

# Far West Ski Association

presents the **J. Stanley Mullin Award** to



## *Norbert Knapp*

**Norbert Knapp** has been involved in many projects and served in a variety of leadership positions in skisport dating back to the 1970s. He has enthusiastically donated his volunteer time and efforts wherever needed. Particularly through his efforts in his ski clubs, Los Angeles Council, Far West Ski Association, and the National Ski Council Federation, he has made a decisive contribution to skiing for a selected time period of 2011-2013.

Norbert served three terms as President of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (2010-2013). He remained active on the Board of Directors as Past President (2013-2015). He continued the momentum of the LAC becoming more knowledgeable about FWSA programs, participating in them, and informing club representatives and presidents about what is happening in the ski industry. Time was devoted at every LAC Meeting for updates about Far West Ski Association programs, and news about the upcoming Convention. During his presidency, attendance at the council meeting increased, with representatives from many clubs (including some that hadn't been seen in quite a while) actively attending each month. This enthusiasm continued into the years that followed.

The Los Angeles Council continues to participate in Ski Dazzle, where information about the Council clubs is distributed. For the 2012 Ski Dazzle LA Council Booth, Norbert created an LA County Map Display with all the Council ski club contact information and locations. It not only attracted a lot of visitors to the booth, but also some old-time LA Council members and officers. The same display was also used at 2013 Ski Dazzle. Norbert does a great job for FWSA, of walking down the aisles during the show, distributing the Far West Skier's Guide. The LAC continues to support Far West Ski Week, sending a group of enthusiastic skiers and racers to the annual event.

When the Los Angeles Council hosted the 2011 FWSA Convention in Industry Hills, Norbert did a fabulous job not only supporting the endeavor as Council President, but as the Volunteer Coordinator. Each year Norbert is an enthusiastic leader encouraging LAC members to attend the Annual FWSA Convention. He volunteers to assist at Convention Registration and wherever help is needed, bringing along a group of members of Grindelwald and other council clubs to assist the host Convention council. This was particularly appreciated in 2012 when Intermountain Ski Council hosted the Convention and had so many donations for the tote bags, and a lot of help was needed to stuff them. The camaraderie of council helping council was great. Whenever help is needed, we just send someone to "go find the tall guy in the cowboy hat" and he'll return with volunteers to help.

As President of Los Angeles Council, Norbert attended every meeting of the National Ski Council Federation. At the Council Meeting following an NSCF Meeting, a detailed report was given and information shared with the club representatives about the NSCF and its programs.

Norbert's leadership has certainly benefited many snowsport organizations. He leads by example by getting "in the trenches" and helping to get the work done and encouraging others to help, as well. Norbert is indeed deserving of the J. Stanley Mullin Award, for a man who has made a decisive contribution to skiing, and we are honored to nominate him for this award.

Respectfully nominated by *Jane Wyckoff & David Krupp*.