

The Ancient Skier

WINTER 2026

Membership Form



A Message from the President

As I begin my term as President of the Ancient Skiers Association, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the past Presidents, board members, and volunteers who have dedicated their time, energy, and passion to making this organization what it is today. Their commitment has created a lasting legacy of friendship, camaraderie, and a shared love of skiing.

I would especially like to recognize our outgoing President, Ty Anderson, and his wife, Nita, for their outstanding leadership and support. During Ty's tenure, the Association introduced new systems, technology, and communication tools that are helping us stay connected and relevant for future generations of skiers. We are grateful for their service and the strong foundation they have helped build.

It is a tremendous honor to serve as your President. The Ancient Skiers Association is much more than a ski club. It is a community of individuals who share a passion for the mountains, lifelong friendships, and the belief that skiing is not limited by age. The traditions and values upon which this organization was founded are worth preserving, and I am committed to helping our Association continue to thrive.

Looking ahead, I am excited about our future. We have an energetic and talented Board of Directors with new ideas focused on strengthening member engagement, enhancing communication, and ensuring that our Association remains vibrant for years to come. While we embrace new opportunities, our mission remains the same: bringing skiers together to enjoy the sport we love and supporting one another both on and off the slopes.

One of the greatest strengths of the Ancient Skiers Association has always been its members. Each of you has a story to tell, experiences to share, and friendships that make this organization special. I encourage you to stay involved, attend our events, and share your ideas with the Board. Your input helps shape the future of our Association.

Our annual Sun Valley Ski Week continues to be one of the highlights of the year, bringing members together for outstanding skiing, social activities, and the chance to reconnect with old friends while making new ones. Events like these remind us why the Ancient Skiers Association has remained such a cherished organization for so many years.

Membership growth is also important to our future. If you know someone who shares a love of skiing and would enjoy the friendships and opportunities our organization provides, please invite them to join. New members bring fresh perspectives, energy, and enthusiasm that help keep our Association strong.

As we move forward together, my goal is simple: honor our traditions, strengthen our connections, and ensure that future generations have the opportunity to enjoy the unique experience of being an Ancient Skier.

Thank you for your continued support, participation, and friendship. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and sharing many more days on the slopes together.

Ski Ya Later, Rick Stocks
President, Ancient Skiers Association

STRETCH LAB

As skiers, we know that staying active starts with maintaining mobility. Flexibility, balance, and range of motion all play an important role in keeping us on the slopes and enjoying the activities we love.

StretchLab specializes in one-on-one assisted stretching using a nationally certified methodology called PNF (Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation). Unlike stretching on your own, assisted stretching helps target areas that are difficult to reach and can improve flexibility, mobility, recovery, and overall movement.

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Geoff Griffin, owner of the Maple Valley and Tacoma StretchLab locations, was proud to sponsor this year's Ancient Skiers Banquet and support an organization dedicated to staying active and enjoying the mountains for a lifetime.

StretchLab's motto: "Live Long." For skiers, that means continuing to move, explore, and enjoy the slopes for years to come.

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Marlys Gerber 1938-2026

Marlys Gerber was born in 1938 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, after the passing of her father when she was 10, her family moved to Seattle where she later graduated from Lincoln High School.

Determined and independent from a young age, Marlys worked to put herself through community college and then the University of Washington, where she earned her degree in nursing. After graduation and some travel, Marlys worked as a stewardess nurse for the Northern Pacific Railway Company and, after two years, returned to the University of Washington to earn her master's degree as a psychiatric nurse and became an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP). During her final year of graduate school, a New Year's Eve trip to Crystal Mountain changed her life. While celebrating New Year's Eve at the Snorting Elk, she met Len Gerber. Three short months later, Marlys and Len married in Sun Valley, Idaho, in March 1966.

Together, Len and Marlys built a life centered around family, friends, and the places they loved. They raised their children, Jeff and Christy Anna, in Seattle, spending winter weekends skiing at Crystal Mountain and summers boating throughout the San Juans, Gulf Islands, and Canada's Inland Passage.

After 30 years at Community Psychiatric Clinic in Seattle, Marlys joined Len in retirement, spending much of their time in Sun Valley, where they enjoyed the mountains and the company of lifelong friends. Many Ancient Skiers members remember Marlys for her passion for our fun group and her work with registration for the week. Marlys also loved the Annual NASTAR race, both racing and organizing the event.

Marlys was never shy about sharing her opinion, and if kindness and fortitude can exist in equal measure, that was Marlys. She worked hard and always wanted the very best for the people she loved. Marlys also knew how to enjoy life, those who knew her can easily picture her after a last run down Limelight enjoying a gin and tonic at the base of Warm Springs with a megawatt smile.

Marlys leaves behind a family who loved her deeply: her husband, Len Gerber; her son, Jeff Gerber, wife Becca Bassingthwaighte, and their children, Erin and George Gerber; Marlys' daughter, Christy Anna Gerber, husband Patrick Deal, Patrick's daughter and Christy Anna's stepdaughter, Maggie Deal.

Ancient Skiers Sun Valley Reunion 2027

We can't wait to see you in Sun Valley Sunday, January 17th through Sunday, January 24th 2027! Book your lodging sooner rather than later, the lodge rooms and rentals around Sun Valley will fill up fast as the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday falls within our reunion week. Questions about the reunion, call (208) 450-5799. See you in January!

- *Christy Anna Gerber*
Reunion Event Coordinator

LIFT TICKET & ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Lift ticket prices are listed for your convenience. Do NOT include any ticket payment with your mail in registration form. Only persons registered for the reunion event will be able to receive Discount Lift Ticket pricing. Lift tickets are available for purchase at the Recreation Desk located in the Sun Valley village across the walkway from the Konditorei and at the on-mountain ticket windows. Sun Valley staff will have a roster of PAID & REGISTERED members, so be sure to use the registration form or the November email to register online so that you are eligible for our pricing discounts!

2027 Ancient Skiers Lift Ticket Prices

1 Day - $125	**4 of 6 Days - $390**
2 of 3 Days - $230	**5 of 7 Days - $480**
3 of 5 Days - $300	**6 of 8 Days - $564**

Must pay Ancient Skiers registration fee to receive discount pricing

Accommodations: To make reservations for lodging at the Sun Valley Lodge, please call the reservations hotline and tell them you are an Ancient Skiers member for our select pricing. 1 (800) 786-8259

REGISTRATION FORM

ANCIENT SKIERS – 43rd ANNUAL SUN VALLEY REUNION
January 17th – 24th, 2027

We are looking forward to celebrating with you in Sun Valley!

****Mark your calendars: Welcome Reception Sunday, January 17th**
Western Banquet: Dinner, Awards, & Dancing Friday, January 22nd**

To register, please complete the form below or online (link emailed first week of November)

Welcome Reception / Badge & Event Info Pick-up Sunday, Jan. 17th,
in the CONTINENTAL ROOM (in the Sun Valley Inn) from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

POLICIES FOR 2027 SUN VALLEY REUNION

- To attend, you must be a member of Ancient Skiers OR a paid guest of an Ancient Skier**.**
- To receive **discounted lift ticket pricing,** you **must pay** the **registration fee** via mail or online**.**
- **If registering by mail,** please send form and check by **Friday, Dec. 18, 2026**.
- Reunion cancellations must be made by **Friday, Jan. 15th.** Allow four weeks for refund, registration fee not refundable.
- **To attend dinner, members must register themselves and their guests for the reunion.**
- Attendees may only pick up **THEIR OWN** & **THEIR GUEST's** registration information.
- Your name tag is required for admission to all events. Name tags will be at the Welcome Reception Sunday, Jan. 17th.
- **If ARRIVING LATE, name badges & event info can be picked up during the week at the front desk of the Sun Valley Inn.**
- To be placed on the wait list or for cancellations, please call or email, contact info below.
- If attending the Western Banquet, *expect fun and feel free to wear your western attire*!

If you have questions or need to make a change to your registration, contact us here:
(208) 450-5799 if no answer, leave a message & Brenda or Christy Anna will call you back.
Or email us: ancientskierssunvalley@gmail.com

Registration Info: Please detach along the dotted line and return to address listed below

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Only two (2) names per registration form. If you have guests,
please make a copy of this form for each two additional guests.

PAYMENT BY CHECK - SEND WITH THIS REGISTRATION: by Dec. 19th

PLEASE PRINT	**Person 1**	**Person 2**
First Name:	_____	_____
Last Name:	_____	_____

WESTERN BANQUET DINNER: Friday January 22nd Dancing & No Host Bar
Limelight Ballroom, Sun Valley Inn

Mark your dinner selection with an **X** ($145.00 per person, includes resort taxes, gratuity)

	Person 1	**Person 2**
Roasted Free-Range Chicken	_____	_____
Prime Rib	_____	_____
Portobello Mushroom Napoleon (Vegan & Gluten Free)	_____	_____

SUBTOTAL: ***$145.00 x _____ (****# of people attending on this paper****) =*** **$_____(a)**

Banquet Dinner(s) Subtotals from above (line a) = **$_____ (a)**
Required Non-Refundable Registration Fee @ $30.00 per person x #____ people =** **$_____ (b)

AMOUNT SENT WITH REGISTRATION FORM / GRAND TOTAL = **$ _____(a+b)**

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ANCIENT SKIERS Post Office Box 1295, Sun Valley, Idaho 83353

Renew Your Ancient Skiers Membership - FREE - Use the Online Form

Please complete our free Membership Renewal Form Online, via Email or by Mail by Dec. 31, 2026.
Renewing every two years helps maintain the accuracy of our database, keeps your contact information and communication preferences current, and helps us reduce mailing, printing, and postage costs by sending newsletters electronically whenever possible.
There is no cost to renew, however renewal is required to keep your membership active.

Scan me!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MAIL IN FORM 2026-2027 **Year Joined** _____

Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____
Required

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____
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Spouse/Other _____ **Date of Birth** _____
Maybe a family/friend maintaining membership *Required*

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____ _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Mailing: We know some members still prefer receiving information by mail, and we're happy to keep offering that option as long as our funding allows. With the rising cost of postage and printing, keeping our mailing list up to date helps us keep these costs to a minimum. By renewing your membership every two years, you help us maintain an accurate mailing list and continue offering mailings to those who prefer them. We appreciate your help and understanding!

Please pick one of the following options: **$_____ Donation to Ancient Skiers**

_____*I prefer to have All Newsletters and Updates by Email* _____ *I am interested in volunteering*

_____ *I prefer to have the Newsletter Only sent by US Mail, Updates will be emailed or found online*

_____*I prefer to have the Fall Newsletter (Sun Valley Issue) and the Biennial Issue Only by US Mail, Regular Newsletters and Update will be emailed*

_____ *Please REMOVE me from ALL mailing lists*

Please mail this form to:
Ancient Skiers P.O. Box 359, Black Diamond, WA 98010

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