

Betty Donellan



Born 1947. Founding member of Conejo Ski Club, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.

Hi, I am Betty Lovett Donellan (formerly known as Betty Bishop) I was born in 1947 and started skiing with Greater Seattle Ski School my sophomore year in high school while attending Blanchet High School. We went up to Snoqualmie Pass every weekend which is where I learned to ski. I graduated with a B.S. in Physical Education from WSU and several years later moved to Tacoma to initially work as an appraiser for Pacific First Federal Savings and Loan Association. I also instructed at Crystal Mountain on weekends.

After moving from Washington State to Southern California in 1982 I joined Far West Ski Association and was one of the founding members of Conejo Ski Club, Thousand Oaks,

CA. I was chosen as Ms. Conejo to compete with Ray Craig in the LA Council Man and Woman of the Year competition held at the Queen Mary. It was quite an adventure with modeling ski fashions, answering questions about skiing in front of 600 attendees and then changing into cocktail attire. Conejo Ski Club had great snow ski and water ski trips and, of course, the annual Labor Day Delta trip joining with other LAC clubs. I started racing at Mammoth with Conejo Ski Club and was instrumental in acquiring team sweaters for our ski club.

I then moved to Santa Barbara and became President of Santa Barbara Ski Club and was the LA Council Rep. I also played softball for Beach Cities Ski Club and was a member of Auslich Ski Club. Upon subsequently moving to Newport Beach after taking the California Bar on my 50th birthday (after a very lucrative career in the mortgage finance industry), I was VP and Director of Trips for Balboa Ski Club. I also was instrumental in raising a lot of money through auctions which paid for our racing fees at Mammoth as well.

After moving to Texas in 2010, I became a member of Space City Ski Club, running weeklong ski trips but kept my affiliation with FWSA. While I have met many new friends in Texas through the ski club and other affiliations, the Far West Ski Association is the group of long term friends with whom I grew up with as an adult sharing many, many fond memories and years of activities which can never be replicated. I am currently a member of Cabernet Ski Club, a direct member of Sierra Council and Interlachen Ski & Ski Club in the Northwest Ski Club Council. I look forward to going on the weeklong trips with Far West and the conventions each year. And one of these days, I will truly decide not to go down a racecourse as I am super cautious not wanting to break any bones. In the meantime, cruise runs are still calling me