

J. Stanley Mullin Nomination

Arleigh Meiners

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Years of Service: 2006-2008.

Arleigh Meiners is one of the nicest, hardworking, dedicated skiers in the Far West organization. He will be taking on the Presidency of Arizona Council for 2008-09. We can't think of anyone better for the job.

For a quiet, lay back zonie, Arleigh has accomplished a lot in just the past two years. So don't let his unassuming manner fool you.

Arleigh served as the Chairman for the very successful 2006 Far West Convention in Scottsdale. This was no easy task. He had the 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 which is being spearheaded by him. He has managed to get both old and new members involved in the year-long celebrations. The event kicked off late last year 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 has been an influx of new members. Next up for the celebration is a play re-enacting past club events, followed by a cruise to Mexico. The celebration ends in May capped off by a gala party.

For the past two years, Arleigh has served as VP of Arizona Council and VP of out-of-town trips for Phoenix Ski Club. He recently ran a trip to Schweitzer and Silver Mountains and another trip to North Lake Tahoe with the Scottsdale Ski Club. In his spare time he organizes and leads hikes and bike rides.

Arleigh continues to race, work the ski shows, attend Mountain Travel Symposium, and promote skiing, the Phoenix Ski Club, Arizona Council, and Far West.

Arleigh is a member of the Phoenix Ski Club' Black Diamond Drafters, a group of skiers who have participated in the MS Bike Ride in Phoenix for the past 22 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 the team.

Arleigh is definitely a force to be respected and is very deserving of the J. Stanley Mullin Award.



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