

*SAN DIEGO COUNCIL of Ski Clubs*  
*Will be honoring the Club and Council*  
*Men & Women of the Year*  
**2015 -2016**



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 so that when you get your nominating package, you can complete it and get it submitted.

**Winter Gala** What better way than to honor them at *The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs Winter Gala*? This event gives you a great opportunity to honor one man and one woman who have been great contributors 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 Council of Ski Clubs, and to the ski community at large. This festive dinner dance celebrating the coming ski season is attended by members of all San Diego Ski Clubs and is the final step in selecting the man and woman who will serve as the SDCSC's Man and Woman of the Year for the current year. A lot goes on at the Gala: the candidates will be presented to all, 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.

**Nominating Packages** Your package should include a deadline schedule, an entry form, and resume forms. These documents are available from the M&WotY Competition Chairperson and are also on the SDCSC website at: <http://www.skisandiego.org/AWRDFRMS.HTM>

**Criteria** Contestants will be judged on their contributions and experiences **DURING THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS ONLY**. (This year the **5 year period starts with the 2011-12 ski season**.) Submissions will be weighted as follows:

**Resume** is 85%

The resume will be judged on Club/Council/League/FWSA/FWRA/National/Community snow-sports contributions. However, **emphasis will be on club, council, and league involvement**.

**Interview** is 15%

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.

Each candidate should:

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

The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs' Man and Woman of the Year will compete at the Far West Ski Association Annual Convention and should meet the basic qualifications for that contest (See [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)).

*Please note that SD Council's Man and Woman of the Year should be available as 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 June. 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.*

**Application and Fees.** Once your club has selected its Man & Woman of the Year, complete your entry form. Identify who will serve as your club's judge (you or someone you appoint) and include the name on the entry form in the designated area. Mail your completed entry form to the Chair of this Year's Man and Woman of the Year Committee along with **a check for \$70 per applicant**, payable to SDCSC so that it is received by the deadline (**October 5, 2015**). The fee covers **the Winter Gala ticket**, flowers, and gifts and helps defray administration costs of the competition. Judges and significant others will need to sign-up and pay for the Gala on their own.

**Resume Deadline.** Resumes must be emailed and received before the deadline (**October 9, 2015**) 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. It is preferred that the application be filled out electronically in its Word.doc format. Contestants should then plan to attend the Honoree Interview night (**October 14, 2015**).

**Judges.** Each club's appointed judge is expected to judge the candidates' resumes and attend the Honoree Interview night (**October 14, 2015**) to judge the candidates' interviews. 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 prior to the primary interview and will turn them in when they arrive on Honoree Interview night. Note that judges need to meet by 5:30 PM to go over the procedures of the interview before the contestants arrive. Note also that judges do NOT judge their own club's candidates.

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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**A Note on Multiple Memberships.** There are many folks who belong to more than one club, and 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.