

SAN DIEGO COUNCIL of SKI CLUBS
Honoring the Club and Council
Men & Women of the Year 2010

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Dear Ski Club President:

It's time to start thinking about who your club would like to honor as Man and Woman of the Year. And what better way than to honor them at **The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs Ski-season Kick-off Gala**? This event gives you a great opportunity to honor one man and one woman who have been a great contributor to your club and to its success. It is a wonderful way to publicly say "Thank you" and let them know how much you value them for contributions to their club, the San Diego Ski Club Council, and to the ski community at large. This festive dinner dance celebrates the coming ski season and is the final step in selecting the man and woman who will serve as the San Diego Council of Ski Club's Man and Woman of the Year for the current year. A lot goes on at the Gala: candidates will be presented to members of the combined clubs, two finalists will be selected and announced, and the Joe Harris Service Trophy will be presented to the individual selected for that honor from among all clubs in the council.

On this web page you will find a deadline schedule, applications, and resume forms.

I know there are many folks who belong to more than one club, and that it could happen that a candidate is chosen as Man or Woman of the Year by more than one club. If this should happen, please note that a nominee can only represent one club in this competition. If a candidate is chosen from more than one club and accepts both nominations, the earliest received by the Candidate Coordinator will be judged. Resumes may include participation in multiple clubs.

Contestants will be judged on lifetime contributions and experiences, and submissions will be weighted as follows:

Resume is 60%

The resume will be judged on Club/Council/League/FWSA/National/Community snow-sports contributions and honors received in the Ski Community. More than 50% of this score is weighted on Club involvement and awards.

Primary Interview is 30%

Each contestant will be asked the same questions and will be scored on what and how they answer. The questions will not be known in advance and will be related to experiences and knowledge gained as a member of their ski club.

Final Interview is 10% [at Winter Gala]

Each contestant will be asked the same questions and again will be scored on what and how they answer. Contestants will be given the subject in advance, and the answer should be entertaining.

Each candidate should:

- Be a member of your club for at least one year as of September 1.
- Have skied at least 2 different ski areas.
- Be an intermediate skier or better (although non-skiers are still eligible to compete!).

The two winning candidates will compete for Man or Woman of the Year for the Far West Ski Association and should meet the basic qualifications for that competition (See www.fwsa.org).

Please note that SD Council's Man and Woman of the Year should be available as its representatives for any future function as deemed necessary by San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. The winner is expected to attend the **Far West Ski Association Convention** next Spring. If not, the winner will retain the SDCSC title but the runner up or another honoree may then compete at the FWSA level. While it is not necessary to nominate both a man and a woman, it is encouraged. If you feel your club has only had one outstanding person, then please honor him or her)

Once your club has selected its Man & Woman of the Year, the club President should fill out the application(s) and send it to the Chair of this Year's Man and Woman of the Year Coordinating Committee. Include a **check for \$75 per applicant**, payable to SDCSC. Identify who will serve as your club's designated judge (you or someone you appoint) and forward the name with the application and check so that it is received by the deadline. The fee covers dinner at the Winter Gala, flowers and gifts and helps defray administration costs of the competition. Judges and significant others will need to sign-up for the Gala and pay through the nominating club.

Resumes must be received before the deadline so they can be distributed to the judges in a timely manner. Please remind the contestants to read the instructions carefully. Remind them to fill out the resume as completely as possible. If they use a computer, the form will expand to accommodate the text. The resume should never exceed four pages.

Each club President (or a representative) is invited and encouraged to judge at the San Diego Ski Club Council's Man and Woman of the Year competition, even if they do not have a candidate entered. Please **include the name of your judge with the Application**. Judges should meet basic qualifications for the Far West Ski Association Man and Woman of the Year competition and, if possible, be a past club Man or Woman of the Year. The judges will receive the candidates' resumes and a score sheet within two weeks of the primary interview and will turn them in when they arrive for the Honoree Interview. Judges need to meet by 5:30 PM to go over the procedures of the interview before the contestants arrive.

We look forward to your Club's participation in the Winter Gala. We hope that you have started selecting your representatives or you have already done so. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information or clarification. GOOD LUCK to your honorees! They are the ones who make this a very special event.

Sincerely,

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