



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MARCH 2014

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The next NWSCC meeting will be held on April 16 at Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97219 (hiding behind McDonalds and next to the Japanese restaurant, if you have trouble finding it), with speakers TBA, starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting.

Meeting topics will include Ski Season Wrap Up, Club Summer Activities, and of course the upcoming FWSA Convention.

The next meeting will be held June 18 (Elections, Summer Activities, Summer Safety, Club Membership, Skiers' Directory). Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!

TIMELY ALERTS:

Thanks to Maureen Richards of S'no Joke Ski Club for arranging this year's "Half Price Ski Day at Crystal Mountain." On Sunday, **March 23, 2014**, take your NWSCC membership card and picture ID to any ticket window at Crystal Mountain and get a lift ticket for \$37 including the gondola or \$33 without gondola!

NWSCC is pleased to announce that its 2014 Man of the Year is John Reinhardt of Cabernet Ski & Sail Club and others, and its Woman of the Year is Sandi Shaub of Skiyente! They will be honored at the April NWSCC meeting. We also congratulate the other nominees, who have done so much for their respective clubs: Jean Yates, Trip Leader Extra Extraordinaire for Bergfreunde, and Kurt Krueger and Nancy Pratt of Mountain High!

CONVENTION PLANNING MEETINGS are scheduled - we need help from all the clubs to make OUR convention

a success!! The next meetings will be held April 3, May 14, and June 3. Meetings will usually start at 7:00 pm with opportunity to buy food and socialize starting at 6:30. Contact Mary Olhausen at President@nwskiers.org for current information about convention planning meetings.

Sheri Parshall is in charge of signing up volunteers for the Convention, and there are LOTS of ways that YOU can help! Contact Sheri at cougskier@aol.com.

Sheri Parshall will also be taking names of people who want to run for an office with NWSCC - see Elections (inside this newsletter).

FWSA Convention 2014 is just around the corner, and NWSCC is the host council: A Volcanic Paradise is coming to a Convention near you!! Get ready for the 82nd Annual **Far West Ski Association Convention, June 12-15, 2014, in Bend, Oregon.** The high desert awaits you at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center. To make your reservations, call 800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111. Group Name: Far West Ski Association 2014. Arrive Early – Stay Late! Hotel rates will be honored three days pre- and post-Convention. Take advantage of the Central Oregon outdoor mecca with fishing, river rafting, hiking, biking, stand up paddle boarding, golfing, rock climbing, desert cave tours, canoeing, kayaking, volcano tours, tax free shopping, and of course sampling many of the finest brewpubs along Bend's "Ale Trail." For further information on Bend and surrounding areas see Visit Bend at www.visitbend.com.

Begin your Convention Trip on Thursday, June 12th, with the Mt. Bachelor Tour, Lunch & Activities. That evening, enjoy the infamous Pub Crawl at the Deschutes Brewery, McMenamins, and a slew of other micro-breweries in downtown Bend. Friday is Optional Activity Day, with your choice of participating in the 8th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at River's Edge Golf Course; hiking and sightseeing at the world-famous Smith Rock State Park on the Smith Rock Geologic Wonderland Tour; or

Shop-Dine-Wine at the Old Mill District. The Pool Party later on Friday afternoon will cool you off before the annual **FWSA Silent Auction on Friday night**. This FREE event is open to all FWSA delegates and guests. Bid on ski, sport and adventure packages and enjoy a Taste of Bend. The Silent Auction is open to the general public and we encourage our Bend and Redmond communities to take part in this event - spread the word! Saturday morning brings us the Travel Expo, where industry and delegates will meet to talk about club travel. Saturday also offers the Multi-Media Presentation with our keynote speaker, as well as Public Affairs and Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions. Saturday night erupts to celebrate the Volcanic Paradise. For more information, please contact Host Council Convention Coordinator Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net.

NEW THIS YEAR: You will be able to register and pay online at the following website via PayPal: www.fwsa.org/Conventions/FW-2014Conv/Registration/FW-2014Conv-Registration.html.

Note that FWSA has a special "6-pack" incentive for clubs: if 6 members of a club register for convention and all attend, after the convention FWSA will return one registration fee to the club. AND this will be for EACH set of 6 registrations from your club!

FWSA AWARDS PROGRAMS AT FWSA CONVENTION - SUBMISSION DEADLINE

MARCH 20!!: With NWSCC hosting this year's FWSA Convention, we would like to see MANY of our clubs entering the awards competitions and sending their members to Convention. There are no opportunities quite like this for your club to gain recognition for its accomplishments!

The easiest entries for your club are for **Outstanding Newsletter** and **Outstanding Website**, and while it is a bit more effort to prepare an **Outstanding Club Application**, your club will be judged against other clubs of the same size throughout FWSA, and it is really fun to WIN! With the entries you need to submit the name of someone from your club who will act as a judge in the category you are entering; it's easy because the judge will only need to look at 2 club's newsletters or websites.

Your club can also enter the **"Club & Council Historical Recognition" Program** with a history of your club - potential museum or library reference resources!

Is your club active in community service or charitable activities? Then enter the **"Charities and Our Community Service Recognition"** program for the chance to be one of 3 clubs to receive checks to be donated to the charity of your choice!

Individual awards that are well worth entering are for the following awards:

Safety Person of the Year Award: Any ski club or council can nominate any club member. The prize is an all expense paid trip for TWO to Aspen/Snowmass, including airfare, luxury lodging, skiing, demos, and is a fantastic trip! Isn't there someone in your club who has done special things to promote safety? Take the steps to enter them - Oregon has had TWO winners of this prize so far!!

Western Ski Heritage Award: The prize for this award is a 5-night ski package for two at Steamboat with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, tours, lessons, and a lunch (no airfare), and an engraved crystal trophy. The award recognizes the best effort in the prior year that finds, preserves, documents and shares the history of snowsports in the West. The award is open to an individual, a group, or a team and can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. This award is not restricted to FWSA club members.

NWSCC encourages ALL of our member clubs to consider entering these competitions!! For an extremely concise and easy-to-read summary of the awards, requirements, and contact information, including exact websites for entry forms, go to two attachments on the newsletter page: **FWSA Recognition Awards Program and Communication Awards**. We want to see OUR clubs as winners at Convention!

NWSCC NEWS:

NWSCC OFFICER ELECTIONS - GET INVOLVED - WE NEED YOU!

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 20, 2012 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

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

If interested, please contact Sheri Parshall, Immediate Past-President, at cougskier@aol.com, 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 18 meeting; the following are Elected Positions for the PACRAT Board:

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

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

THE NORTHWEST SKIERS' DIRECTORY COVER PHOTO CONTEST IS OPEN UNTIL JULY 31, 2014!

Send your entries to Leslie Baird at leslieb@aracnet.com. Photos should be in vertical format (look at the size of the Directory and consider past covers) and should be sent to Leslie in high resolution.

CLUB WEB/NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE CONTEST EXTENDED TO MARCH 31!!

NWSCC wants to encourage all clubs to promote FWSA, the 2014 FWSA Convention in Bend, and NWSCC on their websites and in their newsletters, and is offering a prize worth \$308!! Your club can be entered in this contest simply by updating its website to include logos of the Far West Ski Association, the 2014 Convention logo, and NWSCC; and by including links to the two organization websites and to the Convention flier. See attachment on the newsletter page for further details. NWSCC will provide the logos and links. The club delegates must pay the registration in advance, and the club will be reimbursed for two delegates (at \$154 each) after the convention. The offer cannot be combined with any other promotion, i.e., the FWSA "six pack" program.

RECAP OF FEBRUARY 19 MEETING:

Our guest speakers at the February 19 meeting were Julie Mayfield and Aubrey McCauley from The ALS Association Oregon and SW Washington Chapter;

Michelle Satter of Oregon Cancer Ski Out (held March 9-10); and Carla Zenner, a CPR training specialist.

Michelle told us details of the **Oregon Cancer Ski Out**, which just concluded on March 10 and raised thousands of dollars for cancer research, hospice, etc. The coaches who help the racers to achieve their goals once again included Phil and Steve Mahre, among other dedicated racing coaches from around the Pacific Northwest.

Julie and Aubrey spoke about the upcoming third annual **Ski to Defeat ALS** event to be held **April 12, 2014, at Mt. Hood Meadows**. The format is a vertical challenge, with prizes for the most vertical feet skied and for fundraising, but the event is open to everyone, whether they ski/ride 2 runs or 200 runs. The entry fee is \$75 (\$25 for Mt. Hood Meadows season passholders), but all participants are required to fundraise a minimum of \$150 for the cause. Participants receive breakfast and lunch at Meadows, and enjoy live music (this year's band is "Catch and Release"), and many fun events during the day. ALS partners with Oregon Adaptive Sports to allow ALS patients to ski that day - one year a father was able to ski with his children for the first time!

The monies raised support LOCAL families in Oregon and Southwest Washington - all of their services are free to families who are living with ALS. They loan durable medical equipment, such as voice technology for when the person's voice fails; and offer all types of support to help give the best quality of life to ALS patients and teach them how to LIVE with ALS, not to die from ALS. Go to the website at skitodefeats.org.

Carla Zenner is a former instructor who was with Portland Parks & Recreation for 10 years teaching First Aid/CPR/AED (Adult/Pediatric), and in her retirement has created the **Carla Zenner Training Center**, carlazenner.com, to help train and certify people in CPR, AED, and other programs. Carla told us that people are often hesitant to help out in a medical emergency, but stressed that time is of the essence and every second counts to save someone's life. The absolute first thing to do is to call 911; then assess if someone is having a heart attack and start chest compressions (30 chest compressions and 2 breaths, though now there are some recommendations of just continuing the chest compressions). Carla showed us a sample AED, and said that if an AED (automated external defibrillator) is available that the instructions are very simple and lead you through step by step. Carla offers a variety of classes, and will offer classes to clubs for \$45 per person (reduced from \$55 per

person) for the Pediatric Plus class which will include a two-year certification. [Note that Bergfreunde offers CPR training to its hike leaders, and other clubs might like to consider having trip leaders do the same.] Carla's Medic First Aid course can be taken at your leisure, with approximately 2 hours of video online, followed by a meeting with Carla for 1-1/2 hours. There was a discussion of the Good Samaritan law, which protects people who attempt to help someone until they are physically exhausted against being sued. Carla also talked about medical issues caused by diabetes, frostbite, and stroke. If you think someone is having a stroke (possibly their face is drooping), ask them to smile or to squeeze your hands, as they won't be able to do that. Chances are that they will deny any problem, and you should insist that they get immediate medical help, as the longer a person goes without treatment after a stroke, the less chance that they will be able to recover. Carla can be reached through her website, at 503-913-2053 or email cmzenner@msn.com.

PACRAT NEWS:

PACRAT has about 200 racers this year. They have new beer sponsors: Laginitas Brewing and Awesome Ales. The year end party will be in the dance pavillon at Oaks Park, with a theme "The Great Ratsby." Check the PACRAT facebook page for updates on the races.

Check the PACRAT website at www.pacrats.org for the race results.

Here's the remaining 2104 season's schedule:

March 30	Race #4, Timberline
April 6	Race #5, Timberline
April 19	"Rat Attack" Awards Party

CLUB NEWS:

Bergfreunde still has **discount Mt. Hood Meadows lift tickets available**; contact Shawn Storey at irishcatty@gmail.com or 360-910-8709 and make an offer. Shawn also has **two tickets to Brundage** good for this year; that sale will benefit Oregon Adaptive Sports. Bergfreunde has a fall trip planned to Banff to go hiking!

Cascade Prime Timers has skiers going to Mt. Hood Meadows most Tuesdays-Thursdays and meeting up for lunch. This very active over-50's club has some exotic travel coming up later this year: another Bike and Barge trip to Holland, hiking trips, and a trip to Ashland in late September.

Windjammer Cruise! Dale and Sheri Parshall are running a "**Schneyente**" trip and have chartered the sailing ship Sagitta through Island Windjammers to cruise around St. Maarten and the Leeward Islands (St. Barts, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Anguilla, Nevis). The charter is **June 22-28**. There are 12 double occupancy cabins (so 24 total passengers) and they need to fill 4 cabins. \$3,290 per cabin includes 6 nights (board Sunday, sail Mon-Fri, depart Sat). Meals and wine/beer/non-alcoholic beverages are included. Some participants will be diving (extra cost) and others doing the beach/snorkeling/shopping thing. You are responsible for travel to and from St. Maarten, including any extra days on the island. You can check it out more at <http://www.islandwindjammers.com/>. If you are interested contact Sheri (cougskier@aol.com) or Dale (dale.parshall@bankofthewest.com). See flier on newsletter page.

NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

This ski season think about saving your lift tickets or receipts for lift tickets from your visits to 7 or more of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Canada or Alaska, and NEW THIS YEAR, to Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee, or Mammoth Mountain, to be eligible for a chance of a prize! The more ski areas you ski, the better your chances of a bigger prize! Tickets will be turned in to NWSCC at the end of the season and winners will be announced in October (when we know what prizes are available). Not everyone will be guaranteed a prize; if there are a large number of entries next year we will need to have a drawing for prizes.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association and Steve Coxen have a special report on many improvements to Northwest ski areas. See this special report attached on the newsletter page.

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!!!!

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

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.

Several of our commercial members are making special offers for all club members who show their membership card this coming year. We will continue to publicize these special "deals" all season.

Brundage Mountain Resort is offering a \$50 adult lift ticket (ages 18-69) during weekend/holiday periods and a \$45 adult lift ticket during mid-week/non-holiday periods. You will need to show your FWSA/NWSCC membership card at the time of purchase. See flier on newsletter page.

Red Mountain, B.C., Canada, is offering all NWSCC clubs a 40% discount on lift tickets on several club appreciation days throughout the upcoming winter season. Just show your FWSA/NWSCC membership card at the ticket window to receive this discount. Valid only on the following remaining dates in 2014: March 29 (Saturday), and March 30 (Sunday).

Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, representing Fernie Alpine Resort, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, and Kimberley Alpine Resort, is offering 3 days for the price of 2 for NWSCC members from March 1 through the end of the season! This is a great opportunity to visit these fine Canadian resorts! See flier on newsletter page for details.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

If you've never experienced the full-week fun of a FWSA ski week, what are you waiting for? Next year's trip will be back to a northwest favorite:



Whistler/Blackcomb. Join us **January 31–February 7, 2015** for a week chock full of activities and 5,000+ feet of vertical. Deposits of \$100 are being accepted now to hold your spot (mail to NWSCC at our mailbox, marked as a Whistler deposit). Final details and pricing are yet to come.

FWSA offers one USA 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, Debbi Stewart, by email fwsaintltrl@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.

Far West International Adventure Trip 2014: FWSA's 2014 Adventure Trip will be to **South Africa, September 5-16, 2014, with an extension to Victoria Falls September 16-20, 2014.** This unique experience will offer much more than the normal game safaris. You will also travel through the garden route in South Africa, visit botanical gardens,

travel through the winelands area to enjoy wine tastings, view native birds in their natural habitat, experience animal viewing while river boat cruising, and so much more. While traveling to South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana you will enjoy the true African safari experience. We will search to see the "Big 5" and many other animals and native birds in the wild. Pricing for this trip is based on both "land only" packages, for those who want to use air miles, or "land and air" packages. Check with Debbi Stewart for more details at fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net. See the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org/Travel/Adventure/2014-FWSA-Africa/2014-FWSA-Africa.html for details.

From FWSA News: Register online for South Africa: To sign up for the South Africa Trip, go to FWSA's new interactive website at: <https://fwsa-connect.herokuapp.com>, click the "sign up" link to create a new account; click on the "confirm" link in the email you receive, and then use your new account to login. Look in the Trips menu to sign up for the trip to Africa. You can also view the trips you have signed up for and make online payments using your PayPal account or your credit card. Space is limited, so register NOW. Click on the link to view the Safari video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/SzDrEr7Llhg>.

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:

An attachment to the newsletter page is a listing of this year's member benefits that we didn't have room to publish in the Northwest Skiers' Directory.

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. Note Debbi Kor is constantly 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! Starting in 2014, NWSCC meetings will be held at different intervals (January,

February, April, June, September, October, and December); the location may vary, so check the NWSCC website or contact President Mary Olhausen at President@nwskiers.org. Board meetings are usually held the 4th Wednesday; contact an officer if you have an item 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.

This year's **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is now available at Certified Folder Display locations throughout sports locations in the Northwest! 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!

HOSTS NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: NWSCC was asked to publicize this request because some students arriving this August have skiing, snowboarding, and outdoor activities as their top interests. Contact David Harriman, Local Coordinator, Education Travel & Culture (ETC), at 562-209-6533 or email harriman.dm@gmail.com if you might be interested.

UPCOMING 2014 CHARITABLE EVENTS

Mark your calendar now for charitable events that NWSCC clubs have supported every year, as participants, volunteers, and donors:

Hope on the Slopes events will be held in the Northwest on the following dates and places:

March 22 Crystal Mtn, WA

April 5 Eaglecrest, Alaska

All these events involve a 24 hour ski challenge and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Started by David Ludwig at White Pass years ago, the event is spreading all over the country!! Go to hopeontheslopes.net for further information about these events, or contact charlene.piercy@cancer.org.

April 12, 2014 Ski to Defeat ALS, Mt. Hood Meadows, a fundraiser for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), which is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that slowly robs a person of the ability to walk, speak, swallow and, eventually, breathe. Fred Noble, who is living with ALS himself, is the local spokesperson. In the past two years, they have been able to collectively raise over \$330,000, and are hoping that this third year will bring the total raised to half a million dollars in the fight against ALS. The monies from this event bring hands on services to local families living with this disease and also fund research. Go to

skitodefeats.org for more information. See flier on newsletter page.

From February FWSA NEWS:

Far West Athletes' Winning Ways: Our athletes are keeping busy this season with races from Sun Valley to Stevens Pass and have been burning up the hill. Kayleigh MacGregor, Kye Moffat, Alexandria Oseland (supported by NWSCC), Cai Yamamoto (supported by Mountain High Snowsport Club of Portland, OR), Lila Lapanja, Riley Plant, Molly Leavens, Hannah Hunsaker, and Samantha Busby have all won podium time over the past months with their impressive races. These kids are all great examples of future Olympians. We'll be seeing their names in the IOC records one day soon. We will be watching for great results the rest of the season!

The foregoing successes by our athletes are due in part to the generosity and support from our Far West membership, through donations to the Far West Ski Foundation.

Vern Sprock Scholarship: Vern Sprock, developer and operator of Sierra Ski Ranch for 40 years, died February 10 at age 93 in a nursing home in Montana. Vern and his late wife Bobbie were honored as Snowsports Builders during the 2013 FWSA convention. His daughter Kathy and son Peter are creating a multi-year scholarship in their father's name through the Foundation for the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program.

Rehab and Adaptive Grants: Acknowledgments of Foundation grants have been received from the Vail Veterans Program and the Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Education Foundation (SASEF). During the January 2014 Family Program, January 26 - 30, 2014, the Vail Veterans Program hosted 24 wounded United States military service members, their spouses and family, which included 43 children. They planned a second ski trip during the first week in March.

"PROTECT OUR WINTERS" LAUNCHES THE POW RIDER'S ALLIANCE: Protect Our Winters announces the launch of the POW Riders Alliance, a group of 53 of the world's top alpine, nordic and freeskiers, snowboarders, mountaineers, and polar explorers, all committed to fighting climate change. "Professional athletes are the core of Protect Our Winters – arguably, no other group has better first-hand experience with the progression of climate change and its impacts on global snowpack and mountainous regions, and certainly no other group has a greater cultural influence on the global winter sports community," says Chris Steinkamp, POW executive director.

The group is comprised of global athletes including Olympians Gretchen Bleiler, Kikkan Randall, Nate Holland, Callan Chythlook-Sifsof, Andrew Newell and Steven Nyman, pro snowboarders Nicolas Muller, Danny Davis, Arielle Gold

and Jamie Anderson, freeskiers Chris Davenport, Ingrid Backstrom and Kit Deslauriers, and mountaineers/explorers Emily Harrington and Eric Larsen. Also joining the group is Wang Lei, a professional snowboarder from Beijing, China. See the entire list at <http://protectourwinters.org/riders-alliance>. "As a group, we're touching every remote corner of the world at any given time, seeing climate change impacts in various ways," states World Cup skier and US Olympian, Steven Nyman. "Climate change is affecting our lives and careers and it's in our best interest to use our passion to mobilize the community and bring a new perspective to the policy discussion." The POW Riders Alliance was developed as a central platform for athletes to speak out and create a social movement against climate change. For example, POW recently led a group of 17 athletes and brand representatives to Washington, D.C. for meetings with US Senators and has reached over 20,000 young students with a message of climate action delivered by pro athletes. POW believes that by combining the athletes' passion with their influence, first-hand experience and immense media reach, it represents a new, powerful approach to environmental advocacy. The Riders Alliance launched an initiative to call attention to climate change on the world's largest sports stage in Sochi, Russia in partnership with a group of graduate students from the Yale School of Forestry.

Far West Skiers' Guide Digital Edition Now Available:

Have you visited the Digital Edition of the 2013-2014 issue of the Far West Skier's Guide yet? In addition to all the information found in the printed edition, there is also an extra 28 page insert with more feature articles including one on Yellowstone National Park, the end of the ski season resort fun, Exploring the World on Two Wheels, the answers to the Resort Quiz found in the printed issue, and much more. The link can be found at www.fwsa.org, www.skifederation.org, boundforsnow.com/far-west-skiers-guide-2013-2014, FWSA council websites, and many of their club sites. The direct link to the Digital Edition is www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2013-14.

From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

VAIL ADDS JAPAN'S NISEKO TO EPIC PASS RESORT LIST: Vail Resorts has added Niseko, Japan to its list of Epic Pass resorts. Beginning in 2014-2015 Epic Pass holders can ski five free days at Niseko, Japan, as well as unlimited, unrestricted skiing in Vail Resorts properties in Colorado, Utah, and Tahoe, on the Epic Pass. The 2014-2015 The Epic Pass will be available for purchase beginning March 10, 2014, at epicpass.com. In 2008, Forbes crowned Niseko one of the Top 10 International Ski Resorts, and more recently, National Geographic voted

Niseko as the best powder snow resort in the world. The resort boasts an average 590 inches of snow per year. Niseko is located 100 kilometers south of Japan's fifth largest city, Sapporo, in the southwest corner of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido, Niseko Annupuri is a part of the Niseko-Shakotan-Otaru Kaigan Quasi-National Park and is the most eastern park of the Niseko Volcanic Group.

WHISTLER GONDOLA UPGRADE: Whistler Blackcomb's 26-year-old Village Gondola will be upgraded for the 2014-15 season with new eight-passenger cabins. The \$6 million transportation investment represents half of a \$12 expansion program announced for next season. The new cabins will improve capacity by 12 percent through four additional cabins and greater loading efficiency. An additional \$5.9 million has been allocated to information technology initiatives, including a new radio-frequency identification (RFID) system with lift access control gates on most lifts.

LAKE LOUISE "WORLD'S MOST SCENIC": Lake Louise ski resort near Banff in Alberta has been named the most scenic ski resort in the world by USA Today, which described the famous center in the Canadian Rockies as, "unsurpassed with postcard perfect beauty." Located in the Banff National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site, Lake Louise is renowned the world over for stunning panoramic views of endless, towering mountain peaks, sparkling glaciers and the shimmering lake itself.

VAIL AND FOREST SERVICE DESTROY SMOKE SHACKS:

(so much for "Rocky Mountain High") Vail Resorts and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) have confirmed that a number of smoke shacks for marijuana use at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone resorts have been destroyed over the past several weeks noting that, in spite of the passage of Amendment 64 last fall, public consumption of marijuana continues to be illegal under Colorado law and possession and consumption of marijuana continues to be illegal under federal law. Vail Resorts' four Colorado ski resorts – Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone – are located on U.S. Forest Service land, where possession and consumption of marijuana is illegal. In addition, using any ski lift or ski slope or trail while under the influence of drugs and alcohol is prohibited under the Colorado Ski Safety and there is also "no smoking" of any kind permitted in any Vail Resorts owned and operated facilities, including restaurants, lodges and hotels, and officials will continue to enforce that policy.

To subscribe to the National Ski Club News, go to <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/Subscribe.aspx?m=4704>.

ALL CLUB CALENDAR:

March 2014

20-23	Anthony Lakes, OR (DH, XC)	Bergfreunde
20-23	Schweitzer, ID (Bus Trip)	SKIBACS
21-23	Leavenworth (Mission/Stevens)	Mountain High
22	Hope on the Slopes, Crystal Mountain, WA	HOTS/Ski-Ride for Cure
22-30	Canadian Rockies/Assiniboine	Oregon Nordic
23	Willamette Pass Day Trip	Altair
23	Half Price Day- Crystal Mtn, WA	All NWSCC Members
23-25	Silcox Hut, Mt. Hood, OR	WIHSKI
23-4/1	Jackson Hole, WY (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
27-30	Mt. Bachelor, OR (Bus Trip)	Desert Ski Club
28-4/1	Schweitzer, ID/49° North, WA	S'no Joke
3/30-4/5	Big Sky, MT (Airline Trip)	WIHSKI

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4-5	Tilly Jane A-Frame Backcountry	Oregon Nordic
4-6	FWRA Championships, Mammoth Mtn.	F W R A / A I I Clubs
5	Bluewood Bash, WA (Car)	Desert Ski Club
5	Hope on the Slopes, Eaglecrest, AK	HOTS/Ski-Ride for Cure
7-11	Mt. Bachelor/Sunriver, OR (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
10-13	Whistler/Blackcomb (Carpool)	S'no Joke
12	Ski to Defeat ALS Fundraiser, Mt. Hood Meadows	Open to All
16-18	Palmer Glacier, Oregon or Crystal Mtn, WA	Desert Ski Club

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17	MBSEF/US Bank Pole Pedal Paddle, Mt. Bachelor, OR	Open to All
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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

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GOLD MEMBER:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER (PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Mountain Shop, Portland, OR

SILVER MEMBERS:

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

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resorts, CO
Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR
Grand Sierra Resort, NV
Grand Targhee Resort, WY
Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Mammoth Mountain, CA
Mission Ridge Ski & Snowboard Resort, WA
Mt. Hood Vacation Rentals, OR
Red Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Resort at the Mountain, OR
Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, OR
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Sun Valley Resort, ID
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Whitewater Ski Resort, BC

SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA
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.nwsikers.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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NEXT MEETING:

Wed., April 16, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Round Table Pizza
10070 SW Barbur Blvd.
Portland, Oregon 97219

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← NOTE THERE IS **NOT** A MEETING IN MARCH!

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