

Safety Award

Sandy Beecher

Sandy Beecher of Napa, California is a member of the Castro Valley Ski Club (CVSC) in the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. Sandy has been a member of the National Ski Patrol for the past 27 years serving on the Homewood Mountain Resort (1987-present) & Tahoe Ski Bowl (1983-1987) Volunteer Ski Patrols. She has been an Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) technician on the hill, an OEC Instructor, and an OEC Instructor Trainer. As Homewood's Instructor Trainer, Sandy organizes the annual OEC refresher for Homewood, coordinating instructors and patrollers in a medical refresher with skill stations and scenarios. She also works with the ski patrol candidate group both on and off the hill.



In 2003 Sandy received the Leadership Commendation Appointment from the National Ski Patrol. This award is given to an individual who demonstrates leadership, good character, diplomacy, a positive attitude, good judgment, unusual qualities of patrolling ability, a genuine desire to serve the skiing public, and extraordinary service to the NSP. Prior to this award, she attained Senior level Outdoor Emergency Training, Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue training, and Instructor Development, all classes she chose to take to expand her patrolling knowledge and skills to assist the skiing/boarding public. She was also asked to contribute to the 4th edition of the OEC manual published for the National Ski Patrol and did so by editing and writing commentary on several chapters. Sandy received the Instructor of the Year Award from Homewood Mountain Resort in 2009.

Sandy has written safety articles for the CVSC SkiZette publication. As Safety Chairman for CVSC, she has created a CVSC safety policy and promoted safety awareness for skiing and everyday activities through club discussions.

In her professional life, Sandy is a Senior Environmental Health and Safety Specialist for the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Sandy is also an Emergency Medical Technician and participates in Search & Rescue triage programs at work.

The purpose of the FWSA Safety Person of the Year sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company is to recognize the person who shown safety leadership by doing the most to effectively promote snowsports safety awareness.

The winner receives a 6 day vacation for two from the sponsor Aspen Skiing Company including 6 day lift tickets for all 4 mountains (Ajax, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk & Snowmass), 6 days of rentals and a half day group lesson for two, 7 nights lodging provided by Crestwood Condominiums & Aspen Square Hotel plus round trip air.