



Far West Ski Association & Bay Area Council

Happy fall, skiers.

Finally, the temperature is dropping and the weather forecast includes snow. Time to start planning our ski trips. Do we need reservations at our favorite resort? Is there going to be room at the lodge? Putting on our boots in the parking lot, lunch in the car? We are still in a time of uncertainty and that will not change anytime soon. But we will deal with what is on our way because we are resilient people. We will do anything to get some turns in.

I have been getting questions about the Far West Sun Valley ski trip, January 30th till February 6th, 2021. The trip is scheduled to go on. I have been trying to get a “what if” answer without success. So, if you signed up, keep your fingers crossed.

There is also a mini ski trip to Zermatt Utah resort, March 21st-26th, 2021. Last time we had a meeting there was still space available.

Next winter we are returning to Aspen/Snowmass, January 22nd-29th, 2022. More info to follow. The 2022 mini ski week will be at Big White, Canada. A start for a trip down the powder highway? Hmm., sounds inviting.

An Inside Passage cruise to Alaska is scheduled for June 19th-30th, 2021. Space is still available. For more information about travel visit www.skibac.org. and you will find all the info, forms, etc.

Some information about our local resorts. All Vail resorts (Northstar, Heavenly, Kirkwood) will require reservations. Starting in a few weeks we can go online to pick our priority days anytime during the season. Once you have used those days, you can reserve more days. All Epic pass holders will get priority. I think you will be able to get midweek days almost anytime. Powder days? Who knows? Maybe look at long range forecasts and guess. If you make reservations, you must use them or cancel them. The Epic pass will only be valid on days you have reserved. Northstar will not be charging for parking at the upper village parking lot! I know this is all a bit confusing, but I hope it will explain itself once Vail opens its website for reservations.

Squaw/Alpine and Mammoth will not require reservations, but they will limit the amount of tickets they sell. Season pass holders will also get priority access.

We are also in the process to organize a race season. We have some dates, but there are still many questions. I will post an update as soon as I get it. The dates I have: Alpine Meadows: January 23rd/24th GS/GS, Sugar Bowl: February 27th/28th. SL/SL, March, TBD, Alpine or Heavenly. The Far West championships are scheduled at Mammoth on April 10th and 11th.

I hope we will be able to get some good skiing in this winter. We will have to improvise, but we will still try to have a good time on the slopes. Please, be aware of the lodge rules during the Covid time. Give Michelle enough time to assign beds. And, please, do not just show up at the lodge. You will most likely not find a place to sleep at the lodge, But, hey, Reno is only thirty minutes away.

Any questions, suggestions or criticism (not really), call, text or email me. That's all from me, folks. I wish you all a safe and snowy winter and lots of fun days on the slopes.

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