



**2014/2015 Start of Season Edition**

**and**

**Membership Renewal Packet**



## **From the President's Corner...**

*By Dan Simmons*

As I write this message we are nine weeks from our first scheduled races and I saw snow on the tops of some of the high peaks around Tahoe. By the time you read this the number of weeks will have declined. It's time for our thoughts to turn to **Spending Kids' Inheritance (SKI)**.

Our scheduler supreme, Mike Braun, has arranged another great season with a number of two race days to give us lots of starts. New to the schedule will be two super-Gs at Northstar on Friday right before the McKinney Cup at Mt. Rose on Saturday and Sunday. We will also have great racing opportunities at the National Downhill Championships immediately followed by the Western Regionals at Aspen Buttermilk. The Nationals in March will be at Sun Valley. Our own speed series at Mammoth at the end of January will give us an opportunity to get up-to-speed for the Aspen events.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Board who've been working over the summer to provide us with a good upcoming season of racing. Now if El Nino will only cooperate.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, we are making a few changes to registration. It will cost you an extra five bucks to be a sloth. We need early sign-ups for races so that we can get start lists together and give the areas an idea of how many starts to expect. So we ask that you register no later than midnight Sunday before the next race day. That's easy, just sign up on [SkiRaceReg.com](http://SkiRaceReg.com) for all the races. If you withdraw before the sign-up deadline (usually Thursday before the race), there's no charge. Some areas will accept a later withdrawal, but it's up to the race department. Also, race day registrations depend on the area and generally will not be available. We will register first-time racers on race day without penalty if we can, but it is important for people to let us know by the registration deadline that they may be coming.

Beautiful new bibs are on order. Thanks to the Mirviss family for design and acquisition and to Lausmann Lumber for sponsorship. Leader bibs will be distinctive so that gate-keepers don't get confused.

As always, we need to recruit new racers to keep the program healthy. So I challenge everyone to introduce at least one person to the program. We will continue to refund a race registration fee to anyone who brings a first-time racer, notifies me in advance, and walks the new person through the registration process. The last is a new requirement for the fee waiver. We anticipate having a limited number of temporary licenses to give to first-time racers who are likely to return. Also, our secretary, Diann Lange, has designed some business cards with the race schedule that you might pass along to friends.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Mammoth on December 6.

Thanks,

Dan

## **Race Entry Process**

*By Deb Lewis*

One of the fundamental processes of our Far West Masters racing operations is getting racer entries into the race organizer's computer system so we have competitor start lists and can run the timing systems on race day. And we all know how much we like having timing results, as we gather at the timing board after every run! This article explains how we get you into the starting gate ready to "Go!"

### ***Submitting Entries***

For many years, a race entry was made by filling out an entry form and mailing or hand delivering the entry with your checks to the race organizer. Extra lead time was required to allow for mail delivery and sometimes-slow mountain postal services and you never knew for sure if your entry had arrived.

Starting with the 2011 season, we were finally able to provide a system for entering races

online and SkiRaceReg.com has been very popular and effective. Entering online is as simple as checking the box by each race you want to enter, with race entry fees processed using the charge card information you provide when setting up your account on the system. Security of your information was critical to our decision to move ahead with an online registration system. The SkiRaceReg.com site is published using encrypted web connections to ensure that your activity and account information is protected when you use the site. A recognized firm that is certified to meet industry standards for Internet commerce is used to store all credit card information as well as performing the entry fee payment transaction processing.

Our procedure and fees for race entries are the same regardless of how you submit your entries. There are no additional fees for using the online registration service – we strongly encourage everyone to use the online registration system, as we believe it provides a better experience for both competitors and organizers to streamline the race entry process. That said, we continue to support the traditional procedure of mailing a printed entry form with entry fee checks for any who do not wish to use the online process.

Complete information on the race schedule, race entries, and organizer contact information is posted on the farwestmasters.org web site.

### ***Entry Deadlines***

We ask (we beg! we plead!!!) that race entries be submitted at least a week prior to the event. We need to have a reasonable estimate of the field size in order to allow the race organizers to be able to put on great events for us.

With the more efficient race setup process enabled by online registrations, we are usually able to extend the final entry deadline before close of registration until a relatively short time prior to the scheduled event – typically the entry deadline is set to allow a 1-2 day setback from the start of the event to allow the organizers the necessary time for final preparations. For example, for a

Saturday/Sunday weekend race event, registration usually closes on Thursday evening (9pm PST on [SkiRaceReg.com](http://SkiRaceReg.com) for all you procrastinators out there) to allow the organizers to complete race preparation on Friday.

The entry deadline for each event is published on the web site schedule page; it is also included on the printable entry form and posted on [SkiRaceReg.com](http://SkiRaceReg.com). Occasionally the race organizer will need to close registration sooner than the usual entry deadline in order to handle race preparation. If a stricter deadline for close of registration is required, it will be posted and we will publicize the change as widely as possible (*web, email, Facebook*)

### ***Late Entries and Day-of-race Signup***

For the 2014-2015 season, we are updating our registration policy to establish an early registration deadline of midnight on the Sunday prior to the start of the event. All entries received during the week prior to the event, whether mailed or online, are subject to a \$5/race late fee after the early registration deadline.

The board has instituted this policy to reinforce the need to submit registrations at least a week in advance of the event and allow our organizers to properly plan and prepare to host our races. Because of the flexible cancellation policy (described in the next section), there is no penalty for signing up early – you can cancel without penalty anytime up until the entry deadline when registration is closed. If you're planning on coming to the race or just considering but not yet sure if you will be able to make it, sign up anyway – you have until the entry deadline to cancel without penalty if you determine you can't make it.

Once the entry registration deadline for an event has been reached, online registration is closed – this is a hard deadline needed to ensure adequate time prior to the event to handle the logistics of pulling online registrations into the race computer systems. Late entries in the final day prior to the event *may* be accepted if submitted directly to the

race organizer, but this is entirely at the discretion of the organizer and should not be assumed.

Day-of-race entries at check-in on race day will ordinarily *not* be accepted this season – you need to be on the start list when the final entry list is prepared the day before to be able to race. Although in the past we have often accepted race day signups, we have found that the additional complications this creates for race organizers and the Far West Masters volunteers staffing race check-in detract from our ability to provide a good race day experience for competitors.

### **Cancellation**

Far West Masters has always had a "torn check" entry policy in place to encourage early submission of race entries – there is no penalty fee if you need to cancel your entry anytime up until the registration deadline. This applies to both mailed and online entries.

You are responsible for cancelling your entry if you are unable to compete. If you entered online, cancellation is easy and reliable – log into your SkRaceReg.com account and un-click the race to cancel your entry. For mailed entries, you are responsible for contacting the race organizer to notify them of your withdrawal.

If you need to cancel your entry after the registration deadline, you *must* contact the race organizer directly to notify them of your withdrawal or to request a refund of the entry fee. Race organizers typically are accommodating if a last-minute emergency or injury forces you to request withdrawal from an event you have entered, but the responsibility is YOURS.

### **Entry Fee Payment**

Once the entry deadline has been reached, you are committed and the organizer may charge the full entry fee regardless of whether you go out of the starting gate. No checks are cashed and no online registration charges are processed until the scheduled date of the event.

No entry fees are charged if the event is cancelled.

### **Exceptional Conditions**

Occasionally mistakes are made in processing entry fee payments. If you believe you have been incorrectly charged, contact the race organizer to request a correction. If you are unsatisfied with the resolution, please bring the issue to the attention of the Far West Masters board so we can assist.

### **Bring a Friend—Save Money**

Far West Masters is working hard to encourage new racers and we need your help. The Bring a Friend program will reimburse your race fee if you bring a new racer to the program. That's easy—just do it.

There are a couple of requirements. To get the reimbursement you must notify [president@farwestmasters.org](mailto:president@farwestmasters.org) in advance and shepherd your new racer through registration. That means getting the person signed up on [SkiRaceReg.com](http://SkiRaceReg.com), or registered by mail before the deadlines (there is no late fee for new racers), and walking the person through the paperwork to get a USSA weekend license by directing them to instructions on the web site and leading them through the registration and check in process on race day. Please help the new racer navigate the sign-up and race day. It's important that people get signed up to enable the area to build the start list. The registration coordinator will confirm your eligibility for reimbursement. You can also help encourage a new racer to return by helping the person out through the day.

### **Far West Masters Scholarship Program**

*by Sandy Hogan*

### **Far West Masters Scholarship Program recipients: Where are they now?**

Our program began in 1993, and has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success. During those 21 years, 643 scholarships have been awarded to approximately 250 young athletes, with many receiving 3-6 scholarships, for a total of \$750,000. Under the leadership of Eddie

Mozen, Doug Fulton, Miles Anderson and the late Joe Lausmann, some of our racers have gone on to the US Team, most to college, and all have made us very proud of our exceptional program. More recently, the Jeff Wattenmaker scholarship has been added to our program, and you'll find a letter from **Sal Montforte** in this edition of the Forerunner. Sal is in his senior year, and has received \$2,500 per year from the Jeff Wattenmaker fund. To our knowledge, there is nothing comparable to the FWM Scholarship Program, anywhere in the US or in any other division, and our members' support over the years has been unflagging. Here's a brief update on just a few past recipients, and you'll see more in our future editions of the Forerunner, as we make contact with more of our "graduates".

**Matt Savage:** a 5-time scholarship winner who skied out of Mt. Rose, is an aeronautical engineer who designs million-dollar sails for America Cup sailing ships. Matt is our first racer to return to race with us as an adult, and in that capacity, he was the overall Masters National Champion while finishing college at UNR, and then went on to graduate school in San Diego for his Masters Degree.

**Denise Domaille:** was a J2 when she received a FWM scholarship in 1994. She graduated from Mammoth High School in 1997, and then attended college at University of San Diego, where she pursued collegiate waterskiing. After receiving a degree in communications and a minor in business, she joined the Peace Corps and lived in Zambia for two and half years working in the health program. She also lived in Quito, Ecuador for a winter volunteering at an orphanage founded by Mammoth locals Clark and Melinda Vaughn. Everyone familiar with the Eastern Sierras has heard of the gourmet "Whoa Nellie Deli", located in Lee Vining at the famous Mobil Mart. Denise helps run this family business, so stop in for an unforgettable meal, and say hi to her when you do. She is very happy to be living back in the Eastern Sierras, married to an avid skier, and they both can't wait to teach their two-year old, Dylan, to ski this winter.

**Marco Sullivan:** Marco was a 5-time scholarship recipient in the 90's, and one of our earliest members of the US Ski Team. He, along with 4-time scholarship recipient **Stacey Cook**, has competed in three Olympics, and both continue to compete on the world cup circuit as speed specialists. Marco cut his teeth skiing at Squaw Valley, as did **Travis Ganong**, another current USST member who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in last year's Olympic downhill (more on **Stacey, Travis** and **Marco** in later articles).

**Lindsay Barksdale:** Lindsay grew up in Winthrop, WA, and was attending Liberty Bell High School in Mission Ridge, WA when her coach, Greg Needell, took the head coaching job in Mammoth. Lindsay and a few others followed Greg to continue training in Mammoth before he went on to the US Ski Team, and in 1999 Lindsay received a FWM scholarship as a J1. During that time, she graduated from Liberty Bell with help from high school correspondence classes and Brigham Young University. After a "post grad" year off to race nationally and on the Nor Am circuit as a speed specialist, Lindsay attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. She raced USCSA for 2 years and NCAA Div 1 for one year, then retired from racing to write her thesis and graduate with a BA in Psychology. After graduation Lindsay went to Australia and taught skiing for one season at Mt. Hotham. Wanting to come home to the US in 2004, Lindsay coached 12 and under athletes at Mammoth Mountain for the next 10 years, serving as Head Development Coach the last few years. She also coached the "Mammoth Sharks" swim team in the summer. Lindsay is now the Executive Director of the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation, a non-profit that brings people who love Mammoth together for our kids. MMCF supports academic and athletic programming in Mammoth to help get kids outside in the mountains. If you're visiting Mammoth, drop by and say hi (her office is next to the race department). Lindsay is married to new American citizen, Ian Birrell, and has a son, Julian, who was born July 4 2013.

## Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship

The **Jeff Wattenmaker scholarship** is the result of one Masters racer's love of our sport, our support of young racers, and his untimely death in February, 2010. He admired the Far West Masters Scholarship Program, and the November before he died he went with other Masters and some of our young scholarship awardees to Copper. He was so impressed by the camaraderie between the Masters and the young racers that he approached Eddie Mozen with a proposal to set up an endowment for a college scholarship for deserving racers. The result is the \$10,000 Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship (\$2,500 per year for four years) to attend the college of the athlete's choice. The letter that accompanies this article is from **Sal Montforte**, a three-time FWMSP athlete, now a senior at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and a recipient of the Jeff Wattenmaker scholarship.

Far West Masters Scholarship Program,

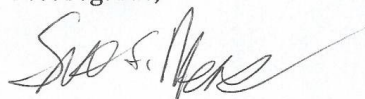
September 2, 2014

Labor day has come and gone again, the first hints of fall are in the air, and I have taken my last water ski of the summer. For the fourth time, I am getting ready to head back to San Luis Obispo and start my year of classes at Cal Poly. As I pack my things and prepare myself for my first week of classes, I can not help but be extremely grateful that my family and I have a little bit less to worry about thanks to the Wattenmaker Scholarship.

Since I began my relationship with the scholarship committee almost eight years ago I have looked forward to the day when I can start giving back to the very same ski community that helped me out when I was younger. As this year marks the last installment of the very gracious four-year scholarship, I must find new ways to stay involved with the program. I would like this letter to not only be viewed as a sincere thank you, but as a direct offer to help the scholarship program in any way I can. Whether that is volunteering at events when I'm in town or writing testimonies for publications, I would be more than excited to start giving back to the program.

As I start the end of my undergraduate education, I can't thank the ski community enough for introducing me to some of my best friends and teaching me life lessons that I rely on daily. I can also not thank the Far West Masters enough for there support, not only when I was still competing, but as I moved on to life after ski racing. I look forward to working with the scholarship program in the future and cant wait to give back.

Best regards,



Salvatore Monforte



## Far West Masters Ski Racing Series

### 2014 – 2015 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Enclosed you'll find this year's membership renewal packet.

Please ensure that the membership application is completely filled out. Most importantly, I need to have your correct e-mail address. Over the past few seasons, we've been able to give schedule updates and provide other pertinent program information via e-mail, making it easier for our racers to have up-to-date information throughout the season. Check our website [www.farwestmasters.org](http://www.farwestmasters.org) for more racing information including links to USSA and Alpine Racing

This season we will be issuing new bib numbers. You will be receiving more information about your bib assignment after the October 31, 2014 Far West membership deadline. You must renew by the deadline to ensure that you can keep your current bib number. Note, membership renewals received after the October 31, 2014 deadline will be charged a \$5 late fee.

We're looking forward to another exciting season of racing. If you have membership questions, don't hesitate to contact [membership@farwestmasters.org](mailto:membership@farwestmasters.org) and [president@farwestmasters.org](mailto:president@farwestmasters.org)

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See you in December!

Mary Feddis, VP, Membership

*Briefly, competitors MUST have a USSA license in order to compete, either a masters license or a weekend license – this is essential for insurance purposes. Competitors also MUST provide proof of primary medical insurance coverage on either USSA license application. The deadline for renewing with USSA without penalty is October 15,2014.*

*Competitors who race more than one weekend per season must also join Far West Masters, which provides benefits such as a permanently assigned stretch bib, a subscription to our regularly published newsletter, and eligibility for season awards, along with access to special member offers.*

## **Eligibility**

Men and women age 18 and over may compete in the Far West Masters Ski Racing Series. A USSA masters competition or weekend license is required. Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend.

For USSA membership and competition license, competitors need to go directly to the USSA web site <http://alpine.ussskiteam.com/alpine-programs/masters> and complete the application process online or send your completed application to USSA, P.O. Box 100, Park City, Utah 84060.

You will need proof of medical insurance coverage for a USSA license, so have your insurance card with carrier and policy number available when you fill out a USSA license application.

Note: For racers who wish to complete only in a specific competition, a temporary weekend license may be obtained at registration on the morning of the event for races held within the division. A temporary license is \$25 and is limited to two weekends per season. Note that full USSA membership is required for Regional, National and International races.

## **Far West Masters Registration – deadline 10/31/14**

Membership in the Far West Masters is required if you race more than one weekend. To be a member you need to complete the enclosed application form and write a check for \$20 (\$25 if you elect to receive the newsletter by mail) payable to Far West Masters Ski Racing and then submit by mail to Mary Feddis, P.O. Box 7691, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. RENEWALS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 31.

## **Courses**

Masters races are intended to be technically more difficult than club races or NASTAR. FIS and USSA rules are generally followed, and modified as appropriate for Masters racing. Two runs are mandatory for SL and GS events, and two training runs are mandatory for DH's. No training runs are required for SG but are strongly encouraged.

## **Safety Requirement**

Helmets certified for ski racing are required and must cover the head and ears. Helmets with spoilers or edges that stick out, such as helmet cams, are not permitted. Protective features integral to the discipline being contested, such as chin guards on SL helmets, are permitted. Soft ear protection is only permitted for helmets used in SL. Leg braces must be worn under one's speed suit/ski pants or be otherwise covered.



## Age Classes

Far West Masters run in 5 year categories for masters competitors age 21 and up. Your age class for the duration of the season is determined by your age as of December 31, 2014. Racers under 21 are welcome, but compete in separate classes and are not eligible for awards or the Open class.

Men and women race against their age peers in the following classes:

Class	Age Range	Class	Age Range
14	90+	13	85-89
12	80-84	11	75-79
10	70-74	9	65-69
8	60-64	7	55-59
6	50-54	5	45-49
4	40-44	3	35-39
2	30-34	1	21-29
0	18-21	00	Under 18

Class start order is generally oldest to youngest, women before men in descending age class order for all 70+ classes followed by all other women's classes and all other men's classes. A special Open class is formed from the fastest racers across all age groups. The top 10 men and top 5 women after the first run in SL and GS, regardless of age class, have the option to run in the Open Class. The women's open class will run after the class 6 Women's 50's and the men's open class will run after the class 6 Men's 50's.

## Race Entry Fees and Registration

For the 2014 -2015 season, we are updating our registration policy to establish an early registration deadline of midnight on the Sunday prior to the start of the event. All entries received during the week prior to the event, whether mailed or online, are subject to a \$5 race late fee after the early registration deadline. It is strongly encouraged that you sign up for the races at least a week in advance of the event. Because of the flexible cancellation policy, there is no penalty for signing up early – you can cancel without penalty any time up until the published deadline when registration is closed.

Complete event information, including entry fees and deadlines for each race, are published on the Season Schedule of our website [www.farwestmasters.org](http://www.farwestmasters.org) as well as on the [www.skiracereg.com](http://www.skiracereg.com) online registration site and in our newsletter. GS and SL races are generally \$30 per race day for registrations made before midnight on Sunday prior to the race day. DH and SG's generally cost more, and usually include training runs. We encourage early registration so that race organizers can be well prepared for an on time start on race day. Registrations on race day will generally not be accepted.

There are two options to register for races:

Racers can register online through <http://www.skiracereg.com> for every event. This is option is strongly encouraged. There is no extra fee for using this service and if races are cancelled due to bad weather or snow conditions there will be no charge. You will not be billed until after the race is held.

If you prefer to register by mail it must be received by the race organizer by the Sunday prior to the race event otherwise it will be considered late. Please send a separate check for each race day. You may cancel a race entry without penalty up to the published deadline. We have a “torn check policy” for races cancelled due to bad weather or snow conditions.

IF YOU ARE REGISTERING BY MAIL, please remember that an entry consists of one check for the race fee for each race day and an “event entry form” with check offs for multiple races at an event. On our website <http://farwestmasters.org/services/raceentries> you will find the race entry forms.

If you must cancel a race entry after the entry deadline has passed, due to injury or illness, you must notify the race organizer at least one day before the race weekend to avoid being charged for the race. Exceptions may be made in case of injury.

### **Awards**

Racers must have at least 6 starts to qualify for a season award and must be paid members of the Far West Masters for the current season. First, second and third place awards are given for each men’s and women’s age class and the open seeds at the season ending banquet.

Points are tabulated throughout the season based on race finishes. Racers keep points for their best results from 75% of the total number of races held, rounding up to the next whole number. For example, if 18 races are actually held, racers will keep their best 14 results. This means you don’t have to attend every race to be competitive.

### **National Speed Series**

This year we have scheduled a National Speed Series event at Mammoth Mountain, CA January 22-25, 2015. Two DH training runs are scheduled for Thursday followed by two DH races on Friday with two SG races each day on Saturday and Sunday.

### **USSA Masters Regional Championships/FIS International Masters**

Aspen will be putting on a full week of racing February 2 -8, 2015 at the Buttermilk base area and nearby Basalt. The week will open with the National DH Championships and Speed Series on February 2-4 with two days scheduled for training followed by two DH races on Wednesday. The only US stop on the FIS International Masters Cup calendar follows with the FIS Masters Cup races on February 5 -8. The schedule is one SG race on Thursday, two GS races on Friday and Saturday’ and SL on Sunday. All Masters’ racers are eligible to race if they have a current FIS license – which can be purchased through USSA at the time of USSA renewal or later in the year

### **USSA Masters National Championships**

The annual Masters National Championship is scheduled to take place at Sun Valley, Idaho March 16-2, 2015 at the Warm Springs base area. The races start on Monday and Tuesday with a Super Combined followed by the SG, GS. and SL events on Wednesday –Friday. Racers from the US and Canada compete in this event. To be eligible, you must qualify in your division by January 31, 2015, and have your USSA membership and license no later than January 15, 2015. A minimum number of race entries may be required, along with other criteria. Qualification requirements will be published on the Far West Master’s web site and in the newsletter closer to the entry deadline.

## Far West Masters Ski Racing

### 2014-2015 Membership Renewal Application

**All information must be filled out for your application to be valid. You will be charged a \$5 late fee if incomplete information causes your application to be filled out after the 10/31/2014 due date.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:**  Male  Female

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bib Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(N/A for new members)

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues and Contributions		
	Renewing	New Members
Membership Fee*	\$20	\$20
<b>Hard copy of the Forerunner newsletter</b>	\$5	\$5
<b>Web Based newsletter available on our FWM website</b>	0	
Lost/replacement bib fee (\$15):		NA
<b>Late fee (if postmarked after 10/31/2014, add \$5):</b>		N/A
TOTAL*:		

**Make check payable to: Far West Masters Ski Racing**  
**Mail to: Mary Feddis**  
**P. O. Box 7691**  
**Mammoth Lakes, Ca 93546**

Roster Information	You WILL be included unless you specifically say NO	
	YES	NO
Is it OK to send news messages to your email address?		
Is it OK to print your name and address for members only?		
Is it OK to print your name and address for sale to vendors?		

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE

I know that alpine, nordic and freestyle skiing are action sports carrying significant risk of serious personal injury, death or property damage. I also know that there are natural, mechanical, and environmental conditions and risks which independently or in combination with my activities may cause property damage, or severe or even fatal injuries to me or others.

I agree that I alone am responsible for: (a) my safety while participating in competitive events and/or training for competitive events and (b) providing, utilizing and maintaining that equipment necessary for the safe enjoyment of my participation in such events and specifically acknowledge that the following persons or entities including Masters Series Ski Racing of the Far West, Inc., United States Skiing, the United States Skiing Association, the United States Ski Team, the United States Ski Coaches Association, the ski area, the promoters, the sponsors, the organizers, the promoter clubs, the officials and any agent, representative, officer, director, employee, member or affiliate of any person or entity named above are not responsible for my safety, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above. I agree to accept all responsibility for the risks, conditions, and hazards which may occur whether they now be known or unknown.

Being fully aware of the risks, conditions and hazards of the proposed activity as a competitor, coach or official, I HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me as a result of any participation in competitive events or training for competitive events, against any person or entity identified above whether such injury or damage was foreseeable or not, including all such claims regarding the design or condition of any equipment utilized by me in such competitive events without regard to whether such equipment is specified or recommended by such persons or entities identified above.

I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY all persons and entities identified above, generally and specifically, from any and all liability for death, personal injury or property damage resulting in any way from my participating in competitive events or training for competitive events.

I currently have, and agree to maintain throughout the time that I train and compete, valid and sufficient medical and accident insurance. I understand that this is my sole responsibility and release all persons and entities identified above from providing coverage to me.

I agree that I will accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the U.S.S.A. and any other rules or regulations imposed by the organizers of any particular competition. This Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk and Release shall be binding upon my heirs and assigns.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ USSA Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**2014-2015**  
**Far West Masters Race Schedule**  
<http://farwestmasters.org>

**Online Race Registration:**  
<http://skiracereg.com>

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	ENTRY FEE / LIFT	SEND ENTRIES TO:
Dec. 6-7	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 fax: (760) 934-0613	<b>Dave McCoy Classic</b> Sat: SL, SL Sun: GS	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Dec. 20-21	Alpine Meadows (530) 581-8234	SL, SL	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Alpine Meadows Event Services P.O. Box 2007 Olympic Valley, CA 96146
Jan. 9	Heavenly Valley (775) 586-7000 x6208 (530) 542-5133	<b>Viva Italia!</b> SL, SL <i>[Friday doubleheader]</i>	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Heavenly Race Department c/o Lynda Killebrew P.O. Box 2180 Stateline, NV 89449
Jan. 10-11	Sierra at Tahoe (530) 659-7543 x280	GS, GS	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Sierra at Tahoe Resort Attn: Competition Department 1111 Sierra at Tahoe Road Twin Bridges, CA 95735
Jan. 22-25	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 fax: (760) 934-0613	<b>Mammoth Speed Series</b> Thu DH(t), DH(t) Fri: DH [NSS], DH Sat: SG [NSS], SG Sun: SG, SG	Entry: TBA training \$40 per DH [*] \$40 per SG [*] Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Feb. 2-4	<i>Downhill National Championship</i>	<i>Mon-Tue: DH(t) Wed: DH, DH</i>	<i>Aspen/Buttermilk CO</i>	<i>See Masters Comp Guide or <a href="http://ussamasters.org">http://ussamasters.org</a></i>
Feb. 5-8	<i>FIS International Masters / Western Region Championships</i>	<i>SG, GS GS, SL</i>	<i>Aspen/Buttermilk CO</i>	<i>See Masters Comp Guide or <a href="http://ussamasters.org">http://ussamasters.org</a></i>
Feb. 21-22	Squaw Valley USA (530) 581-7188	<b>Bernard Cup</b> Sat: SL, SL Sun: GS	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Race Services P.O. Box 2007 Olympic Valley, CA 96146
Mar. 6	Northstar California (530) 562-3232	SG, SG <i>[Friday doubleheader]</i>	\$40 per SG [*] Lift: TBA	Northstar Race Services <i>[mailing address tbd]</i>
Mar. 7-8	Mt. Rose (775) 849-0704 x 221 (775) 345-6709	<b>McKinney Cup</b> GS, GS	Entry: \$30 per race [*] Lift: TBA	Mt. Rose Race Dept Attn: McKinney Cup 22222 Mt Rose Highway Reno, NV 89511
Mar. 16-20	<i>Masters National Championships</i>	<i>SC SG, GS, SL</i>	<i>Sun Valley ID</i>	<i>See Masters Comp Guide or <a href="http://ussamasters.org">http://ussamasters.org</a></i>
Apr. 2-4	Mammoth Mountain (760) 934-0642 fax: (760) 934-0613	<b>Season Finals and Banquet</b> Thu: SG, SG Fri: GS Sat: SL, season Banquet	\$40 per SG [*] \$30 GS, SL [*] Banquet: TBA Lift: TBA	Mammoth Mountain Race Dept. P.O. Box 24 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
<b>Summary:</b>	10 SL, 7 GS, 7 SG, 2 DH - 26 total (note: national and international events not included in Far West Masters season scoring) 2015 entry fees: \$30 GS / SL races, \$40 SG / DH races [*] \$5/race late fee after midnight Sun prior to event			

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