



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JULY-AUGUST 2015

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The next NWSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21 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 be announced.

NWSCC is going back to quarterly meetings, presently scheduled for October, December, March, and June.

TIMELY ALERTS:

Club membership information has been sent from Membership Director Christine Ciardi. This year's club dues are only \$20, except for charitable 501(c)(3) organizations.

Clubs are requested to submit new officer contact information either online, by .pdf, or by mail. Clubs renewing for 2015-2016 should update their club information for the Northwest Snowsports Guide (short listing) and the new website (longer listing) by August 15 with Linda McGavin at Communications@nwskiers.org. Linda will also be asking about your club trips and events for next year for the All-Club Calendar - and photos are needed - we welcome your club's pictures so it truly is an all club publication!!

NWSCC NEWS:

NWSCC AND PACRAT OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS!

According to custom and bylaws, elections were held at the June 17 NWSCC meeting for both NWSCC and PACRAT. We are pleased to announce election of the following

officers:

President: Sylvia Kearns (Skiyente; Vancouver, Mountain High)

Vice President: Sue Rimkeit (Cascade Prime Timers)

Secretary: John Orefice (Schnee Vogeli)

Treasurer: Bill King (Mountain High)

At-Large Director (two positions)

Barbara Bousum (Cabernet; Mountain High)

Linda McGavin (Mountain High)

Other directors will be appointed by the newly-elected Board.

PACRAT elections were also held, and the following persons were elected to PACRAT offices:

President: Andy Hobart

Vice President: Geoff Mihalko

Secretary: Sheri Parshall

Treasurer: Colleen Stroeder

Party Director: Sylvia Kearns

Sponsorship Director: Meg Spillman

Membership: Amanda Moran

Director of Results: Dale Parshall

Director of Racing: Bruce Parshall

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FWSA CONVENTION REPORT FROM THE FWSA NEWS:

The Far West Ski Association conducted its 83rd Annual Convention and Meeting June 4-7, 2015, at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, hosted by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. The 30th Annual Silent Auction on Friday evening raised over \$35,000 to support FWSA programs. The highest bidders purchased ski trips, bicycle tours, diving trips, and other tour packages. Saturday morning's Travel Expo allowed industry representatives to meet with travel decision makers from the Association's clubs and councils to plan for future travel. Saturday afternoon was dedicated to a presentation by Stacey Cook, Olympian and member of the US Ski Team. Stacey took 2nd place in the historic, first-ever podium sweep in the Lake Louise downhill in 2015. (Lindsey Vonn was 1st and Julia Mancuso was 3rd.) The Key presenters in the Public Affairs

panel were Matthew Drake, CEO of Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort; Sean Styles, Meteorologist and Lifestyle Reporter for CS News 8 in San Diego; and Chuck Morse, recipient of the 2015 FWSA Snowsports Builders Award. Bids were presented to the FWSA Travel Committee for selection of the location of the 2017 FWSA Ski Week. Results will be announced later this summer. Annual recognition awards were presented to members of the ski industry, media, volunteers, racing leagues, councils and ski clubs. Elections were held at Sunday's General Session, which resulted in the following officers being elected (or remaining in office in case of 2-year terms) to serve FWSA for 2015-2016:

President: Steve Coxen

Past President: Linda Scott

Secretary: Linda Foster

Treasurer: Randy Lew

VP Communications: Jim Nachbar

VP Council Services: Jo Simpson

VP Marketing: Debbi Kor

VP Membership: Jane Gutierrez

VP Public Affairs: Mike Sanford

VP North American Travel: Nancy Ellis

VP International Travel: Debbie Stewart

VP Racing: Bob Ellis

Chairperson Board of Trustees: Gloria Raminha

Trustees: Tom Bundgard, Harry Davis and Jane Wyckoff

Some Northwest people and businesses won awards: The **Western Ski Heritage award** went to the **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** in Government Camp!! The prize was accepted by Lloyd Musser of the Museum, who is also NWSCC Man of the Year. **William Shadbolt**, our Washington Clubs Representative on the Council, won the **President's award**. **Whitefish Mountain Resort** won the **Tommi Tydall award**, which is presented Presented to the ski area or ski area operator who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing in the past year or in prior years. **Ann Cook** of Mt. Bachelor won the **Bill Mackey award**, for outstanding service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee. [Side note: Ann has now left Mt. Bachelor and has taken a position as Director of Sales at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Bend. We wish Ann the best in her new position.] **Chris Santella**, currently a Portland resident and author of "Fifty Places to Ski and Snowboard Before You Die: Downhill Experts Share the World's Greatest Destinations," won the **Bill Berry media award** in the Featured News category.

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.

PACRAT NEWS:

PACRAT elections were held at the Council meeting on June 17, and the results are listed on page 1. The new board will be meeting to set race dates and policies for the upcoming year.



CLUB NEWS:

Mountain High Snowsport Club was formed by the combination of Plaza Ski Club and Edgeset Ski Club, and will be celebrating its 40th anniversary at a picnic on August 22 at Sellwood Park. All former members are encouraged to come and enjoy a reunion! See details at the club's website at www.mthigh.org.

Skiyente Ski Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this coming year!

NWSCC clubs are into their summer activities now!

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>

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

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-FWSA-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.

HOT NEWS FLASH: FWSA has just announced that the 2017 Ski Week will be held at Breckenridge, Colorado.

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 Sylvia Kearns 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.

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

On the wild side: Longview Ski Club members participate in an annual event in Longview called "Squirrel Fest" which will be held August 15, 2015. The original premise was to create bridges across streets for squirrels to safely cross, and bridges are rebuilt or added each year - studded with peanuts to encourage the squirrels to cross. The event grew to include all kinds of family entertainment, including live bands. To quote the website: Each year is better than the last, growing in attendance, awareness, fun and even more shows from great local musicians, children's entertainers, and headliners that you'll just go NUTS about. Check out full details at <http://lvsquirrelfest.com/>

Excerpts from the FAR WEST SKI NEWS:

NSAA Recognizes Individual & Resort Achievements: The National Ski Areas Association presented 2015 Lifetime Achievement Awards to David Ingemie, president of Snowsports Industries America, and Bob Roberts, president and CEO of the 2015 California Ski Industry Association. Both have announced their planned retirements. Their annual Safety Awards were awarded to Sun Valley Resort,

Idaho; Angel Fire Resort, New Mexico, Aspen Snowmass, Colorado., Wachusett Mountain, Massachusetts., and Snowbowl, Arizona. Adam Wunderlich, mountain patrol manager at Boreal Mountain Resort, California, was named the 2015 Safety Champion. Congratulations to you all!

Ski Magazine Presents 2015 Golden Eagle Awards: SKI Magazine honored three ski areas with the 2015 Golden Eagle Awards for Environmental Excellence, including Winter Park Resort, Colorado, **Mt. Hood Meadows, Oregon**, and Shawnee Peak, Maine. Brent Giles, Powdr Corp., Utah, was named the 2015 "Hero of Sustainability."

U.S. Ski Team Takes NASTAR Reins: The US Ski Team and NASTAR have entered into an agreement where the team manages NASTAR with the idea of raising the profile of ski racing in America. The partnership is a vital part of the USSA's efforts to activate more young skiers into the sport across America. It expects its integration with NASTAR to help grow awareness and to serve as a recruiting tool for the USSA's 400-plus local clubs across the country. "We see great growth potential in NASTAR paired with the US Ski Team brand," said USSA CEO Michael Jaquet. "It's a natural fit for our team sponsors who want to reach a larger audience, including the thousands of families with kids engaged in ski racing."

Whistler Blackcomb Says "NO" to Smoking: Whistler-Blackcomb has rolled out a new smoke-free policy as of May 31, coinciding with World No Tobacco Day. The policy now prohibits smoking anywhere on Whistler-Blackcomb property, including lift lines, chairlifts, gondolas, ski runs, hiking trails, valley base areas, parking lots, the bike park trails on Whistler Mountain, and all Whistler-Blackcomb bar and restaurant locations including outdoor patios. [Way to go, Whistler!!]

Excerpts from the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

Nationally, U. S. skier days were down. Skier visits nationally fell to 53.6 million in 2014-15, marking the second worst season in 16 years for visits, largely due to dismal snow conditions in the far West.

PURGATORY IS PURGATORY AGAIN. The southern Colorado ski area of Purgatory – which has spent the past decade or so named 'Durango Mountain Resort' has a new owner who has decided to change the ski area's title back to its original name – Purgatory. Local businessman James Coleman is the resort's new owner and he is investing in a new high speed quad chairlift to replace chair #8 for the coming ski season – the resort's 50th season.

IDAHO CLUB CHANGES ITS NAME. Idaho's Pocatello Ski Club is now The Pocatello Ski and Snowboard Association; with a new website and logo being launched

with the name change is sort of like a Grand Re-Opening for this long lasting club.

FOUNDER OF SNOWBIRD DIES AT 85. Dick Bass, partner and chairman of Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, died Sunday, July 26, 2015, at the age of 85 in Dallas, Texas. Bass spent 44 years building Snowbird into a world-renowned, year-round destination mountain resort which he co-founded the resort in 1971 with Ted Johnson, and maintained sole ownership of the resort until selling the majority interest in Snowbird to Ian Cumming in May 2014. Bass received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Ski Areas Assn in 2006.

VAIL COMBINING CANYONS & PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT UNDER THE NAME PARK CITY. Vail Resorts is combining Park City Mountain Resort with the Canyons, to be called simply; Park City Mountain Resort. Vail purchased Park City last year for \$182.5 million. The new logo features the red color used in the Park City Mountain logo and the infinity sign from the Canyons logo. Although the signs say only "Park City," the Canyons name will be sticking around only in signage on that side of the mountain that will say, "Park City Canyons Village." Vail Resorts is spending \$50 million on upgrades, including a gondola connecting the resorts, two lifts and new restaurants -- all of which are expected to be ready by the 2015-2016 ski season.

RMSP+ PASS HOLDERS NOW GET ACCESS TO ALASKA'S ALYESKA RESORT. The Rocky Mountain Super Pass+ (RMSP+) now includes Alyeska Resort in Alaska, located 40 miles from Anchorage, Alaska. This addition offers RMSP+ pass holders the opportunity to satisfy their sense of adventure with three days of skiing at the full-service resort. The RMSP+ now covers five Colorado resorts; Winter Park Resort, Steamboat, Copper Mountain, Eldora, and Crested Butte, plus Mt. Ruapehu in New Zealand. Alyeska Resort is the largest ski area in Alaska with over 1,600 skiable acres. The resort also has the Four-Star Hotel Alyeska, a 304-room luxury property with restaurant, shops, and spa services. As part of the new relationship, those who buy an Alyeska Resort season pass will get three total days that they can use at Copper Mountain, Steamboat, and Winter Park, giving Alyeska pass holders a chance to sample some of the best skiing Colorado has to offer. The RMSP+ is currently on sale for \$559 for adults. For more information on the RMSP+ pass or to purchase, please visit www.skicolorado.com.

SUN PEAKS ADDS MORE RUNS. British Columbia's Sun Peaks Resort will add two new trails and increased glading for next ski season. The two new runs in the West Morrisey area will continue to build out the challenging Laundromat area in anticipation of the planned West Morrisey chairlift.

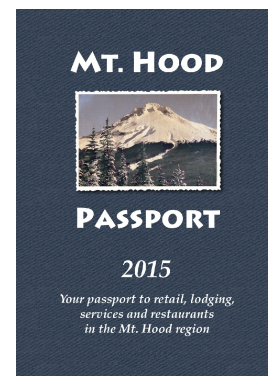
CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

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 Presentin 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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Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

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Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR

SILVER MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Resort, OR
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
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Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resorts, CO
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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 AUGUST
OR SEPTEMBER**

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