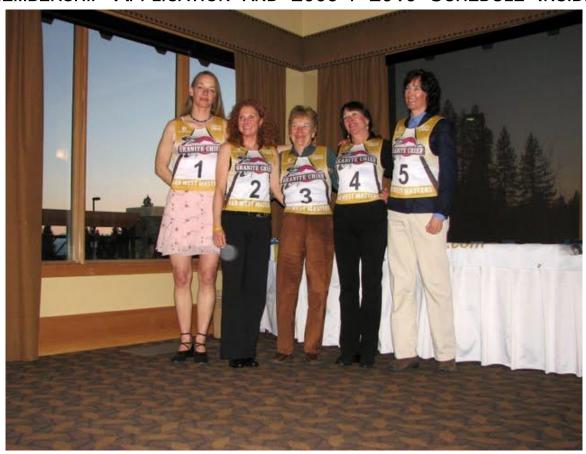


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Membership Issue

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND 2009 / 2010 SCHEDULE INSIDE!



TOP 5 WOMEN!

LIESL PANKE, JULIE ROLFE, SANDY HOGAN, MARCIE PETTIGREW AND ELIZABETH KENNEDY



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am looking forward to another great race season and to seeing both old and new friends participating. USSA Nationals are close to home this year at Sun Valley. They always do an exceptional job, a bunch of ex Nationals team members around doesn't hurt.

Can't think of a better way to hone your skills then competing in our own Far West division races, so check out our schedule for the coming season and start planning on your training and racing this coming winter. Mark Mirviss has done an outstanding job of putting together our race calendar. He has pretty evenly balanced GS and SL, with a good dose of speed events and is taking us to areas with the most challenging terrain and caring race departments. This is his first year as our race scheduler, with hopefully many more to come. Mark, thanks for all the hard work.

Much went on at our summer board meeting. We are now running "National" (5 year) age classes. Our goal with all new changes is to encourage greater participation. We are always looking for new sponsors, so if anyone out there is working for a company that might like to sponsor us, no matter how small the donation. We are also looking for weekend race sponsorship, for \$350 you can name the race. Rocky Mountain has been so successful with this there is a waiting list for their races. Another major change coming up is online registration, making it a lot easier to sign up. We owe Deb Lewis a ton of thanks for this one.

Ingrid Braun is our newest board member and we all feel really fortunate to have her. Our wishes are to see her back out on the hill this winter this after suffering a major injury this past season.

I leave for Chile this week, they have incredible snow amounts along with New Zealand who has reported the best in thirty years. We should have a record breaking winter as our seasons generally follow theirs!

Our fall meeting will be late October at the Reno home of Mark Smallhouse, which will follow the annual officials meeting. All meetings are open to the membership.

Pray for early snow!

Marietta

FALL BOARD MEETING AND OFFICIALS' CLINIC

The Officials' Clinic and the Fall Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24, at the home of Mark Smallhouse in Reno, Nevada. The Officials' Clinic will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Board Meeting will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., directly following the Officials' Clinic.

The address to the Smallhouse's home is 189 Carleton Court, Reno, Nevada 89511. Our board meeting is open to all members who wish to attend.

EQUIPMENT DEALS AND DISCOUNTS

We all realize that ski racing is an expensive sport, but in these challenging economic times, it doesn't hurt to look for a deal. Fortunately, we have resources in the Far West who support ski racing and are willing to extend discounts to members of Far West Masters.

Please support the businesses who support us: GRANITE CHIEF - TRUCKEE FOOTLOOSE SPORTS - MAMMOTH STARTHAUS - TRUCKEE RENO MOUNTAIN SPORTS - RENO COMMAND PERFORMANCE - MAMMOTH

In addition to the above listed businesses, we are fortunate to have a race rep, Mike Braun, as a member of Far West Masters. Mike can help you obtain racer pricing on the following brands:

DYNASTAR SKIS Rossignol Skis LANGE BOOTS LOOK BINDINGS **UVEX HELMETS AND GOGGLES** SWIX WAX AND POLES















MEN'S TOP 10



ARA AT MT. ROSE SLALOM



BERNARD CUP WINNERS



CHECKING RESULTS AT ALPINE



SUPERG SKI PREP AT MAMMOTH



COURSE INSPECTION AT NORTHSTAR

