



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MAY 2015

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The next NWSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, upstairs at the Buffalo Gap Saloon, 6835 SW Macadam Avenue, Portland, OR 97219, starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. Food and beverages on your own.

Meeting topics will include NWSCC and PACRAT ELECTIONS, Summer Activities, Summer Safety, Club Membership, Skiers' Directory.

NWSCC is going back to quarterly meetings: September, December, March, and June. Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!

TIMELY ALERTS:

NWSCC OFFICER ELECTIONS - GET INVOLVED - WE REALLY NEED YOU!

NOTE: Our President, Steve Coxen, will be running for President of Far West Ski Association this June, and therefore will not run for President of NWSCC. Our secretary and treasurer have been serving for five years, and have announced they are ready for a change as well. We need YOU to step up and join the leadership of the Council – serving on the board of directors is a great way to get involved in club, council and Far West Ski Association activities. Ideally the board is made up of members from different clubs in the council—bringing a variety of style and experience to the Council. All officer positions are open for one-year terms. The following officers will be voted upon at the June 17, 2015 meeting:

President: Head of the Council Executive Board; represents NWSCC at Far West Ski Association board meetings and at National Ski Council Federation meetings.

Vice President: Assumes duties of the president when needed and handles other duties as assigned.

Treasurer: Handles Council financials. Experience with bookkeeping software necessary.

Secretary: Handles Council notes/minutes and correspondence as needed.

At-Large Director (two positions): Duties as assigned by the executive board. [Other directors will be appointed by the new Board to fill the slate.]

Time involved: Quarterly Council meetings; a monthly board meeting; other duties as assigned or as you volunteer to work on.

If interested, please contact Mary Olhausen at 503-880-7383 or omary52@comcast.net, or Steve Coxen at 503-679-9022 or president@nwskiers.org for more information or to put your name on the ballot. We need your input and support, and want YOU to consider serving on the Board! **PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.**

PACRAT elections will also be held at the June 17 meeting; the following are elected positions for the PACRAT Board:

- * Chair
- * Vice Chair
- * Secretary/Communications
- * Treasurer
- * Results/Timing
- * Sponsorship/Awards
- * Race Director
- * Party Director
- * Membership Director
- * Communications

Also on the Board, but NOT elected, is the Immediate Past President. Appointed Positions are Director at Large - Chief Rat Patrol and Director at Large - General.

If you are interested in running for a PACRAT Board position for 2015, please contact Greg Dilger at racing@nwskiers.org.

Please provide information on what position you would like to run for and why you are interested in doing so. He will be assembling the ballot. You will need to be at the meeting to say a few words about why you'd like to run and what you plan to do, or have someone else show up and speak on your behalf.

Who votes in PACRAT Elections?

The clubs must decide on who gets to vote for the club. Usually it is the Team Captains, but in cases where there are more teams than votes available, only the number of votes designated for that club may be cast. ALL team captains CAN be there to caucus, but your club can only cast the proper number of votes.

- * Mountain High 4 votes
- * Skiyente 2 votes
- * Schnee Vogeli 1 vote
- * Bergfruede 1 vote
- * Cascade 1 vote

FAR WEST CONVENTION 2015: The registration forms are out, and it's time to make your hotel reservations and sign up for the 83rd Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the luxurious Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, **San Diego, California** from **June 4-7, 2015**. Make plans to arrive early and stay late to take advantage of all that San Diego has to offer. Optional events on Thursday will feature a Historic Trolley Tour of San Diego, the Seal Tour on San Diego Bay, and a very special evening Sunset Dine Out on the USS Midway. Friday events include a golf tournament, kayaking, biking, and a trip to the San Diego Zoo. **Get your registration in by May 8 to take advantage of the lowest rate on the fees**, which go up progressively as the convention gets closer. Make your room reservations now!! Call 1-800-772-8527 or book online at the FWSA room reservation site at <http://bit.ly/FWSA-lodging>. When calling for a room reservation, be sure to reference the group name – Far West Ski Association. Our special group rate (which expires May 15) offers a choice of accommodations in one of the high-rise towers, or a charming garden bungalow. Free Wi-Fi in guest rooms is included. For complete details about all the Salute to San Diego - Convention meetings, educational seminars and events, visit www.fwsa.org. The website for the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center is located at www.towncountry.com. For additional information, contact Eileen Sanford, Host Council Convention Coordinator, at eileensanford12@gmail.com. FWSA industry partners can contact Debbi Kor, FWSA VP of Marketing and Sponsorships, at fwsadebbi@comcast.net.

FWSA ELECTIONS! Elections will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention. Delegates will elect their

President, Secretary, and Treasurer to one-year terms and two Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, the following functional Vice Presidents will be elected for two-year terms: VP Council Services, VP North American Travel, and VP Public Affairs.

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions, please contact Harry Davis, Nominating Committee Chairman, at harrykaren@comcast.net. FWSA By-Laws, job descriptions, and the Operations Manual are linked to the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. Nominations for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of elections. Declared candidates at the date of this publication are:

- President - Steve Coxen
- Secretary - Linda Foster
- Treasurer - William Shadbolt, Incumbent, and Randy Lew
- Trustees (2) - Jane Wyckoff, Incumbent, Gene Fulkerson, and Wanda Ross

- VP Council Services - Jo Simpson, Incumbent
- VP North American Travel - Nancy Ellis, Incumbent
- VP Public Affairs - Joe Harvis

PACRAT NEWS:

Congratulations to "On the Edge," the new Mountain High team which ended up as the PACRAT championship team this year! Also, congratulations to Ken Price and Megan Cassidy for being "crowned" King Rat and Queen Rat! See the full results on the PACRAT website at pacrats.org/files/results/RESULTS5%202015.pdf



Dale Parshall, Race Director, reported: "We got all five races in! Thanks to Meadows and Timberline for doing all they could to allow us to do that. Also, thanks to the board, race crew and all of our racers for helping to pull it off. Remembering that we count the best 4 out of 5 races for each racer, On The Edge added only 19 points to their race 4 total, but it was enough to hold off Avalanche Express (adding 53 points to jump from 3rd to 2nd) and Ragnar's Rangers (also adding 53 points to jump from 3rd to a tie for 2nd). Racy Brats added 50 points to move from 8th to 5th, and Oui Ski added 75 points to its race 4 total to move from 13th to 6th.

"King and Queen Rat are awards to racers who show the most consistent and greatest improvement over the course of the season. This year's King Rat is Ken Price (Mixed Nuts), who improved his handicap every race but one and showed an overall improvement of 54%. Queen Rat is Megan Cassidy (Oui Ski) who showed improvement every race and had an overall improvement of 41%. For race 5, Steve Sarich edged Peter Dodd to claim his second fastest man on the hill title. On the ladies' side, Masha Los reclaimed

the fastest woman on the hill title. See the last page [of the report on the PACRAT website] for the usual annual statistics and please note the correlation between participation and final team standings. Feel free to give the board suggestions to make things better. See you next year."

CLUB NEWS:

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** will be offering tours of the historic Steiner Cabins this summer - check out the Museum website for details: <http://www.mthoodmuseum.org>.

Thanks to **Cascade Prime Timers** for their commitment to donate \$800 to the Museum this summer! Way to go! Clubs, take notice of this very worthy place for your donations!

NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

The end of our ski season is here (except for Mt. Bachelor and Timberline here in the Pacific Northwest). It's time to mail in your used lift tickets (or copies of reusable passes) from at least 7 or more listed resorts to NWSCC to enter the Ski Challenge. You can include the form found on our website at www.nwskiers.org. The more areas you skied or rode, the greater the chances and the level of prizes. The winners in the drawing will be announced in the fall of 2015; the grand prize will be awarded to the skier or boarder who visits the most ski areas during the season.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

Northwest Snowsports Advocates has its own Facebook page. Keep current on news about what is going on in the Pacific Northwest with ski area development, roads, and environmental issues by joining our Facebook Group. You will have an opportunity to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. Every skier or snowboarder in the Pacific Northwest should join this page! Let's get the "Fan Base" WAY up there! Become a FAN today!!!! (please cut and paste the link if it isn't working)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Snowsports-Advocates/174195539354385>

SAFETY MESSAGE: Sue Rimkeit, NWSCC Director of Community Service and Safety, reported that clubs can "Adopt a Highway" for twice yearly cleanups in Oregon by calling Mariene Nichels at 503-665-4006. Already participating are Skiyente, Schnee Vogeli, and Mountain High, all with designated cleanup areas on Highway 26 near Government Camp.

COMMERCIAL MEMBER NEWS:

NWSCC appreciates ALL of its commercial members - see the list on the last page of this newsletter and be sure to check out the fliers on the right hand side of the Newsletter page on the website for specials as they are announced.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

Far West Mississippi River Trip: June 19 - 23, 2015 with an additional two days (June 23-24) in New Orleans . This trip will be a 3-night roundtrip paddleboat cruise aboard the American Queen from New Orleans. It will be a "Southern Culture Cruise" with stops at Oak Alley Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA. The trip includes all meals, wine/beer with dinner, soft drinks, water, and coffee. Also included is 1 night at a local hotel before the cruise, transfers to the ship, steamboat-style entertainment, daily lectures, and a Welcome Party. June 23-24 will be at the New Orleans Hotel Bienville House. New Orleans tour options include airboat/swamp tours and ghost/paranormal tours. See the FWSA website for further information. See flier attached to the NWSCC newsletter page.



The 2015 FWSA Scuba trip will be to Bonaire, September 26-October 3, 2015! The land only "Dive Package" trip price of \$1,115 pp/do includes airport transfers from Bonaire International Airport; 7 nights' lodging at the Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire in a Junior Laguna Suite; all meals; all drinks including alcohol; use of paddle boards, kayaks & catamarans and frequent daytime activities; 6 days of 2-tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving; and MORE! Non-divers pay \$836 pp/do. You'll have time to explore and experience the local culture, or simply relax and enjoy the resort. Check out the Far West website at <http://fwsa.org/Travel/Dive/2015-FWSA-Bonaire/2015-FW-SA-Bonaire-Dive.html>, or contact Randy Lew, your Trip Leader, at: fwsa13randy@telis.org. Limited group air is available on Delta Airlines RT from Los Angeles to Bonaire; estimated at \$725 per person.

Far West Ski Week 2016: Telluride Ski Resort is the location for the Far West Ski Week trip January 30-February 6, 2016. **\$100 deposits are now being accepted for this trip (fully refundable until June 30)!** NWSCC will have two very fine choices for lodging, both ski in/ski out: condos at Bear Creek Lodge, or hotel rooms at The Peaks Resort. The package price for the hotel will be \$1,430 pp/do; for 2 bedroom condos the price will be \$1,330 pp/do; and for either 3 or 4 bedroom condos the price will be \$1,200! These prices are for land only (no air or transfers), but include 7 nights' lodging, Welcome Party, Pub Crawl, Council Night

Dinner, Mountain Picnic (not accessible to non-skiers, due to location), Après Ski Party, Races, a Banquet with dancing, and 6 of 7 day Lift Ticket (no senior discount). For further information contact Barbara Bousum at Bbousum@gmail.com or 503-224-3584 OR Chris Ciardi at c2blondie@hotmail.com or 503-297-5351. See flier on the newsletter page. NWSCC has 44 spots, so be sure to sign up early!

Far West Mini Ski Week 2016: Crested Butte Mountain Resort will be the destination for the Far West Mini Ski Week trip in the early spring of 2016. Stay tuned for more information to come.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one mini US ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Debbie Stewart, by email fwsaintlTrvl@prodigy.net or phone 559-734-9294. For information about North American/domestic trips, contact Nancy Ellis at fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or 530-414-8261.

WOULD YOUR CLUB LIKE TO EARN A COMP ON ANY FWSA SKI TRIP? All you need to do is to bring 30 people, and the comp is yours to do with as you please. This might be shared if more than one club with in-club trip leaders has a total of 30 participants. This would also give you more input into future ski weeks that FWSA plans.

MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

Look at the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org to see an updated list of **member benefits and discounts**, and check out the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org under Membership to see the current discounts. Debbi Kor is frequently adding new benefits!

As a member of FWSA, you also belong to the **National Ski Council Federation**, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. A current list of NSCF benefits can be found at www.skifederation.org in the Members Only section. User name: **skiclub** - password: **member**.

MISCELLANEOUS AND FUN INFORMATION:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGULAR NWSCC MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED! The meeting location may vary, so check the NWSCC website or contact President Steve Coxen at President@nwskiers.org. Board meetings are *usually* held the 4th Wednesday of each month; contact an officer if you have a topic you would like to have considered.

Did you know that the **NWSCC has a Facebook page?** You can reach this page from the NWSCC website, and

you can keep up-to-date on all our events and activities.

The 2014-2015 **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is available at Certified Folder Display throughout sports locations in the Northwest, and copies will be given to any club which will pass them out. But it's truly cool to look at it online, on the home page of NWSCC's website. You can turn the pages and hit links that take you directly to the clubs or commercial members' websites!

Subscribe to SKI OREGON's notifications and receive the latest about skiing and snowsports in Oregon, as well as powder alerts: www.skioregon.org

Excerpts from FWSA NEWS FLASH:

SQUAW VALLEY PLANS BASE TO BASE GONDOLA CONNECTION WITH ALPINE MEADOWS: For years, Andy Wirth and Troy Caldwell have skied the North Lake Tahoe resorts of Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows together. Wirth is the President and CEO of Squaw, and Caldwell owns the 460 acres of private property that separates Squaw from its neighbor Alpine. And so their chairlift conversations led to the April 13 announcement that Squaw Valley Ski Holdings, LLC, plans to connect the two resorts with a base-to-base lift.

They aren't the first to imagine a connection between the resorts. Alpine's snowy bowls are easily spotted from Squaw's KT-22, a storied peak known for the steep terrain that spills down its north flank to the resort village. The physical connection moved closer to realization when KSL Capital Partners bought Squaw in 2010 and then merged that ski area with Alpine in 2011 to offer 6,000 acres of terrain on one pass. This recent announcement came after a legal agreement that allows Squaw to build and maintain a lift on Caldwell's property, known as White Wolf. It's similar to an existing contract between the two parties: Squaw already leases Caldwell's land atop KT-22 for resort operations. Guests currently move between Squaw and Alpine via a free shuttle. The proposed base-to-base gondola would be the first on-mountain infrastructure to link the two. "It's definitely a dream come true," says Caldwell.

\$50 MILLION DOLLAR MAKEOVER AT PARK CITY/ CANYONS: The Park City Planning Commission gave unanimous approval for Vail Resorts' plan to build an interconnecting gondola between Park City and The Canyons ski areas, among other capital improvements totaling \$50 million. The end result will reportedly represent the largest single ski area in the U.S., with more than 7,300 acres of skiable terrain.

U.S. SKI AND SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME INDUCTION 2015: America's Ski Town USA, Steamboat Springs, honored ten new inductees to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame on April 11th. Those inductees included Olympic champion snowboarder Ross Powers, World Alpine

Championship medalist Erik Schlopy, noted big mountain skier Chris Davenport, ski instruction pioneer Curt Chase, and goggle innovator Bob Smith. Others include resort designer Joe Cushing, World Cup race winner Kristina Koznik, alpine development leader John McMurtry, women's innovator Jeannie Thoren and Ralph Miller, one of the great American ski racers from the 1950's.

FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION: Vail Veteran's Program.

One of the programs that the Far West Ski Foundation supports, the Vail Veterans Program, was the official charity of the Vail Film Festival, which took place on March 26 - 29, 2015. You can watch the Vail Veterans Program movie trailer that debuted during the festival (info@vailveteransprogram.org). Thank you to each wounded veteran and his/ her family for sharing your inspirational stories, and to our team for all of their hard work.

From last month, but still very timely:

Sun Valley Joins Mountain Collective: Sun Valley is now part of The Mountain Collective, along with Alta, Snowbird, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Whistler/Blackcomb, Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley, Lake Louise, Sunshine Village, and Mammoth Mountain. What a great way to change up your skiing opportunities! Passes for 2015-2016 are on sale now. <http://mountaincollective.com/>

MAX Pass: A great snow experience is to be had through the newly announced MAX Pass which is now being offered at Steamboat, as well as 21 other resorts throughout the U.S. Ski or ride 5 days at each of these locations, for a total of 110 days at the mountains. You can purchase your 2015-2016 pass now. Areas included are: Steamboat, Mt. Bachelor, Big Sky, Winter Park, Copper Mountain, Crystal Mountain, Brighton, Boreal, Las Vegas Resort and Summit at Snoqualmie, and Cypress Mountain in the West; Blue Mountain, Boyne Mountain, Boyne Highlands, Killington, Loon Mountain, Pico Mountain, Snowshoe, Stratton, Sugarloaf, Sunday River and Mt. Tremblant in the East. <https://www.themaxpass.com/>

Excerpts from the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

New domain name available: .CLUB The new domain extension .CLUB has just been released. If clubs want to use their club's name in the website, they won't need to change anything and the cost is just \$4.99. In excess of 150,000 clubs just like yours have bought their new domain name to give their clubs a shorter domain name that's specific to clubs. Less than \$5 also stops anyone else registering your clubs name in their website address. Go to http://youtu.be/mrs_mTOIPEY for details.

CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

ALL CLUB CALENDAR:

May 2015

- 16 MBSEF/US Bank Pole Pedal Paddle Open to All
Mt. Bachelor, OR
- 17 MBSEF/US Bank Kids' Mini Open to All
Pole Pedal Paddle
- 28-6/7 Virginia, Washington DC, Bergfreunde
Outer Banks

June 2015

- 4-7 FWSA Convention, San Diego, CA FWSA/Open to All
- 18-24 Mississippi River Cruise/New Orleans FWSA/All Clubs

August 2015

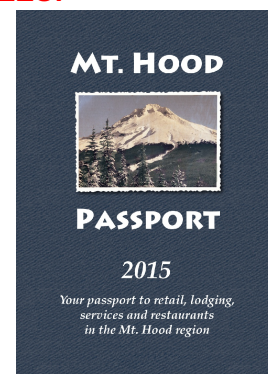
- 22-9/4 Bike & Barge, Heart of Holland Cascade PT

Did you notice the highlights on some of the headings in this newsletter? Here's the key:

- TURQUOISE** = NWSCC news and events
- PURPLE** = FWSA news and events
- YELLOW** = Clubs news and events
- GREEN** = Other news and events

MT. HOOD PASSPORTS - EXTENDED TIME TO USE AND TURN IN FOR PRIZES!

There is still time to buy the Mt. Hood Passport for the reduced price of \$5, and get over \$300 in discounts and promotions. Visit local businesses on Mt. Hood, make use of their special offers, and get your Passport stamped. The coupons in the Passport will be valid through November 2015, and the deadline to turn in your stamped Passport to Barb Pressentin or any board member of PACRAT/ NWSCC to be entered into a big drawing with prizes is extended to the December Council meeting. Contact Barb at: 503-267-9522 or email BP2Ski@Gmail.com to get your Passport.



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THANK YOU TO OUR 2014-2015 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!

GOLD MEMBER:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER (PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR

SILVER MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Resort, OR
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Timberline Lodge, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

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Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Mammoth Mountain, CA
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Resort at the Mountain, OR
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
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Sun Valley Resort, ID
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SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

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Awesome Ales, OR
Grand Targhee Resort, WY
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, BC, Canada

**THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S
COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!
PLEASE PATRONIZE AND
SUPPORT OUR COMMERCIAL
MEMBERS AND LET THEM
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check www.nwskiers.org or the NWSCC's Northwest Skiers' Directory for a complete list of member clubs as well as contacts and their phone numbers and/or email addresses. Or, you may contact any of the board members listed above.

Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format on the website, and the link can easily be passed on to your members.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← **NOTE THERE IS NOT A MEETING IN MAY**

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES!

First With Safety Awareness!

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org