transfers, Trip Insurance, Lift Tickets, and IKON Passes are extra

FWSA CST # 2036983-40

Must be a member of a Far West Ski Association Club or FWSA Direct Member

FWSA ADVENTURE TRIP
QUITO & GALAPAGOS, ECUADOR
October 17 – 26, 2027

Quito Land Package & Galapagos Trip Inclusions:
- Welcome Orientation
- 4 nights at the 5 Star Go Quito Hotel
- 1 night stay at the 4 Star Hacienda Pinsaqui
- Daily buffet breakfast
- All hotel's taxes & fees
- All transfers to & from the Quito Airport
- Full day tour on day 2 including lunch
- Full day tours on days 3 & 4 (lunch on your own)
- Tour guide during the land tours in Quito
- Round-trip air from Quito to The Galapagos Islands
- All inclusive - Galapagos Legend Cruise (5 Days / 4 Nights)
- All Meals included on the Galapagos Tour
- 2 daily excursions to different islands with English speaking naturalist guide
- Snorkeling equipment
- Activities on board (Briefings, Lectures, Etc.)

Prices start at $5769 (Not including round-trip air from the US)
Group Air will be offered and recommended for this trip



Equator Spot in Quito

Join FWSA
for an Unforgettable
Quito & Galapagos Experience

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Province of Imbabura, Ecuador



Blue Footed Booby



Galapagos Legend Ship



Galapagos Tortoise

Information provided on this flyer is subject to change.
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Happy Birthday!

November

3 Ann Page
6 Amanda Davis
7 Mike Trujillo
7 Kathy Paisley
9 Paula Nerniroff
10 Richard Wu
15 Maggie Riley
17 Allison Aries
25 Jennifer Nerad-Sultan
28 Scott England
30 Amanda Arsenault Fraenkel
30 Eric Lue

December

1 Daniel Garcia
5 Debbie Beaudin
7 Glenda Phillips
9 Glenn Green
10 Diane Lenkin
19 J. Davis
27 John Melville

January

3 Jesse MacGregor
8 Lenna Fagen
12 Mika Ito
16 Inge Hobo-Scheinfarb
27 Keri Acosta

February

6 Lukas Smith
14 Robert Arias
17 Annette Mann
18 Nancy Brown
26 Stephanie Oberle
27 Soo Lee



March

5 Dan Gertler
9 Joseph Takeli
20 Georgina Hackett
21 Jason Fourier
22 Matthew Levine
23 Chuck DeBerard

April

1 Harlee Gruenberg
7 Kim Gundlach
11 Bob Hayes
14 Bobbie Benson
20 Bob Darvish
23 Anne Schmitt
26 Roy Choi
26 Michael Zimmerman
28 Chrissy Knee

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FWSA Trips

FWSA Annual Ski Week 2027
Big Sky, MT
January 23-30, 2027

FWSA Mini-Ski Week 2027
Alyeska-Iditarod
February 28-March 7, 2027

FWSA Adventure Trip 2027
Galapagos Islands
October 17-26, 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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Next Newsletter Deadline: April 1

Coming up in the next issue:

- Ski trips review
- FWSA SkiCon 2027 ... and much more

The Unrecables on Zoom
Social 6:30pm
Board Meeting 7pm

First Tuesday Monthly

Check your e-mail for Zoom meeting link, or e-mail gwcardona68@gmail.com.

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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.

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan

SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES.
First With Safety Awareness

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