



Far West Ski Association

presents the **Hans Georg Award** to

Arleigh Meiners

Arleigh Meiners is one of the nicest, hardworking, dedicated skiers in the Far West organization. He has been President of Arizona Council since 2008. I can't think of anyone better for the job.

For a quiet, lay back zonie, Arleigh has accomplished a lot in his long tenure in organized skiing. So don't let his unassuming manner fool you.

Arleigh has been a member of the Phoenix Ski Club's Black Diamond Drafters, a group of skiers who have participated in the MS Bike Ride in Phoenix, for the past 30 years. Arleigh has ridden in 16 of those years and in 2008 he personally raised more than \$1,000 of the almost \$8,000 raised by his team.

Arleigh served as VP of Arizona Council and VP of out-of-town trips for Phoenix Ski Club. He ran trips to Schweitzer, Silver Mountain, Telluride and more trips to North Lake Tahoe with the Scottsdale Ski Club. In his spare time he organizes and leads hikes and bike rides.

Arleigh served as the Chairman for the very successful 2006 Far West Convention in Scottsdale. This is no easy task. He had a daunting accomplishment of pulling off a "ski" convention in the middle of the freaking desert with 120 degree temperatures. He had a great mix of volunteers (from a very small council) that insured that everything went off without a hitch.

The convention prepared Arleigh for the next big task at hand— the 60th anniversary celebration of the Phoenix Ski Club that was spearheaded by him. He managed to get both old and new members involved in the year-long celebrations. The event kicked off with a formal photo of past (as far back as the 1954 President) and present members with all their snow and summer toys. Other activities included a prize-winning entry in the Prada del Sol Parade in Scottsdale, where the side effect was an influx of new members. The celebration was capped with a play re-enacting the founding of the club, followed by a cruise to Mexico, and a gala party.

Last year, Arleigh stepped up to the plate when work and other commitments prevented the Council's Convention Chair from being fully involved in the planning of the 2016 FWSA Convention held in Scottsdale. Thanks in large part to Arleigh, it was a great convention that seemed to go off without a hitch.

Arleigh is definitely a force to be respected and is therefore deserving of the Hans Georg Award.

The Hans Georg Award is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing. This award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution over the years.

Respectfully nominated by *Gene Fulkerson*.